



Village of Jones Creek

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SPECIAL CALL AGENDA MINUTES

The Board of Alderman of the Village of Jones Creek, Texas to hold a Special Call Council Meeting on June 6, 2023 at the Village Hall located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road, beginning at 6:00p.m. Members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person and via teleconference.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:00pm
2. **INVOCATON AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE** *Invocation led by Alderman David Galloway, Pledges by all.*
3. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** *Mayor Terry Jeffers, Alderman Glen Jordan, Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty, Alderman Cory Thomas, Alderman David Galloway, Alderman A.J. Jinkins*

4. **COMMUNICATION OF VISITORS**

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 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.

No Communication of visitors

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss and consider the report from the Zoning Commission held on May 31, 2023 regarding as follow (*a motion must be made to enter and exit public hearing*)
 1. **Public Hearing** *Alderwoman Hardesty- Makes motion to open public hearing, seconded by Alderman Thomas, all approve, none opposed.*
 2. Discuss and consider taking action on an APPLICATION TO GRANT A REZONE AT 6428 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN RD, JONES CREEK, TEXAS 77541; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: HERVEY #1 (A0020 S F AUSTIN DIV 18) LOT 4B1 ACRES 0.13 FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A C-NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT. *AL Alderman Jinkins makes motion to grant rezone 6428 Stephen F Austin Road, Alderwoman Hardesty Seconds the motion, all approve, none oppose.*
Mayor Jeffers- Does anybody have anything to say about this now is the time to do so before we close the public hearing. Public hearing is now closed. We will reconvene our regular meeting signify all approve, none oppose, motion carried.

b. Discuss and consider actions to be taken on all delinquent accounts discovered and undiscovered.

Mayor Jeffers- there is a list of them in your packet. Correct me if I am wrong here when Lauren moved into position of Interim City Secretary there was a couple of stacks of paperwork...several stacks of paperwork. City Hall Staff Grayson- Yes. Mayor Jeffers- you and the Judge spend 2 or 3 day on. City Hall Staff Grayson- at least on a couple of boxes, there are more boxes to go through we just haven't gotten to a point where we can stop to clean things up. Mayor Jeffers in that process I think is when these delinquent come up. City Hall Staff Grayson-it started to come to light and getting email from our vendors that we had work done for us, it almost daily new stuff coming to light. Alderwoman Hardesty – Do you have a total on this? Alderman Galloway - \$61534.10. Lauren, you did make a comment that there was something out there for Olson & Olson for \$5690 and that is offset by the \$700 and \$350 payments already made. Then bureau Veritas for \$10926 where it says see attached that's the next 2 pages? Alderwoman Hardesty- the TML Health is that the health insurance? Alderman Galloway- is that also cover our retiree? City Hall Staff Grayson- that is not, the TMRS is going to be our retirement, and that is paid up, also insurance is not. Alderman Jordan- Ok now, we also know there is probably going be more of these bills because y'all haven't gotten through all this stuff right. City Hall Staff Grayson- there is a possibility more of this coming to light, most likely delinquent, I am staying on top of what is current. Judge Widner – I would like to say this. we were days of no one having insurance, by the time she uncovered it. Alderwoman Hardesty- Did they accept a payment plan/? City Hall Staff- they want what is delinquent which is Feb, March April and May paid up and that June can wait, but that is over \$27,000.00 that need to be paid ASAP. Alderwoman Hardesty – So do we have \$61534.10 to pay all of our delinquent bills? Alderman Jordan -I don't think we know. Alderman Thomas I know it's budgeted. Alderwoman Hardesty- but we don't know because Lauren doesn't have access to the accounts to be able to give accounts the necessary bank statements that Brittney said she had given them. So that they can start working Alderman Jordan- so what I am also understanding is that the bank will not give her that information. Alderwoman Hardesty- No, because Brittney is still on the account. Alderman Galloway – We need to make sure we go ahead and change that over. Alderwoman Hardesty – That is on our agenda for tonight. Mayor Jeffers – We know that we have about \$260K in our general fund, right? City Hall Staff Grayson – in our Texas Gulf Bank I believe we are at \$273K before pay roll goes through. Alderman Galloway- Can you make an account where all \$270 where it supposed to go to? Alderwoman Hardesty- until the accountant gets into all the books I don't think we are going to know where all that money is allocated to budget and all that. Alderman Jordan – we are still going to have to pay it. We have to pay the bills. Alderwoman Hardesty – So how does this happen? Is there no oversite in that office? Alderman Galloway – that's what it is. There is no over site. Alderman Jordan – what do we need to do today to fix the problem? Alderman Thomas fixing we need to pay the bills. Alderwoman Hardesty -the bills need to be paid then Lauren needs to be able to pay the bills as they come but the problem is: what if we find another \$50k of outstanding bills. Alderman Jordan –Even a interim city secretary she should have access to the bank account Judge Widner I went to the bank the other day and she said that Brittney Fairchild name is still on the account, I said that it's going to change, she has left .we told them we are going to have a special call meeting. Alderwoman Hardesty – It should have been the day that she left. Alderman Jordan this is a question for me couldn't you have gone up there and told them this is the deal. That's our money not their money. Mayor Jeffers - they have been notified but they need the minutes from our meeting .Alderman Jinkins - so Brittney has had access to our accounts for the last 2 weeks is that what I am to understand? City Sec – yes! Alderwoman Hardesty -Does she still have the credit card? City Hall Staff Grayson –No, I have the debit card for Texas Gulf Bank. Alderwoman Hardesty we should have set up a day before she left to take her off and temporarily put Lauren on. City Hall Staff Grayson- the only thing that is has been questionable is getting child support that is still being draw out of the account for Jordan Meeks. We've been paying his child support since March. What legal action can we take on that William (Marshal Tidwell)? Marshal Tidwell- we have talked to him and he is going to pay that back, he is the one who brought to our attention. Alderman Jordan- I am no lawyer but that's theft? Hardesty- he's talking about this check? That is theft. Paying all that sick time that wasn't due and not paying the dues that were due. Alderman

