**Village of Jones Creek**

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**The Board of Alderman for the Village of Jones Creek, Texas will hold a Regular Council Meeting on June 18, 2024, 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 are 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**

*6:00 pm.*

**2. INVOCATION PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE**

*Brett Pitman- Led invocation. Pledges led by all.*

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

*Alderman A.J. Jinkins- Present. Alderman David Galloway- Present. Alderwoman Tammy Butler- Present. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Present. Alderman Glen Jordan- Present. Alderman David Galloway- Present. Mayor Corey Thomas- 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.

*Marshal Tidwell- The reenactment of the burial, we did this several years ago for 3-4 years straight, we are gonna be doing it again this year. Sometime in January or last part in December that’s when it happens. It is a big deal; we had a lot of people show up last time.*

**5.** **OLD BUSINESS**

 **a.** Discuss and consider accepting the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 21, 2024, and the Special Called Meeting June 10, 2024.

*Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to accept the minutes. Alderman A.J. Jinkins- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

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

*Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to accept the reports from all departments, excluding the financials until the CPA verifies them. Alderman A.J. Jinkins- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

 **c.** Discuss and consider any updates from CPA Lindsey English.

*Mayor Corey Thomas- I do know Lauren reached out to her and she was supposed to come but something came up and she will not be here. City Secretary Lauren Grayson- Correct, but we are on schedule for July’s meeting. Alderman David Galloway- She just got married. Mayor Corey Thomas- We’ll give her our congratulations on that. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Do we have any other updates, Lauren, on where we are? Lauren Grayson- No ma’am, I haven’t got anymore updates.*

 d. Discuss and consider any updates on the 2020-2021 Audit.

*Mayor Corey Thomas- Has Mr. Craig sent you anything? Lauren Grayson- Actually, I have letters for the mayor to sign. I’ve found a lot of expenditures. The income I’m having a hard time finding because it has disappeared. I’m having to find an alternate way to find the revenue. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Can you explain to me by what you mean disappeared? Lauren Grayson- I’ve looked back at previous documents that Kim had. There’s books of all the revenue, checks and everything. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- But there’s nothing from then forward? Lauren Grayson- The expenditures were in a cabinet under my desk. I found everything that he needed out of that, it’s just the revenues I’m having a hard time proving. I’ll check with the bank and see if they can provide me with scans of checks that we got in. And hopefully that’s enough for the revenues. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Will the EFT’s be sufficient? Lauren Grayson- The checks that went in, went in as a group deposit, but I don’t have the itemized list for each check that was deposit, so I can only assume that’s it’s in a certain group of checks because of the amount. We may have to pay for them to go back that far. Typically branch level only keeps them for 2 years and then it gets scanned into their back office. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Did he have any comments on where we’re at and what it’s looking like, is it a mess, is it not a mess? Lauren Grayson- Of course it’s gonna be a mess, because it’s been so long and there’s so much missing. Once he gets into the revenue part we’ll be able to know exactly how big of a mess it’s gonna be. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- And he’ll report any discrepancies to us? Lauren Grayson- Yes.*

. **e.** Discuss and consider any updates on new or ongoing drainage issues.

*Mayor Corey Thomas- If we get a big amount of rain, we’ll see how good our drainage is doing so far. As of right now, I don’t see any issues. Have you seen any? Maintenance Leader Jay Weid- As of right now, I haven’t seen any. I’ve been trying to keep everything cleared out. There’s a couple of culverts I’m keeping an eye on. Mike Chilcote- So, the highway, culverts, is it still flowing ok? I feel like the water line isn’t as high. Marshal Tidwell-The last big rain we had it worked really well. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- What about Creekwood? Marshal Tidwell- Creekwood is doing good. They’re not finished down there, but it’s doing good. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- The question I had for you is about the plastic covers that you mentioned. Marshal Tidwell- The water will flow through that. They know if we have a problem, they’re gonna come back out and rip them out of there. At this time they’re gonna leave them there. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Are they planning on being out tomorrow or no? Marshal Tidwell- TXDOT and Zachary will have a crew standing by. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Tomorrow’s a holiday. Marshal Tidwell- They’re gonna be here. Alderman Glen Jordan- Any update on the TXDOT outfalls being cleaned out? Marshal Tidwell- They’re not answering that. Alderman Glen Jordan- Is there any way we can go higher than them? Mayor Corey Thomas- You would have to get with a state representative, Mr. Vasuit or Mr. White. Alderman Glen Jordan- We’ve been waiting a long time for that information. I talked to Joe Ripple the other day and he said he would do what he could do. I haven’t heard anything back. Marshal Tidwell- It might be a good idea to get them back to a council meeting. Mayor Corey Thomas- TXDOT? Marshal Tidwell- Yes. Mayor Corey Thomas- We did have a meeting last Tuesday or Wednesday and they confirmed they are taking out the west gate. I asked have they done any studies or surveys, and to their knowledge they haven’t. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Who do we need to address about the fact that they need to do studies to see how it’s going to effect Jones Creek? Mayor Corey Thomas- They gave me an email and he’s just the lot master for the lot so I’ve got to get in touch or the city has to get in touch with the actual engineer from the army core of engineers and I have a few of their names and we’re just gonna start emailing and I’ve talked to a Phillip Ray, mayor of Brazoria. He’s with us. Mr. Kersh. I have to get with Mike Goodson with Friends of the River, it’s gonna effect the San Bernard as well. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Are we gonna do that sooner, rather than later? Like, yesterday, tomorrow? Mayor Corey Thomas- Yes, we are getting with people. I’m gonna get with Mr. Hoffman tomorrow and see if the drainage district has any say or push behind that. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- If you’d like me to get with Phillip Ray I can do that and let him know what we’re doing and see if he’d be willing to form a coalition with us. Mayor Corey Thomas- Yes. That’s what I was hoping we could do. Many voices are louder than one. It might not hurt to email a senator on that. Marshal Tidwell- They’re mostly in charge of the funds.*

