



Village of Jones Creek

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR

The Board of Alderman of the Village of Jones Creek, Texas will hold a Regular Council Meeting on October 17, 2023 at the Village Hall located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road; beginning at 6:00 pm; Members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person and via teleconference.

This written notice and the meeting agenda, is posted online at <http://www.villageofjonescreektexas.com>. The public was 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 to be acted on at the meeting is follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER

6:00PM

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Brent Pittman. Pledges led by all.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Alderman A.J. Jinkins- Present via zoom. Alderman Glen Jordan- Present. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Present. Alderman Corey Thomas- Present. Mayor Terry Jeffers- Present. Alderman David Galloway- 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 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.

Anna Galloway- We have our upcoming Trunk or Treat, it's gonna be a lot of fun and you can get into it for free. Look forward to gift cards to win or a chance to win \$100 cash. There's a \$10 entry fee October 28th. Also, I see we're going to be talking about code issues later mention they're people living in R. V's going on as well. Also bring us all your soft plastics. We have been given a free bench from the plastics so now we can start on the next one.

Alderman Glen Jordan- I know Marshal Tidwell doesn't like to hear accolades, but we had an incident out here about 2 weeks ago, a lady was lost she couldn't find her way home. She has alzheimers. I made a call and he was there within about 3 minutes. Within an hour we had her home and this was about 4:30am. I'd like to make a recommendation we keep continuing to do our wellness calls and put that on our board. And maybe look into having a Alzheimer's Awareness Month?

Judge Beverly Widner- I know ya'll have read in the paper about the hydrogen things going on. We still have an interest in that property and back between Weldon and Creekwood and I still adamantly oppose that. Here in the future I would like for the Board and the Zoning Commission to keep in mind that the people do not want that. Dana Pomeranke- On that subject, I wanted to ask has there been an update?

Mayor Terry Jeffers- No, not yet. Marshal William Tidwell- What they're looking at doing is Hydrogen Club System that President Biden has rolled out and this is one of the areas they're talking about putting one.

Laura Cardenas- I'm here with Jose and George. We had a meeting with Mrs. Lauren about a month ago. What we do is go to different surrounding cities and see if they would be interested in getting addition benefits for their city. George- We have an 80 year old company. We have a basket of programs and we specialize in working with the private sector. Mayor Terry Jeffers- Do ya'll supply your resources to other cities? Laura Cardenas- I've spoken to Lake Jackson, Pearland, LaPort, Freeport, we spoke with Brazosport ISD, West Columbia ISD, Angleton ISD. I'm the one who runs this are because I live here. Mayor Terry Jeffers- Do you have some literature you could leave with us? Jose- Absolutely. We actually have packets we will be leaving to the council members to look over. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- We would have to put it on the agenda. We can't discuss it otherwise. Judge Widner- You said you contacted BISD and others but are any of them actually using ya'll? George- We have the bigger ones yes. Dana Pomeranke- Would all the employees have to buy in or does it matter? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- This can't be discussed in the council meeting unless it is on the agenda. Paul Rodriguez- I am with Equipment Share and we are opening up a new branch in Angleton. I will be over this area and Freeport, Brazoria. Thank ya'll for opening your doors to let me speak. Just to let ya'll know we're here to help ya'll. I'm happy and thank the Lord we didn't have hurricanes come through this year. Too soon I know. I just wanted to let you guys know I'm an extension to ya'll myself to the city of Jones Creek. If ya'll need anything give me a shout. I've left my business cards for ya'll.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discuss and Consider accepting the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on September 19, 2023, and the Special Called Council Meeting held September 26, 2023.

Alderman Corey Thomas- Makes a motion to accept the minutes. Alderman David Galloway- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

- b. Discuss and consider accepting the financial and monthly reports from all departments.

Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to accept financial monthly reports. Alderman Glen Jordan- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

- c. Discuss and consider action on updates for ARPA Funds.

Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- It looks like we're at the bitter end here. Mayor Terry Jeffers- The printers will be coming out of that and that'll be real soon. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- This is what we have in there after the machines are purchased or before? City Secretary Lauren Grayson- Before. We were waiting for their Sam registration to come through. It came in yesterday and I sent it off today to be verified. Once it comes back we can order the copiers so should be at the end of the week. Mayor Terry Jeffers- I think it's around 6k.

- d. Discuss and consider updates on the procurement of new copiers for the Marshal's department and for City Hall.

Discussed in Section 5c.

- e. Discuss and consider taking action alternatives to speed bumps on City Road ways.

City Secretary Lauren Grayson- I heard back from our attorney she said there is no precedent in Texas law that city would be liable for the rumble strip or the reflectors that go on the pavement. That would be an acceptable alternative to any kind of obstruction on the roadway. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Rumble strip are on the side to wake you up if you're veering off so what would that do? Alderman Glen Jordan- The have them in different places all over the county to slow people down. They're across the road. A lot of people put them up to make you know there is a stop sign coming up and a red light. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Is there any data on the success of these reducing speed? Marshal William Tidwell- I think we ought to invest in a trial and see how that works out. Alderman Glen Jordan- Maybe see how they are. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to instruct the City Secretary to price this type of rumble strip and get us back some answers at the next meeting. Alderman Glen Jordan- Seconds motion but includes to get prices on a variety of rumble strips. All in favor None opposed. Motion carried.

- c0 Discuss and take action on adopting the updated Ordinance 553 for the increase to the solid waste collection fees.
Alderman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 553. Alderman Corey Thomas- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- d0 Discuss and take action on adopting the undated Ordinance 554 for the increase on the gaming fees.
Alderman Corey Thomas- Makes a motion to approve Ordinance 554. Alderman Nicole Hardesty- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- e0 Discuss and consider adding an ordinance to limit the length and frequency of personal yard/garage sales and possibly imposing a permit and minimal fee.
Alderman Nicole Hardesty- What constitutes operating a business in Jones Creek? Alderman Glen Jordan- I think that would be a question for the lawyers. Alderman Glen Jordan- Makes a motion to get the lawyers involved with answering these questions. Alderman Corey Thomas- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- f0 Discuss and consider taking action on the road and drainage improvements projects the Road and Drainage Committee suggested in their meeting on September 27, 2023.
Alderman Corey Thomas- Before we get into that Director Hoffman he's the boss for the Drainage District. Joe Hoffman with Brazoria County Drainage District- Our physical year starts in October. So I'll just give a quick update on what we plan on doing this year. First of all you see a number of different outflows here so we intend to keep those mowed. On Live Oak we had some different conversation. What we've got is 2 culverts that are 24" we'll come out there and replace those either with 42 or 48. Once it starts to get dry it'll help to drain some of that water off of Live Oak. There's also a natural drain and we'll work with the property owner and see. Not a part of Jones Creek but on county road we plan on reshaping a ditch that basically dead ends before it comes in Jones Creek. Alderman Glen Jordan- I think they filled in a lot of that over there. Joe Hoffman- That's the ditch and it actually goes to a pond and what we'll do is have it connect directly to Jones Creek so it helps that water come off of county road quicker. Alderman Nicole Hardesty- What will that do to us putting the water off Tone Road to us? Joe Hoffman- It'll help it drain quicker. I've already cleaned about 60% of 2004 and 36 the plan is to clean out the rest of it. Alderman Glen Jordan- We're trying to do a spreadsheet now where we know when areas are cleaned up or mowed so we have documentation of that. Joe Hoffman- Anything we touch we'll maintain it. So on 2004 we mow that once a year and we spray. Anything we touch we'll either get with the property owner to maintain it or we'll maintain it. I don't want to get into a situation where Jones Creek hasn't been cleaned out. What I mentioned before is we file for grants so it's with FEMA. Unfortunately we did not receive that so we're working with them to see why we didn't receive it. And then we'll make a decision. So, not for 2023 but for 2024. Last thing is, we have a meeting with the Freeport Project and if you remember the Core Engineers came by and talked about this other project after the grant didn't come through I had a little bit more time so I reached out to them to see if there were any opportunities to work with them and after speaking with a few people we're looking at see if there is opportunities to put some levees. Alderman Corey Thomas- We had a Street and Drainage meeting in September and we're coming up with a new road plan and drainage plan we've got a lot on it. Road wise we're gonna start on Peach Point, West End Stephen F, Lamb Lane, Terrace, Coker, Terrace Road, Dingee and then we're gonna loop back into Bow and Arrow and then Live Oak there's some shoulder issues. Ditch wise, the county already has a work order for a Lamb Lane, I don't know when that's gonna happen. Robinhood, that's on hold now. We're gonna start looking at Durazno and the Lee subdivision and also continue to take care of issues brought up in the mean time.
- g0 Discuss and consider taking action on master construction plans for a new City Hall, pavilion park/walking trails at 7107 S.F. Austin.
Mayor Terry Jeffers- Did you find the floor plans? City Secretary Lauren Grayson- I didn't find the full ones. Mayor Terry Jeffers- I think that's all there was. William and I reached out to 2 different companies and got a rough estimate.

