**Village of Jones Creek**

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**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**The Beautification Committee for the Village of Jones Creek, Texas will hold a Beautification Committee meeting on July 16, 2025, at the Village Hall Located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road beginning at 12:30 p.m. Members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person and via teleconference**.

This written notice, the meeting agenda, is posted online at <http://www.villageofjonescreektexas.com>. The public were permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request. The matters discussed and acted on at the meeting are as follows:

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*12:39pm.*

**2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Regina Tidwell led the invocation. Pledge led by all.*

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

*Nicole Hardesty- Absent. Traci Stowers- Present. Melania Gutierrez- Present. Tammy Butler- Present. Regina Tidwell- Present. Tori Johnson- Present.*

**4. COMMUNICATION OF VISITORS (PUBLIC COMMENT)**

Section 551.007 of the Texas Government Code allows a member of the public who desires to address the body regarding an item on an agenda for the Open Meeting of the body to address the body regarding the item at the meeting before or during the body's consideration of the item.

*None.*

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider accepting the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting July 2, 2025

*Regina Tidwell made a motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting July 2, 2025. Traci Stowers seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**b.** Discuss and consider accepting the financial report.

*Regina Tidwell made a motion to accept the financial report. Traci Stowers seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**c.** Discuss and consider updates on fund-raising events (bracelets, shirts, bake sale).

*Tammy Butler stated that Nicole Hardesty had ordered the bracelets and she will make a note to remind her to get them to Lauren Grayson. Lauren Grayson suggested to do a dominoes game night with an entry fee. Tammy Butler responded they should gauge that based on the upcoming game night, Thursday, and who all is in attendance. Regina Tidwell mentioned she still thought about having a fish fry when the weather cools down. Tori Johnson suggested doing a lasagna/pasta cookoff and having everyone bring a lasagna/pasta and charge $10 per person for the plates, and having the Beautification Committee serve. Tammy Butler suggested the name be “Pasta Party”. Tammy Butler also suggested Chicken or cow poop bingo. Melania Gutierrez suggested selling tickets for the events Melania Gutierrez suggested doing a 10\*10 square, which would be 100 numbers and selling each one for $20. Tammy Butler suggested doing a $500 prize. Traci Stowers suggested using different chickens.*

**d.** Discuss and consider updates on creating and presenting how to make a sustainable eco system.

*Tabled until next meeting, as it is Nicole Hardesty’s project.*

**e.** Discuss and consider any updates on the “adopt a yard”/elder outreach.

*None updates at this time from Traci Stowers.*

**f.** Discuss and consider updates for money from FEMA for damages to the city hall sign due to Hurricane Beryl.

*Tabled until next meeting, as Khristen New was unable to attend meeting.*

*Khristen New was able to give an update that there will be a meeting with FEMA the second week in August about the topic.*

**g.** Discuss and consider updates for an adult game night.

*Tammy Butler stated she already has the key from Lauren Grayson and is going to provide cupcakes and a veggie tray. Melania Gutierrez stated she will bring some snacks, like chips and dips. Tori Johnson responded that she would bring waters. Tammy Butler stated that Nicole Hardesty will be bringing grab snacks, like chips. She added that she has a lot of games and will notify them what she has. Tammy Butler stated she is unsure if Nicole Hardesty has had a chance to work on the power point presentation for the game night. She then asked Lauren Grayson if there were still flyers at City Hall so they may pass them out at the game night. Lauren Grayson responded she thought so but will check. Tammy Butler stated she thinks there should be several tables set up for the games. Tori Johnson mentioned the snacks should be in the kitchen so it will free up more tables and have a table for the sign-up sheet and flyers. The committee decided to show up at 6:30 to set up.*

**h.** Discuss and consider updates for exterior paint for City Hall.

*Lauren Grayson stated there is some stucco that will need to be addressed along with there is either paint peeling or rotten wood that will need to be looked at prior to painting. She added that she will ask Jay Weid if he can pressure wash the building. Tammy Butler added they could take the Azaelia’s out and do something pretty with the flower beds.*

1. Discuss and consider grant opportunities compiled from the H-GAC.

*Regina Tidwell stated she feels like this topic needs to be a special-called meeting and not an individual person project, as none are able to complete the task.*

**j.** Discuss and consider updates for the Beautification Committee to host a lunch program for the summer for all children that live within the Stephen F. Austin Elementary school district.