*Mayor Corey Thomas- On Live Oak we need to get 30 foot of 24 inch. We need to get a quote from Coberns and we will put a work order in with county and get that replaced. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Where’s that getting paid for? Mayor Corey Thomas- Out of ARP if we still have funds in it at that time. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- How, what we put in with the county got changed from what the council agreed upon and how do we get it back to what council voted on and not what the previous mayor sent in? Mayor Corey Thomas- The previous mayor changed what was on there. If it’s already been approved by the commissioner’s court, I don’t know if we can go back and add it. I guess we can email that. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- If we let them know the previous mayor mistakenly submitted the wrong roads and this is the actual roads that we approved. We have it in the meeting minutes from that meeting. We can prove to the county that we voted for these roads and not what was submitted and they might make an amendment to what they approved. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to submit to the county what was actually supposed to be submitted and asked them to amend what they previously voted on to put in what was actually agreed upon by city council, and not what the previous mayor said was agreed on. Alderman Glen Jordan- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

*Alderman Glen Jordan- We keep talking about the roads that the gas people tore up and Trent has fixed some of them. It’s a real big eye sore on Primrose. CenterPoint sent in a permit application to redo the one on Primrose. We haven’t turned in anything for Atwood yet. I guess we can email Miss Jessica and we’ll get something going. That was CenterPoint. So still nothing on the gas line and that’s gonna be a discussion to get that moving so we can put the other pipes in. Alderman David Galloway- Just a clarification on Live Oak on the 30 feet of culvert that she’s gonna get the price for. This is going to go before city council before we can use the ARPA funds? Mayor Corey Thomas- Yes. I don’t think we have enough sitting on the ground next door. We approved to get a quote but never approved an amount. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Remember that pipe that’s sitting on my mother in law’s property that she’s willing to donate. Isn’t that 24? Mayor Corey Thomas- I don’t think it is. I don’t think it’s reinforced. Mayor Corey Thomas- Robinhood, we came out and looked today, the county has the boxes I just don’t know when we are gonna put it on the book. I actually took a new title with the county, I’m actually drainage.*

 **f.** Discuss and consider updates for the Village regaining water jurisdiction from the TCEQ/PUC.

*Alderman David Galloway- On the website that’s not finished yet, those actions, I saw that they went ahead and dropped a whole bunch of people. Lauren Grayson- The last update I saw was in June and they still haven’t closed that. Mayor Corey Thomas- Is this a new rate increase? Lauren Grayson- No.*

 **g.** Discuss and consider any updates on the security measures at City Hall.

*Lauren Grayson- They’ve stuccoed the inside of my office and the judge’s office and they’re supposed to come back and stucco the inside of the community center and the inside of the city hall. Cabinets will probably be here next week. They’re waiting on the desk and the door will probably be another 2-3 more weeks, we’re getting pushed back because of a large order from the Department of Defense. Alderman Glen Jordan- Did Doug order the glass? Lauren Grayson- Yes. Alderman Glen Jordan- I know there’s a lot of people that has that glass. There’s S&S in Freeport or GNS. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Do they have a certain time to get this completed in the contract? Or if they don’t is there penalties or does money come off the price? Mayor Corey Thomas- I don’t remember any timeline or talking about a timeline. Lauren Grayson- We were expecting it to take about a month, because of the delays from the windows and doors it’s pushed everything else back. We should be able to get everything but the paint by the end of the week.*

 h. Discuss and consider any updates on the LMI survey.

