



Village of Jones Creek

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING & WORKSHOP AGENDA MINUTES

The Board of Alderman of the Village of Jones Creek, Texas will hold a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the Village Hall located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public can attend the meeting in person or via teleconference.

Join the meeting on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/9792331826> Or dial the following toll free numbers and enter the **Meeting ID: 979 233 1826**; and #: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston); +1 253 215 8782 US; or +1 301 715 8592 US This written notice, the meeting agenda, are posted online at <http://www.villageofjonescreektexas.com>

The public will be 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 made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request. The matters to be discussed and acted on at the meeting are:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** *6:32pm*
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *Led by Brother Brent Pittman, pledge said by all.*
3. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBER** *All members present.*
4. **BUSINESS OF VISITORS**
Justin Wright spoke about his issues with his chicken coop. He addressed the details about his building and concerns relating to permitting and code letters he had received. Larry Lecompte talked about his issues with his water. He reached out to TCEQ and they came through with their testing and Trent Water works was in range. He mentioned his filters and how hard it was to not have sludge in his water and replacing filters every few days. He also mentioned the stop sign at nelson, and a previous citizen patrol to be available to the city. He had been involved in previous years and thinks it would help with people disobeying the law. Bruce Houston brought up the issues with speeding again near his home on the corner of SFA & Durazno. Marshal Tidwell mentioned his patrol did not come across any speeding vehicles when they were in the area. He was concerned about when traffic is diverted due to the construction of the highway, and a stop sign may be beneficial to slow down speeding vehicles but would be looked into for alternate patrol situations

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discuss and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting on July 19, 2022.
Motion to approve by Alderman Corey Thomas, 2nd Alderman David Galloway, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Discuss and approve monthly financial reports from all departments including open grant funds, and ARPA Funds.
Alderswoman, Nicole Hardesty Motion to table this item until financials were available to look at, 2nd Alderman, Corey Thomas, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. Discuss and consider action on drainage improvement projects and updates from Drainage Liaison Corey Thomas.
- Interlocal agreements, Project Request summary, Drainage committee recommendation to replace troublesome pipe on E. SFA at a cost of \$5,500.00 for pipe and material.

Alderman Corey Thomas asked council to approve the \$5,500 for the 2 driveways Mrs. Stockton and a road crossing on E. SFA, asking to use the ARPA Funds. Discussion on the driveways, and previous Sorrell Project. The \$5,500, Covers material and pipe for this project. Alderswoman, Nicole Hardesty Motion to use \$5,500 of the ARPA Funds and use them towards the remaining of the E. SFA Project to include Lisa Stockton's driveway and the road crossing, 2nd David Galloway, all in favor, motion carried. David Galloway mentioned a way to track grants and to see an overall list of projects and work history for the city as far as we can go back. We can have another Drainage meeting before Oct. 1st to go over the new road plan. Atwood was cleaned and there are ditches with a 16ft road. Great Improvement. Interlocal to county would prefer overlays. Frontier and SFA need a full reconstruction. Overlays will not last. FEMA Grant can be submitted for an amendment since of inflation of materials. But it would be after the fact. Marshal Tidwell said they did not disapprove this action. Cost of material to reconstruct would almost double the original cost. No big trucks should be allowed, since the project on Frontier & SFA, The trucks progressively made the roads worse than they originally were. ARPA could help pay for this if needed. Kenny McBride mentioned how rough the roads are on frontier. Hold off on current interlocal to overlay, and do it correct. Alderman, Corey Thomas, motioned to approve this years interlocal to be moved to next years interlocal road plan, 2nd Alderswoman, Nicole Hardesty, all in favor, motion carried. Rocky Thomas discussed the Drainage districts mowing and road crossings. He will soon meet with Texas Parks and Wildlife. They did mow and cleaned up a lot of the outfalls. Alderman Glenn Jordan mentioned work order for pipe for Smith St. Robinhood Lane, has been addressed but we need to have a meeting with Matt Hanks to go over the plan to fix drainage. There have been issues along the way with residents. An outfall is considered a right a way. Drainage district has cleaned out a few of the outfalls. TX Dot has not confirmed a date to discuss drainage issues on HWY 36.
- d. Discuss and consider action on ARPA Funds, any current projects, future use, and updates.-
Tractor delivery and updates. *Tractor updates by city secretary, new attachments can be added under the approved amount of \$40,000, since we are below those amounts. These are good assets to the city for emergency management and clean up. Heavy equipment operation guidelines from*

insurance company or any certification needed. Mulch was delivered and Jordan and his children who volunteered have been working hard to get this job completed. Marshal Tidwell mentioned the vehicles that were seen outside, Heavy duty High water, could be used by the fire department and stored in that area. We can discuss figures at a later time.