*Melania Gutierrez stated it has been going fairly well and they just received a donation that day from BASF, and will be able to really help throughout the rest of the time. She stated that she is keeping the donations separate from the Harvest donations to insure what is supposed to go to the Jones Creek kids are going to them and she has it spread out so it will last the next 4 weeks. She added Regina Tidwell has been a tremendous help. It was asked how many families are being fed at the moment and answered, 4 families and 7 kids. Melania Gutierrez stated there could be more, nut it is about finding the ones that need it. Tammy Butler added that at the last meeting it was discussed having a sign-up sheet at the school the upcoming school year. Melania Gutierrez commented they had sent out permission slips to the elementary schools and the responses are the ones that are signed up right now. She added that Sherry Minter has been a great help with delivering and helping pack bags. Melania Gutierrez stated right now she is really trying to get more fresh fruits such as, bananas, apples, ect. and the new donation will help with that, but fresh fruit is always needed and the shelf life milk, peanut butter, canned tuna or little tuna packs. She added there is a wish list on Amazon, and she will send it to Regina Tidwell and the committee.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider plans for the Trunk or Treat Event

*Date set for Halloween, October 31, 2025 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Tammy Butler stated they should do the costume contest, the decorating contest, and will need prizes for each. She stated she will reach out to A.J. to see if he could do the hotdogs again. Lauren Grayson she could do popcorn balls again and Tammy Butler added that she will do the candy apples again. Melania Gutierrez stated she has the rings for the bowling pins for the ring toss. Tori Johnson suggested doing a corn hole tournament and do a buy in and the win half and the other half goes to the committee. She then offered to facilitate the event. Melania Gutierrez suggested doing a kids raffle and doing $.25 tickets and they put the tickets in the bag in front of which prize they would want. Tori Johnson stated the kids should do a costume parade and she could reach out to the Facts about coming to take pictures. Tammy Butler mentioned she will get some toys from the Oriental Trading Company so it can be a bunch of little toys prizes. Prizes such as Halloween pencils, bracelets was mentioned. Tori Johnson commented that Tractor supply has the small pools for the duck game that Traci Stowers would be doing and Melania Gutierrez commented she would need to get the weighted ducks for that game. Tori Johnson stated she could do the MCing that night as well. Lauren Grayson stated the school would like it for them to do the flyers in packs of 25 as it is easier to get in the teachers’ boxes.*

**b.** Discuss and consider plans for the craft for Pancakes with Santa.

*Date for the event was set for December 6, 2025 from 9:00am-11:00 am. Lauren Grayson mentioned she will be suggesting to City Council about having the community hall decorated for Christmas and renting it out for Christmas events decorated with an upcharge. Tammy Butler stated they do still have wood from last year and could still do ornaments. She then stated she will look on the Oriental Trading Company for some craft ideas as well. Tammy Butler suggested that the committee members all look into craft ideas.*

**c.** Discuss and consider plans for the Fall Clean-up.

*Tammy Butler suggested doing the rock snake again. The date was set to November 15, 2025. It was suggested doing the chicken poop bingo and printing their own tickets. Regina Tidwell stated she received an email from Sheila Piers, who is a part of the Master Gardeners Association, and would like to collaborate with them. She stated she will meet up with her and talk with her about it. Regina Tidwell then mentioned Sheila Pers does the rainwater harvesting and house plant pollinator, gardening, butterfly gardening and more. She added that she would like to have her come out and do a presentation. Traci Stowers stated she will reach out to Perry Farms to see if they are available to come again. Tammy Butler mentioned the flyer needs to be created and needs to be circulated and sent out, as well as creating an events page. Melania Gutierrez offered to create the flyer.*

**d.** Discuss and consider plans for Christmas in the Creek.

*Lauren Grayson stated City Hall will be assigning trees for whatever organization or company or individual. She commented they usually offer to anyone who has gotten trees before, first. She added that the Beautification Committee could just let her know what area they would like to volunteer to decorate. Tammy Butler suggested that Beautification decorate the kitchen again and they should brainstorm on decoration ideas. Tori Johnson stated her idea of “Mrs. Clauses’ Kitchen” for the theme and the committee agreed.*

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* *Future fish fry.*
* *Chicken Poop Bingo*
* *Discuss a workshop for grant opportunities compiled from the H-GAC.*
* *Lauren Grayson to show a sample of tickets created.*
* *Collaboration with the Master Gardeners.*

**8. ADJOURN**

*1:36pm- Metting adjourned.*

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was placed on the official Bulletin Board at the City Hall on the 11th day of July 2025 no later than 5:00 p.m.

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 Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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