*Alderman Glen Jordan- I handed out some. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I wasn’t able to get out this weekend. Alderman Glen Jordan- I talked to William about putting out another phone message. Marshal Tidwell- I talked to some people on Lamb Lane before I came here. Mayor Corey Thomas- Can we put it out on the board and on Facebook? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Is it possible to put a link on the website for people to download and print it and bring it up here? Lauren Grayson- Yes. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- We’re gonna try to go this weekend. Alderman Glen Jordan- We do have some areas where when they go pay their water bill? Mayor Corey Thomas- There should be some copies here.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

 **a.** Discuss and consider taking action on the Local Government Purchasing/Online Auction Agreement from Lemons Auctioneers, LLC to liquidate the Village’s surplus assets.

*Mayor Corey Thomas- It’s the 2 Explorers and the Ford pickup. Lauren Grayson- I put it on Municibid , but there’s 5 listings for the state of Texas and we’re 3 of them. Most of their business looks like it’s all east coast. We’re not getting any visibility. I know we’ve done business with Lemon before so I contacted them and updated the contract so we can get the surplus vehicles out of there. Alderman Glen Jordan- What does the county use? Mayor Corey Thomas- The county actually uses 2 different websites. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- William, haven’t you used Lemon before to get rid of surplus vehicles, I don’t see any reason for us to not use it again. Alderman Glen Jordan- Do we need a motion? Alderman David Galloway- It looks like Lemon’s is operating under a cooperative, so there must be multiple people it goes out to. It does look like if we sell through them the city will incur a 5% on the gross proceeds and if we sign this and say we’re gonna do this and someone makes a comment that it grants the auctioneer the exclusive right to those items being sold, so to go somewhere else and to get someone else like on Facebook, just give them an invitation to what we’re agreeing to. I don’t have any problem doing it, it just looks like it falls inside the legalities of doing it. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion that we use Lemon’s Auctioneers to liquidate Village’s surplus assets. Lauren Grayson- It’s a 1-year contract. Alderman David Galloway- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

 **b.** Discuss and consider taking action on the Amendment/Addendum covering the CDBG Entitlement program, and the Village’s participation in the grant program.

*Alderman David Galloway- One line that bothers me is by signing this it says, furthermore the city understands that it may not apply for grants from appropriations under small cities or state CDBG programs. Mayor Corey Thomas- I don’t think we’ve ever done a state CBDG. Alderman David Galloway- Can we discuss this under f. I think that might be helpful. (Moved to f. Discuss and consider finding a 1099 grant writer.)*

 **c.** Discuss and consider taking action on the Interlocal Agreement between the Village and the Brazoria County Health Department.

*Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- What is this? Health insurance? What does this cover? Lauren Grayson- This is the dispensing of medications and vaccines to city employees, contractors and first responders. Like if there was an outbreak. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to accept the agreement between us and the Brazoria County Health Department. Alderman Glen Jordan- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

