



Village of Jones Creek

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 6:01 PM
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Alderman David Galloway, Pledge said by all.
3. Roll Call of Members – All members present.
4. Business of Visitors – Dana Pomerence asked about the Creekwood house that previously burned down. It was mentioned that they are still within the guidelines of their permit, even though progress isn't being made at this time. It is close to ending. John Rice asked about updates for code enforcement and asked to add the discussion on the next agenda.
5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discuss and approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 17, 2023.

Alderman, Corey Thomas motioned to approve, 2nd Alderman, David Galloway, all in favor, motion approved.

b. Discuss and consider action on financial and monthly reports from all departments.

Alderman, Nicole Hardesty motioned to approve with the exception of reaching out to the CPA about the Grant funds on the Marshal Departments Budget vs Actual, 2nd Alderman, Glenn Jordan, all in favor, motion carried.

c. Discuss and consider action on drainage improvement projects and updates from Drainage Liaison Corey Thomas.

East Stephen F. Austin Driveways should be on the next commissioners court on March 14th. 3 Driveways. He asked about footage ordered for culverts. Climber separation driveway needs to clean out the ditch for water flow. The Homeowner should replace the pipe if they are bad. Put in a workorder to the county to take care of the ditch. The city needs to contact the homeowner.

d. Discuss and consider action on updates for ARPA Funds.

No additional requests for ARPA Funds. Mr. David Okumba was present to go over ARPA Funds expectations and reporting coming up, with funds to be exhausted by 2026. He has had great communications with the city and is right on track with the treasury. Dana Pomerence asked about a demonstration to get an updated price for this quote for the saw attachment.

e. Discuss and consider upcoming and past events.

City Secretary, Brittney Fairchild went over events, thanking all for coming out for Pie day and congratulations to the winners. Great community involvement, new and old. We appreciate all of your help with this event. Regina Tidwell asked about keeping pies hot and cold for this event. Maybe if we hold it at the school. City wide Clean up on April 29, 2023, more details to come. Regina Tidwell, member of the Beautification committee talked about a grant that will benefit the city and these events are necessary to move forward. Animal awareness day information would be available by the next meeting. Discussion on Christmas in July event to be held in July, more details to come. We will have a City Wide Garage Sale in May as well. Easter Egg Hunt is TBD but will be at Gulf Prairie Church and the JCVFD will also be helping with this event. Volunteer Fire Dept. BBQ will be held on September 9, 2023.

f. Discuss information regarding Stephen F. Austin Driveways to be asphalted and materials and culverts; BISS.

City Secretary has been in contact with the financial department of BISS. They have agreed to pay for the culverts and materials as well as the asphalt for the 3 driveways at SFA Stem Academy.

g. Discuss and Consider Past & Future Grant Applications.

Water CDBG Grant application would have a response by the end of this week. They should offer approval critiques and if our amounts need to be adjusted. We can correct or resubmit based on what Mrs. Lemelle has said. A committee is formed of 7 people and they will decide final approval. Sidewalk Grant application is in the works and on the 2nd stage of preparation.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion on commercial permit application for new business on the property at HWY 36 & Smith.

Mr. Gordo Campbell mentioned his approval of the stores the owners currently have in other cities. The convenient stores were clean and properly maintained. The owners and agent Tonya discussed different options for this area and they are asking for permission to move forward with their permit. They are willing to adapt to the city's needs. The city needs a facelift and a nice new store would be nice. No overnight parking would be allowed. They would have a charging station for electric cars as well. Mr. Campbell mentioned that he would like to donate back to the city as well. Motion to approve the commercial permit to proceed upon the approval from BV by Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty, 2nd Alderman, Corey Thomas, all in favor, motion carried.

b. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 551 – Cancellation of the General Election to be held on May 6, 2023.

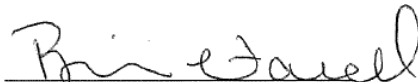
Motion to cancel the General Election was made by Alderman, AJ Jinkins, 2nd Alderwoman, Nicole Hardesty, all in favor, motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the minutes of this meeting are true and accurate.


Brittney Fairchild, City Secretary