**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 August 20, 2025, at the Village Hall Located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road beginning at 6:00 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** *6:01 pm*

**2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *Invocation led by Tori Johnson, pledges said by all*

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** *Regina Tidwell, Tori Johnson, Tammy Butler, Nicole Hardesty, Traci Stowers – Present . Melania Gutierrez - absent*

**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.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider accepting the minutes from the regular meeting July 16, 2025 *Tammy Butler makes a motion to accept the minutes Traci Stowers seconds the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carries*

**b.** Discuss and consider accepting the financial report. *Regina Tidwell makes a motion to accept the financial report, Traci Stowers seconds the motion, all accept, none opposed, motion carries.*

**c.** Discuss and consider updates on fund-raising events (bracelets, shirts, bake sale). *Nicole Hardesty asks if anyone has bought any of the bracelets. Tammy Butler answers that she has bought 3. Nicole Hardesty says she will make a graphic for the bracelet sales. That we need to have them at the council meeting, and all events that the beautification committee has. Nicole Hardesty asks if there is any update on t shirts? Any update on other fundraisers. Tammy Butler answers yes that Lauren has a proof of a ticket for “Chicken Poop “Bingo. So that we can print our own tickets. It will be a lot cheaper than ordering. Nicole Hardesty asks if we are having the tickets made. City Secretary Lauren Grayson answers, no that you can order the blanks from Avery and print them yourself by downloading the app. Nicole Hardesty asks if we can print up the rules, or if there are rules online. Tammy Butler says that you don’t need to be present to win we want to start selling them. The Committee discusses the details on how to set up the bingo board. Setting it up on the grass sectioned off into squares using grass paint. Tammy Butler says selling a number ticket instead of like a football pot will prevent any cross selling, everyone will have a number and can be sold months in advance. Organizing as a football pot there will be complicated and hard to keep track of. Nicole Hardesty says that the school assigns a group of numbers to each kid but that makes that person responsible for selling those numbers. But if you have someone who wants a different number then that will get confusing. It is suggested that the spots are randomly and numbered to make the chances of winning fair. Nicole Hardesty inquires how much these tickets are going to be sold for? I think that people would expect to spend $5 per ticket. Traci Stowers asks if they were planning to have 2 rounds, and have on at a higher price? The first-round wins $100 and the second-round wins $50. Regina Tidwell suggests the they chose the prize money by percentage of all money brough in. Traci Stowers suggests a 50/50 raffle to be split. Tammy Butler says we can learn for this event change it if need next time. Nicole Hardesty adds that they can live streaming it or make a video of it so they can see how it’s done for the next time.*

*Tammy Butler asked if the committee is still good with the fall clean up day being the 15th. The committee agreed . Tammy Butler then stated the Pie Sale is the 21st which is the Friday before Thanksgiving. Nickole Hardesty stated she will make a flier for the “Chicken Poop Bingo” and confirmed the date is November 15th at the Fall Clean Up which starts at 9am. Traci Stowers stated that she can make the fliers. City Secretary Lauren Grayson stated that she bought what was needed to make the 250 tickets. Nicole Hardesty said once Traci Stowers makes the flier they can send out the information. The committee stated the acceptable forms of payment will be cash and checks.*

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

*\*Postponed until Sheila, the representative from Master Gardeners, can attend.*

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

*Nicole Hardesty stated she thinks they all need to keep pushing it on the Facebook page to get it out there more.*

**f.** Discuss and consider results of the adult game night.

*Everyone in the committee stated they all had a blast. Tammy Butler stated she thinks they should do that quarterly Regina Tidwell commented that a lot of people were sad they missed it. Nicole Hardesty added they could do one in September. Nicole Hardesty suggested doing it September 18th 7pm-8:30pm. Tori Johnson stated that it needs to be spread more and giving people more notice. Nicole Hardetsy recommended having the marshal doing a schedule of calls. The committee changed the date to the 23rd to accommodate everyone’s schedule.*

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

*City Secretary Lauren Grayson stated the exterior needs to be checked for repairs needed. Tammy Butler volunteered her husband to check. The committee decided to get that information first.*

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

*Tammy Butler stated it was previously discussed to have a workshop and go grant by grant. Nicole Hardesty stated they should set a workshop and they should make sure Melania Gutierrez is able to be present as this topic is in her wheelhouse.*

1. Discuss and consider results of the lunch program for the summer for all children that live within the Stephen F. Austin Elementary school district.

*The committee stated the program is now over as school has started. Nicole Hardesty stated that for next year she would like to see them having more volunteers and handing each child the bag of food. She added they may need to partner with the groups that feed people. Traci Stowers stated Ms. Reyes has been having issues being in Freeport and would be interested in a new location and project. Tori Johnson volunteered to spearhead the conversation with her and take that on. Tori Johnson stated Ms. Reyes sets up and provides hot meals and would be willing to hand meals to children. Nicole Hardesty stated they will get with the school and hand out fliers at the end of school. Nicole Hardesty stated it needs to be more accessible and advertised more. She added the vision was not a weekly lunch but a kids can come up daily and get a lunch. Tori Johnson stated that next summer she feels that it will be more successful and having Ms. Reyes help it will go further. Traci Stowers stated if there is extra meals it will be able to go to someone else and not be wasted.*

**j.** Discuss and consider details on “Trunk or Treat”, “Fall Cleanup”” Christmas in the Creek” and “Pancakes with Santa”.

*Nicole Hardesty stated how Tammy Butler put together Trunk or Treat last year and how it was successful so they should keep it the same. Tammy Butler added there will be new events this year such as more games. City Secretary Lauren Grayson stated for the costume parade she feels that they should do that in the parking lot. Tori Johnson stated they should have an MC so announcements can be made and things can be introduced. She added that she would like to see something different. Traci Stowers added the previous suggestion of “Mrs. Clauses’ Kitchen.” Tori Johnson suggested doing a gingerbread house competition and they bring the houses up here to be entered. She added it could say to bring the decorated gingerbread house to Christmas on the Creek and it will be judged at Pancakes with Santa. The committee discussed how they could decorate the table and display the houses. Nicole Hardesty suggested*

*Christmas in the Creek- City Secretary Lauren Grayson stated she would like it to be more traditional this year and requested the committee to decorate the kitchen. Nicole Hardesty stated they will have the children drop off the ginger bread houses on Thursday and it should be 12 and younger. Committee agreed it should be Wednesday and Thursday to enter and add a do not touch sign.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider details for the Fish Fry fundraiser.

*Tammy Butler suggested doing this in the spring. Committee agreed discussing this at aa later date.*

**b.** Discuss and consider details for a “Chicken Poop Bingo”.

*\*Discussed 1. Old Business section c.*

**c.** Discuss and consider details for a workshop for grant opportunities.

*\*To be discuss when Melania Gutierrez is avaiable.*

**d.** Discuss and consider a collaboration with Brazoria County Master Gardeners.

*\*Representative will be present next time. Tabled until then.*

**e.** Discuss and consider implementing an “Adopt a Spot” litter cleanup program.

*Regina Tidwell suggested the adopt a spot and suggested doing a specific spot or street. Nicole Hardesty suggested getting a map and coloring certain areas and list th eavailable spots. She added the subject can be spoke on more next meeting.*

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Tammy Butler asked to continue to put the events to be spoken on especially Trunk or Treat as it is the closest.*

**8. ADJOURN**

*7:02pm- Regina Tidwell made a motion to adjourn. Tammy Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was placed on the official Bulletin Board at the City Hall on the 15th day of August 2025 no later than 5:00 p.m.

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 Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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