 **d.** Discuss and consider taking action on the Renewal of Benefits for Village employees.

*City Secretary Lauren Grayson- Our Coordinator did get back with me for options. I know you had talked about having the Next Level care added. I had her send over other options so we could not cross over the threshold that we already set and maybe spend less on some of the medical care expense and be able to offer it. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- What are we paying now? Lauren Grayson- Just on the medical, $1131.18 per employee that is enrolled. Mayor Corey Thomas- So we can look into going with a plan that’s cheaper so we can put in the Next Level. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I don’t want to go with a higher deductible. We have $1000 deductible now. If we go with the 1st option, the deductible would be $750 but it’s only $20 a month cheaper. Lauren Grayson- On the OOP it’s $5000. Mayor Corey Thomas- The 1st 3 options there’s a $500 ER co pay. Lauren Grayson-Because of the size of our group we’d have to contract directly with Next Level. The Texas Health Benefits Pool does offer it but we don’t have enough participants in the health program to go through that. We could offer it to everyone part- or full-time. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- It’s also not medical insurance, it’s a medical plan, there’s a difference. It’s $75 per month per employee. And it covers the whole family. Marshal Tidwell- I think the Next Level is great for some things but from what I hear from employees is their getting ate up by this insurance as are we all. We discussed a little bit about our benefits here how, we have to do something to retain our employees, ok. My competition is Brazoria, West Columbia, and they’re getting better benefits at this point, ok. They’re offering more stuff to them. If we start taking away their insurance some and making them pay more, we’re not doing that. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- We have to find a way for us to pay the $75 per employee and per person so they get that added benefit and they get something else from us. I know that it’s money that we don’t have you have to keep your employees. Marshall Tidwell-Just like in my department. There’s at least 2 of us or 3 that doesn’t take insurance. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- They wouldn’t have to take it if they didn’t want. I don’t know why they wouldn’t want to take it. I don’t want their out of pocket to go up. Marshal Tidwell- I think that’s a good deal, but whatever hospital visits where you have to go and consult for something major, that’s what kills them. And the monthly fee is a killer. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- My deductible is also $5000 so I get it but we don’t have a lot to offer as far as employment packages for officers. And I know Lake Jackson, Brazoria and Freeport offers more money than we can afford and we need officers. Marshal Tidwell- It’s not just officers, it’s the whole office. Alderman David Galloway- How much in insurance for all the employees doe we pay? Lauren Grayson- We pay 100% for employees and if they add spouses or children they are responsible for anything past that. Marshal Tidwell- There again, we have 3 officers that don’t take insurance. One we are paying for with Next Level. Alderman David Galloway- I remember when it initially came up to move or open it up when Brittney was here, I believe we used money from the ARPA. Alderman Glen Jordan- We weren’t able to use that. We could use the profit money for that. Alderman David Galloway- No we used the ARPA money. The reason I bring that up is however we allocated the money that we didn’t have prior to do it and it came from somewhere else, I’m not against keeping it the way it is right now if the money is there. I think we need to bring that data to the table. See as long as we’re tracking on our budget. When we sign on to this we’re signing for another year. That costs into next budget season as well. You said this has to be done soon, but when does it have to be done? Lauren Grayson- The renewal notice has to be turned in to Texas Health Benefits Pool by July 1st. Once we commit to using them then the new enrollment starts in August and benefits year start November 2nd. Anna Galloway- Could ya’ll give yourselves more time to think about this and where the money is coming from and call a special call meeting next week. Alderman David Galloway- We could definitely do that. Anna Galloway- It seems like a big thing to just jump into or deny. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- We’re discussing it. If we’re paying right now, this and we can stay at the same exact price with the same exact benefits. Alderman David Galloway- My only issue is how we funded it is from outside money that we don’t get because we don’t raise our taxes and we don’t raise ad volurum. Without the money there, we’re now making a decision for another year to go ahead and pay for this. I hope we can but we need to look at our budget. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I’m not sure we do that with our medical insurance because we’ve given them insurance long before we approved the ARPA. Alderman David Galloway- No, no I remember that specifically. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- But they’ve had medical insurance long before the ARPA funds. Alderman David Galloway- I know there’s an ARPA breakdown that Brittney had began at that point in time especially when the extra pay came in and it was in that same timeframe there. Alderman Glen Jordan- How much money do we have left. Lauren Grayson- I believe it’s on the financials. I believe there’s 130ish that is not allocated, but I don’t know if ya’ll remember we had discussed about me getting a software upgrade for my office and last time we talked about it it was gonna be about 94k and I believe 24k every year after that. Alderman David Galloway- I believe then we also looked at the remainder of what we had we were gonna use the proceeds the interest. Lauren Grayson- We have a little over 19k in interest. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I don’t think we can take medical insurance away from the employees especially since they’ve had it long before the ARPA. That was for the $4 raise. Alderman David Galloway- I would like to be sure. I make a motion to make a special called meeting to make sure the money’s there. Alderman A.J. Jinkins- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Mike Chilcote- From the outside, you need to get right and give the people what you can afford to give.*

 **e.** Discuss and consider the Critical Alert from TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool in regard to Cyber liability and Data Breach response Coverage.

Alderman David Galloway- Did we already have this? It says dear valued member. City Secretary Lauren Grayson- Yes, it’s in with our insurance every year. It’s significantly gone up from $175 to $1000. Alderwoman Nicoe Hardesty- How prevalent is this? Mayor Corey Thomas- That’s the new thing these days, people going in cyber wise. Alderman David Galloway- How’s the data for the city housed? Lauren Grayson- We do have a server. I don’t know about the Marshal’s but there is quite a bit on our server and external hard drives, and I try to put as much as I can on there just in case a power surge completely wipes the computer and I’ll have something. Alderman David Galloway- I do know the big thing is people will come in and find a way into the server and lock the server down and corrupt the data and tell you if you pay x-amount of dollars and usually the insurance pays that and they’ll usually give you back your data but it’s usually corrupted. Mike Chilcote- Do you have a firewall in front of your server? If you have a firewall in front of your system it can protect against unwanted attacks. You’re never gonna keep everybody out. If they want in, someone will get in. A firewall will protect your system. Lauren Grayson- We have McAfee. Mike Chilcote- I’m talking about a physical firewall device. Alderman Glen Jordan- We need to look into that. Mike Chilcote- It would give you a level of protection that you don’t have now. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Can we go out for a competitive bid on this type of thing? Mike Chilcote- There’s people in the area that do it. Lauren Grayson- We’d have to go out for bid on everything that they offer. We get our car insurance through it, and workman’s comp and literally everything. Alderman Glen Jordan- Can we check into that? Mayor Corey Thomas- We can add that to the special meeting. Alderman David Galloway- Obviously it’s happening quite a bit for them to be reducing coverage but raising rates. Alderman Glen Jordan- Makes a motion to add e. *Discuss and consider the Critical Alert from TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool in regard to Cyber liability and Data Breach response Coverage to the special called meeting. Alderman David Galloway- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