Marshal William Tidwell- We need to have some kind of master plans. that. And if we know where there is possibilities to get grants for different things like a pavilion. And we know we could get something like. We need to have a master plan that says where everything sits. That's what I was asking for us is how do we come up with a sketch to see where parking would be and the building and that way if something comes up that we can apply for we'd be ready. I'm talking about just the placement of where it would sit on the property. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- We have this master plan drawn out? Mayor Terry Jeffers- No, all we have is a floor plan of the building. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- We need to have a architect? Marshal Tidwell- No, we can decide where things can go on the property and then we can go from there.

- 10** Discuss and consider taking action to allocate money to revitalize City Hall.

Alderman Glen Jordan- In my opinion if we're gonna get anybody renting tis facility, we gotta do maintenance. You gotta come in and revitalize this area. We did work to the flooring and to other parts of the building. I'd like to make a motion to get Beautification involved. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- What if we make a motion to hand this to Beautification to make a plan and budget to revitalize this room and Beautification Committee will come back with a budget and a plan for council to approve. Alderman Glen Jordan- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion Carried.

- i0** Discuss and consider taking action on placement of "Children at Play" signs on areas with higher populations of children.

Alderman Glen Jordan- I didn't ask for this to be put on the meeting but again, I do have this issue. We talked about speed bumps and if it didn't work other cities wouldn't be using it. It's not a great expense for signs and William would know the areas more where kids are at play. We haven't had that issue we've only had 1 or 2 issues of someone getting hit that I know of. I'd rather be more proactive than reactive. We have limited funds and limited budget and signs are not very expensive. Alderman Glen Jordan- Makes a motion to request a list of locations from the Marshal's office in practices for signage. Alderman Corey Thomas- Seconds Motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

- j0** Discuss and consider taking action on maintenance or service to be done to New Holland tractor and/or implements.

Tabled until next meeting to give time to investigate issue.

- 1.** Discuss and consider taking action on the application to grant a re-plat of 8411 S F Austin Road /Cr 301 Legal Description; A0020 Stephen F. Austin tract 16A (Div.17) Acres 3.0 to be subdivided into 1.0 acres that includes the homestead and the 2.0 acres from the whole parcel.