- e. Discuss and consider action on HUD Street Improvement Project
County Invoice for Arrington lane- \$8,663.19 Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty motioned to table until funds are available, 2nd David Galloway, all in favor except Alderman Corey Thomas Nay, motion carried.

- f. Discuss and Consider Upcoming Events
: •Beautification Committee ,Bake to School Bake Sale Friday, August 19th,Bring baked goods starting Thursday, August 18th at 8am•City Wide Clean-up - September 17, 2022.Volunteers Needed!!•Thank you to the Marshal's Office for putting on a Back to School -School SuppliesEvent and to all those who donated. Nicole Hardesty went over details for the City Wide Clean up a followup post online will be made and voice messages will also be sent out. Volunteer Fire Department will also be selling BBQ Plates, Chicken Only this year on Sept. 10.

- g. Discuss and consider gaining rights back for water providers for various subdivisions within the city. -Updates from PUC Letter
City Secretary reached out, and until they finalize the Trent Water works rate increase case, we can not gain our rights back. Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty Motioned to ask the lawyer to create and ordinance once this has been settled to gain our rights back from PUC, 2nd Alderman, Glenn Jordan, all in favor, motion carried.

- 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss and Consider Committee members for Safe Streets Committee.
Discussion on what the committee is for and members to move forward with helping find city issues and bring them to councils attention. Motion made by Alderman, Glenn Jordan to add Marshal Tidwell to be the liason, Mike Noska, Rocky Thomas, Brent Pittman, Bruce Houston, Larry Lecompte , Kenny McBride to be on the Safe Streets Committee, Alderman Corey Thomas 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

- b. Discuss and consider food options, vendors, locations and budget for the BCCA Meeting to be held in Jones Creek on September 21, 2022. *Discussion on residents to reach out to for this and locals, On the river restaurant would be a great addition to food services per Glenn Jordan, he said the owner has helped many out in our city, the Baptist church helped in the past with tables, Alderman, Glenn Jordan mentioned to talk to Wynona Taylor about the previous meeting. Mayor Jeffers helped with floral and decorations. Reach out to vendor for help with giftcards and door prizes for this event too.*

- c. Discuss Garbage billing issues. *Michelle Houston mentioned she doesn't get her bills. Haley Sills mentioned that this is a postal issue with her mail. Mrs. Sills discussed the issues were due to simple mistakes but they have been corrected, as well as system updates. We have multiple steps to complete one task and things get missed. New computer all in one program would help with this. A plan is in place for this and will be addressed quickly. We have fixed issues in the past and a few arise at times but we are quick to get them corrected as we learn the process.*

- d. Discuss and consider fine comparisons and possible rate increase.

Judge Beverly Widner and Marshal Tidwell discussed fine comparisons between multiple cities, Mrs. Bella Ortiz helped with research and they came to an agreement. We have been low for many years, there hasn't been an increase. This would allow an increase in revenue for the city. Rates comparing we are close to Brazoria. The more tickets they write the more income we get. They spoke about our low collections are due to people not paying. We have old warrants and multiple offenders who do not pay. Motion made by David Galloway to approve a rate increase for traffic fines, 2nd Alderman, AJ Jenkins, all in favor, motion carried.

- e. Executive Session:

Motion made by Alderman Corey Thomas to go into Executive session at 7:45, 2nd Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty. Invited in Marshal Tidwell.

Sec. 551.074. PERSONNEL MATTERS; to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Motion made by Alderman AJ Jenkins to exit Executuve session, Alderman, AJ Jenkins 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

- f. Discuss and consider any actions if any taken from executive session.

No action.

- g. Discuss and consider proposing Village of Jones Creek Tax Rate by Record Vote.

Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty motioned to table this item, all in favor except Alderman ,AJ Jenkins, and Alderman, David Galloway. Some Discussion about the tax rate amounts to and at least proposing it, after the budget is worked out since we do not have a true budget. Agreement to discuss this at a later meeting.

- h. Workshop Session:

- Village of Jones Creek FY 22-23 Budget.

Alderman, Corey Thomas motioned to table this and have a workshop session on Saturday at 8am, 2nd Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty, all in favor, motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Alderman, Corey Thomas, 2nd Alderman, AJ Jenkins, all in favor, motion carried.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the minutes of this Regular Council meeting and Workshop have been reviewed and are true.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brittney Farichild", is written over a horizontal line.

Brittney Farichild, City Secretary/ Administrator