 **f.** Discuss and consider finding a 1099 grant writer.

*Mayor Corey Thomas- The marshal and I met a few weeks back and it was talked about and their sole purpose is to go out and find a grant and they get paid if they get the grant. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I want to speak to that. I have been working with a fundraising consultant. And I had never worked with one before and I asked do I pay you based on your success like I need you to raise an x amount of dollars and do you get a percentage of that? And she said that was unethical and it’s frowned upon. I asked just a side note what about grant finders and she said it’s the same that it’s unethical for them to get paid if they get the grant because it’s a conflict of interest. Anna Galloway- That’s standard practice for getting a grant. Alderman Glen Jordan- Why do other county and cities do this? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- This is what she told me, that it’s against their regulations and they need to be paid for the work that they do not paid based on if they get the grant. I would think we would have to find a different structure too. Mayor Corey Thomas-They would know what we can and cant do at this point so right now, no we cannot go out for a grant so they wouldn’t put in for any but they might look and say we need to get your books in order and go out for these. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I’ d like to see them get paid by deliverable and not by percentage of grants. Mayor Corey Thomas- Grant Works, isn’t that how we pay them, based on their success? Lauren Grayson- They manage the grants, I don’t believe they write them for us. Mayor Corey Thomas- I thought they have wrote some. Alderman Glen Jordan- As long as the lawyers approve of it and it doesn’t cost a thing. Marshal Tidwell- Most cities are doing this because they’re getting a lot of grants and they’re getting paid by writing their salary into the grant. Mayor Corey Thomas- Each grant has a spot for an admin to get paid. Anna Galloway- As someone who went to grad school for that, it is very standard. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I just spoke to a professional who does it who told me it was unethical so it alerted me that’s not something we should do. Alderman Glen Jordan- As long as the lawyers approve of it, I think we’re covered. Mayor Corey Thomas- I would love for someone to come in and do it for free. What she’s saying is she doesn’t do it? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- She doesn’t do it that way, they get paid by deliverable. They get paid by the work that they put forward. If she writes a grant she gets paid to write the grant. Anna Galloway- Regardless of if she gets it. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Yes, but they did the work. Alderman Glen Jordan- I think we need to go with the 1099 if we can. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- That is a 1099 contractor. Alder4man A.J. Jinkins- I can understand there are a lot of occupations that exist on speculation and if that’s the way they do it then they understand. And if they don’t get any grants, they don’t get paid and that will give them the incentive to go after the grants we could get and do a good job with it. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Are we gonna hire a professional grant writer or just anyone that says well, I write grants and I get paid if I get it. Alderman A.J. Jinkins- That’s basically sales. Alderman David Galloway- I think we could put it out there a listing, looking for somebody that could fill that spot for the city as a grant writer and ask them for their resume and references so we can get with other cities and other organizations they’ve worked for and they can let us know how they receive their compensation. Because I can see one individual may not want to do that maybe because they don’t have that great of a success rate in getting grants and that’s a personal decision on their side. And someone else may do very well at getting grants and get 15%. We can decide how and then decide if we’re ok with it or not. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I’m fine with that, with them telling us how they would like to be paid. Alderman David Galloway- I’m good with that. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Where are we going to list this? Anna Galloway- That’s stupid. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- What’s stupid? What’s stupid, you said it, what’s stupid? Anna Galloway- It is a common procedure, it is a standard that all people who professionally write grants write themselves into the grant. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Of where to list it? Anna Galloway- No. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- ok, so then, that’s what we were about now. Anna Galloway- Ok, I understand that Nicole, thank you very much. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Ok, where are we going to list it? Mayor Corey Thomas- We could put it on Linked In. That’s where we’ve put it in the past. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I think we put it in the paper in the past. Are we gonna put it on Indeed? Mayor Corey Thomas- Don’t you have to pay for Indeed? Alderman Glen Jordan- Yes. And the Facts too. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Do we have a Linked In profile? Lauren Grayson- I’m gonna have look. I know I get updates from Linked In but I don’t know if it’s city because former city secretary had put personal stuff on there. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Ok, so we need to see if we have one because it is free. Mayor Corey Thomas- Does TML have something like that? Lauren Grayson- I don’t know. Mayor Corey Thomas- Brazoria County has a job listing and it could go on there. Pastor Brent Pittman- I just looked up professional grant writers and this group it says they do not get paid if they get the grant or not but they have hourly rates. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Imagine that, I was right about something. Alderman Glen Jordan- It don’t hurt to check into it. Alderman David Galloway- We could also look into the places that list the grants. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to start the process to find a 1099 grant writer. Alderman A.J. Jinkins- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