Mayor Terry Jeffers- This was submitted to the Zoning Board, we should have the minutes from the meeting. Alderman Glen Jordan- Anybody here with them? Mrs. Mildred Matusek- I am the owner. 3 acres are in the county and it's been surveyed and everything. I'm trying to sell 2 acres and keep the 1 that my house is on. Mayor Terry Jeffers- The Zoning Board made a suggestion to City Council to approve it. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to accept the Zoning Commision's recommendation to re-plat. Alderman Corey Thomas- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

- J.** Discuss and Consider taking action on the application to grant a re-plat of 7226 Stephen F Austin Legal Description; Peach Crest home site (A00200 Stephen F. Austin Div. 17) (Jones Creek) Lot 31A1-32A1-33A, Acres 2.72, To only include lot 31A1, acres 1.0; And to grant an application of re-plat for 403 Bluebonnet Legal Description (A0020 Stephen F. Austin Div. 17 Jones Creek), Lot 34 acres 1.000 to include 1.72 acres Lots 32A1-33A of the Peach Crest home site (A00200 Stephen F. Austin Div. 17 Jones Creek).

Dan Croft- The intent is we're trying to sell the 1 house the existing house it's the way things are being marketed right now. I'm just trying to get my ducks in a row. The caveat of that is, if someone wants to buy the full 2 1/2 acres then as I understand it I would have to come back and re-plat it again. It may be wise to table this until I have a contract. There's no action taken right now then I don't have to change it yet. I wanted to make the entire council aware of what's going on. But I would like to table this. Alderman Corey Thomas- Makes a motion to table this discussion until further notice. Alderman Glen Jordan- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

- k. **Discuss and consider action on animal ordinance as it pertains to fences, number of animals, fines and registration.**

Alderman David Galloway- There are a lot of people inside the community that have a lot of animals and not just a lot of animals but frequently moving animals in and not having fencing and then there is a lot of animals at large and they end up on other peoples property. I know that Lauren has been trying to get something official so that we can hold those codes in place. I just wanted to bring up we do have those issues. Nothing has to be done on this, it is an issue that was brought to me by the people.

Alderman Nicole Hardesty- Are you looking for extra fencing? Alderman David Galloway- No.

Alderman Nicole Hardesty- It is a big problem having animals at large around here. Alderman Glen Jordan- I know we're in the country but people still have to be respectful of their neighbors and keep their animals on their property.

- l. **Discuss and consider action on hiring a part-time City Code Enforcement Officer.**

Mayor Terry Jeffers- Good luck with that. If you know someone send them to us. Alderman Nicole Hardesty- I for one am all in favor even though I know our budget does not have the room for this but it has become a significant problem for Jones Creek that we don't have a city Code Enforcer. It's too much for our City Administrators to have to handle, then it gets thrown on the Marshal's Office. If we want to have the leash laws, fencing and everything upheld we need to have one. Alderman Corey Thomas- Could we check with the work source? City Secretary Lauren Grayson- I can check. John Rice- Could we check with the Marshal's Department to see if there is a reserve officer that could be doing it as needed?

Alderman Nicole Hardesty- I have a problem with nothing getting done. Anna has an issue with dogs and there are people building on fence lines and building garages without a permit. What are we doing for our citizens? Judge Widner- When I have people come in and I tell them I'm gonna have to start ticketing you they tell me about 5 other houses. Alderman Glen Jordan- We have to start somewhere. It's not like we're picking on 1 person. Alderman David Galloway- You were saying you have an officer that sometimes will do close patrol and is that someone that is part time? Marshal Tidwell- At this point I have no part time officers. It's hard to get someone. I'd rather have the people we have. Mayor Terry Jeffers- William has been involved with issuing tickets and summons and we thank you for that. Alderman Glen Jordan- Do we need to find a way to hire somebody? Mayor Terry Jeffers- We don't have the money. Our City Secretary in 4 months will be qualified to take the exam to become a licensed Code Enforcement Officer. She then will be able to train someone.

- m. **Discuss and consider action on additional sign placement for the already approved**

Turtle Crossing sign on Peach Point Road.

Alderman David Galloway- We did have a council meeting approving one going southbound and we looking to get one approve going Northbound. Alderman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to approve. Alderman Glen Jordan- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

7. ADJOURN.

7:00pm

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was placed on the official Bulletin Board at the City Hall on 13th day of October, 2023 no later than 5:30p.m.



Lauren Grayson
Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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