*Jordan William now you tell me is that theft. Marshal Tidwell- when they cash the check knowingly: that is fraud. That is theft. Alderwoman Hardesty – ok so are you going to file charges? Marshal Tidwell -I can call her. Alderman Jordan – So Terry (Mayor Jeffers) did you see this when you signed the check? Mayor Jeffers- No I did not. Alderwoman Hardesty – Did you sign the check? Mayor Jeffers -Yeah, I am sure I did. Alderwoman Hardesty- So how didn't you see she got all of this sick time? City Hall Staff-- it was direct deposited. Alderwoman Hardesty- So who looked over this prior to it being submitted? Again no over site. There is no over site in this office. Alderman Galloway – (directed to City Hall Staff Grayson) you took on the position as interim right and you were directed by this former employee, current at the time that this is what you do to make these changes then do this. Alderwoman Hardesty – that is blatant, that is grounds for charges. Anna Galloway – Do y'all have a There is w order chart in the policy manual who is supposed to be checking and that is the Mayor. Alderman Jordan -there is only 2 people that can sign checks the mayor and the city secretary, and myself if the Mayor is out. Anna Galloway – who is making sure the city se is going their job? Alderman Thomas – That's the Mayor. I make I motion that we pay them. Alderwoman Hardesty seconds the motion. Mayor Jeffers -the motion has been made and seconded to pay the \$61534.10. Alderwoman Hardesty I would like to add to that when other stuff is found that council need to be aware of what you are finding. So that we don't get this huge bill here. City Hall Staff Grayson- Yes.
All approved, none opposed*

CLOSED MEETING (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

a motion must be made to enter and exit executive session 6:19pm Alderwoman Hardesty motion to go into executive session alderman Galloway seconds the motion , all approve none oppose. Alderman Jordan invites the acting City Secretary Grayson and the marshal into executive session.

- a. Council will convene in closed session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of a public employee. (City Secretary/Administrator and Front Desk/Trash Clerk)

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

6:36 pm Alderman Jordan makes motion to reconvene, Alderwoman Hardesty seconded the motion, all approve, none oppose.

- a. Discuss and consider taking action on any items reviewed in Executive Session

Alderwoman Hardesty makes motion to promote Lauren Grayson to City Secretary, Alderman Jinkins seconds the motion, all approve, none oppose, Motion carried. Alderman Galloway I make a motion we extend an offer for Trash Clerk to Tiffany Lewis, Alderwoman Hardesty seconded motion, All approve none oppose, motion carried.

- b. Discuss and consider the addition or removal of authorized signers on all accounts. Alderman Jinkins makes motion that the Village removes the previous City secretary Brittney Fairchild from all accounts, and adds the new City Secretary to the accounts. Alderman Jordan- I would like to amend that to include all emails, social media accounts... all accounts. Motion seconded by Alderman Jordan, all approve, none oppose, motion carried.


6. **ADJOURNMENT** 6:38pm Alderman Galloway makes motion for adjournment, Alderman Thomas seconds the motion, all approve, none oppose, motion carried.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was placed on the Official Bulletin Board at City Hall on June 2, 2023 no later than 5:30 PM.

Terry Jeffers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lauren Grayson, City Hall Staff

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