*b. Alderman David Galloway- I would like everyone to pay attention to the fact that this is going to cover from October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027. And it looks like we would link ourselves to the county for the different block grants that are there and county doesn’t actually get money for these block grants and we are free to go out and get it from the state also. Mayor Corey Thomas- The attorney approves it as well. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to approve the amendment and addendum CDGB covering the CDBG Entitlement program, and the Village’s participation in the grant program. Alderman David Galloway- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

 **g.** Discuss and consider the subject of the possibility of providing water to property owners along Hwy 36.

*Mayor Corey Thomas- We’re talking about putting city water down 36, so we can start drawing in some businesses. When it does happen, the subdivisions we have something to offer them. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I’m 100% behind that idea, but are you talking about hooking up to BWA? Mayor Corey Thomas- No. Alderwomen Nicole Hardesty- You’re talking about the grant that we tried to put together but it was messed up and that’s why we didn’t get it. Mayor Corey Thomas- The MIT grant, yes. But we’re not going for that specific grant but doing something and looking into putting a well on this end of town and done on that end of town. We’d have to get with the engineer 1st and get something drawn up. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I think we’d need a grant for that. That’s millions of dollars. Mayor Corey Thomas- By the time we are ready for this I think our books will be in order and we can move forward. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Does it make sense to get an engineer out here to get some kind of cost? Mayor Corey Thomas- Kind of like what Mercer did. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Could we have Mercer look at it again and see if anything has changed in the last 2 years? Mayor Corey Thomas- It’s whatever ya’ll decide. I’m still a little sour towards Mr. Mercer. And it might not have even been his fault, it could’ve been the previous mayor who changed the stuff of East Stephen F. Looking back now I can agree with you there. Alderman Glen Jordan- And It goes back to the 1099 and who the grant writer is. Mayor Corey Thomas- I’ve been talking to the mayor of Sweeny and they have their own wells. He’s back and forth about it, but they use KLMB. Marshal Tidwell- Everybody has their own water wells, but a lot of them are on BWA also. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- So Brazoria is? Alderman A.J. Jinkins- There’s serious problems with the quality. Mayor Corey Thomas- That’s what he said they’re working on with grants. Alderman A.J. Jinkins- They’ve been working on it for 12 years. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I think most of us have a well. Mayor Corey Thomas- Right now this is just for the highway. Marshal Tidwell- June 27th at 9 am is the Texas Water Board. Mayor Corey Thomas- Lauren is going to that. Marshal Tidwell- This is in Bay City, this is for new or existing water treatment plants. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I can take of that day and let you know. Mayor Corey Thomas- If Lauren wants to email you the sign up and you can email whoever. Marshal Tidwell- Evidently there’s tables at this workshop and if you email how many are going you can all sit at the table. Alderman Glen Jordan- I think we nee to at least have 2. Mayor Corey Thomas- On this subject the last thing I want to do is do a mud tax. So what we can do to not make that happen. A lot of people are having issues with mud districts right now. Do we want to go with Mercer? Alderman glen Jordan- I think we need to go to that meeting and then. Mayor Corey Thomas- The meeting has nothing to do with this. We need to find out if this is even feasible. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I think we need to stay with Mercer. I don’t think Mercer was the issue, I think we had other issues. He’s already invested in this. Alderman A.J. Jinkins- Get everything in writing. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Makes a motion to reengage Mercer regarding the water down the highway 36. Alderman David Galloway- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

 **h.** Discuss and consider the reimbursement of educational, travel, and educational material expenses for the Texas Municipal Clerks Certificate program.

*City Secretary Lauren Grayson- I’ve already started the program, I talk to a friend of mine she’s the assistant city secretary for Angleton and she said the best way to do it is to purchase all 4 of the courses at the same time because they offer the seminars infrequently, so if you have one come up that you could go to it would go towards that credit instead of purchasing 1 at a time and you may have to wait 3 or 4 years. Alderman A.J. Jinkins- What’s the total? Lauren Grayson- Right now, I’m out of pocket $650. That’s 4 courses and the books. Alderman A.J. Jinkins- What other costs are we looking at? The travel and hotel costs usually they try to keep it in between $150-$175 a night for the hotel and whatever the seminar costs. Alderman Glen Jordan- I’m pretty sure when Kim took the classes we reimbursed her too. I’m all for reimbursement here. Alderman A.J. Jinkins- 1st of all, I’d like to commend Lauren on the fantastic job she’s been doing and I really respect and appreciate the work she’s been doing for the city and she’s gone above and beyond the call of duty and I would like to make a motion to reimburse her for every penny that she spends to get that certificate. Alderman Glen Jordan- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Lauren Grayson- There is a seminar coming up in August for records just happen to come up and it’s what I’m dealing with right now and I would really, really, really like to go to that one. I believe it’s the 29th of August, so I believe it’s Labor Day weekend. It’s in Waco so it’s not a terrible drive, because they had one tis month that was in Lufkin. Alderman David Galloway- I think when A.J. made that motion and statement he stated to reimburse you for all things and that’s in perpetuity and the only problem I have with that is I just want it to be said here that I do not think you’re just spending money but on the checks and balances side with the travel you’ve had so far and everything else we need to reimburse you for I guess Corey , she would provide you with something and so we have a record. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Make her give you the receipts for each thing.*

 **i.** Discuss and consider actions regarding the appointments of committee members.

*Alderman David Galloway- I know that right now we have multiple committees and when your city council seat came up to run I think the way the committees were set up we did every year that half of them were supposed to be replaced or to be reappointed and I know we haven’t seen that . Side note on that, I know that we have yet to receive anything in regards to the classes the council people have to take when they get put on or elected so those need to come up as well. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I don’t know any committee, well, I know Beautification committee does not have to be replaced. Alderman David Galloway- It’s in the bylaws. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- It’s not in the bylaws. Mayor Corey Thomas- Reinstated or replaced? Alderman David Galloway- Reinstated/replaced the thing is, if somebody needs to be reaffirmed inside that role it does need to come before council. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- ok. Alderman David Galloway- So, I’m just putting it down there it’s something that needs to happen around that time. Mayor Corey Thomas- Do we have any committees that need members? Alderman David Galloway- As far as all of our committees we need to go through those and just go ahead and so we’re checking the box. And another thing is I know we had the safety stuff and the quorum stuff we have to go through. Mayor Corey Thomas- Your FEMA stuff doesn’t go out. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I don’t think your Open Meetings goes out either. Alderman David Galloway- Open meetings does because I remember Kim telling me I had to do it every year. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I don’t think any of the rest of us have taken it every year. Alderman Glen Jordan- Lauren, could you check on that. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- So, if anyone is interested in joining we could appoint them. Mayor Corey Thomas- Are there any committees that have open spots? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- We have 4 open spots on Beautification. Anna Galloway- there’s 5 of us. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- We have 4 open spots on Beautification. Alderwoman Tammy Butler- We’re allowed 9 people. Anna Galloway- Ok. Mayor Corey Thomas- Streets and Drainage, if everybody wants to keep their seats we just have to be reinstated. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- How many people can be on drainage? Mayor Corey Thomas- 5 I think. Alderman Glen Jordan- 5 or 6. Mayor Corey Thomas- It’s an odd number, you always want an odd number that way there’s a tie breaker. Alderman Glen Jordan- We had 1 alternate, and I don’t know if he still is in the area now or not. Mayor Corey Thomas- He’s back in Idaho. I really don’t think we have to have an odd number, because we really don’t make decisions just recommendations. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Wasn’t he an alternate, so you have 5? The 3 of you, William and Mike Chilcote? You’re not on it? Mike Chilcote- No. Mayor Corey Thomas- You’re just a liaison. It’s me, Glen, David, Rocky, and Noska. I don’t know if we have to have an alternate, we’re not like Beautification. What about the school committee thing? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I want to get together with Mike and Rocky and William. Mayor Corey Thomas- I know there’s 2 more people, Anita Mitchel and Chris and Erin Kelley on Primrose want to be on that as well. Did I give you their number? Lauren Grayson- I do have Chris Kelley’s phone number. Mayor Corey Thomas- What are ya’ll calling that committee? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I have no idea. We have to have a meeting. I do want to make it very clear that this is not to fight the school. I have intention to work with the school district to find solutions. Because what Danny Massey is saying about the reality at Stephen F. Austin is factual. There are not students there and now they’ve made it so that 6th grade does not have to go they can go to FIS. And I’m hearing a drone of kids are going to FIS for 6th grade because they don’t want to be in elementary school anymore and that’s just lowering. It’s not a tactic. The fact is that FIS does not have enough students there. So to make FIS have more students they pulled the 6th graders from Lanier and the 6th graders from Stephen F. Austin can now go. I’m not 100% opposed to. They don’t get to take orchestra over here but they can at FIS. Parents can see that there are some benefits for their 6th graders to go to FIS. I’m just saying that this is not a fight, this is to find solutions. Mike Chilcote- One of the other solutions that was brought up is there are a quite a few students are coming from Lake Jackson. He said that anybody in the district can go to any school they want to, if they want to come here they’d set up transportation for them. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- And that’s a new thing, they hadn’t set up transportation before for the kids to come from Lake Jackson or Clute or even Freeport. I did want to make it clear that I am not about fighting with the school district, I’m looking for us to work with them to do what’s best for the school out here and if we have to get loud, we’ll get loud. But I would like to be working with them.*

 **j.** Discuss and consider acting upon items brought before the Council by the Events Advisory Board.

*Mayor Corey Thomas- Have we appointed people? Anna Galloway- We haven’t had any advertisements. I’ve posted signs but we need stuff coming officially from the city. Me just posting, I’m just a person, I have no sway with anybody. It would be really beneficial if the council members could post about it their Facebook pages and if the city could post about it on their page and if they could put up a flyer about it at the Truckstop and I put them up and they’re just like this is just Anna and they come right back down after a week. It would really help if the city could help with that information. Nobody knows it exists except the people that we talked to and the whole vision in creating a panel was to get that it’s not just us talking to each other but that we open it up to people that we did not know might be interested. I would love some help in pushing it out there. Mayor Corey Thomas- We can do that. I know of one person who really wants to get on it. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Can Lauren make a graphic or something? Lauren, and post it on the Village page? Lauren Grayson- Yes. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- And then the rest of us can push it out. Mayor Corey Thomas- Do we have to have it by the city or could we just make one ourselves? Anna Galloway- I think uniform is better. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Definitely, uniform is better by the city. If we share out something from the village it gives it credibility. Mayor Corey Thomas- Is there someone other than Lauren who could also make it? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I’d be happy to make a Canva and sent it to Lauren. Mayor Corey Thomas- I know Courtney would love to make it. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- If Courtney wants to make it let her make it. And send it to Lauren so she can post it and the rest of us will share it. Her 1st official act as 1st lady. Alderman David Galloway- Since we did bring this Panel up like 2 city council meetings ago, do you have an idea on when we’re possibly completing the thing to put up there? A week? Mayor Corey Thomas- It could be by end of week. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Is it my understanding that you need to live in Jones Creek to be on the Advisory Board? So, Lauren can’t be on it? Lauren Grayson- I can’t be on the board itself but I can be a part of it like a visitor. Anna Galloway- I don’t think she can because we would be answering to her about the events so she’s like the boss.*

**7. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

 **a.** Expression of thanks, congratulations, etc.

*Alderman Glen Jordan- The hurricane seminar in Brazoria County, that was a pretty good event there was a lot of people. I think it went well, it was very informative. There was probably 1500 people there. It was a packed house. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I know all of my papers got taken off my table and I had to go back to the shelter to make more. Alderman Glen Jordan- Thanks for the County for putting that on and thanks to all of the participants that came up. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I would like to see more of the Village represented there. They did a touch a truck and I think it’s important for us to be seen out in the community as well. We could give out hurricane preparedness from the city if we could get with whomever to get invited next year and I’m sure they would welcome us.*

*Mike Chilcote- I’d like to give kudos to the Fire Department for participating in splash day at the school. The kids had a lot of fun playing in the water.*

*(Alderman Glen Jordan leaves meeting)*

 **b**. Information regarding holiday schedules.

*Mayor Corey Thomas- We have 4th of July coming up. Hopefully people will follow the rules better. Lauren Grayson- So, we will be open tomorrow. A lot of city’s and the bank, everything’s closed tomorrow.*

 **c**. Reminder of upcoming events organized by the Village.

*Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- When is the Bike Rodeo? Anna Galloway- I haven’t planned it. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I know Beautifications next event will be the 21st of September and do another clean up. We’re actually working on putting together a fundraiser on July 22nd to be announced following our meeting tomorrow.*

 **d**. Information regarding Community events outside of the Village.

*Mayor Corey Thomas- I just started part time working for Needville Fire Department and they are doing a fundraiser right now for a pretty cool golf cart that has a back up camera. I’ve got to get more information and more tickets for that and they do Venmo I think. Go on Facebook and like the page and support another booming organization.*

*Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I’d like to mention that SCPA Brazoria County does free monthly vaccine clinics and we have one this Saturday dogs and cats for free but we’re also doing microchipping for free so if anybody wants to spread the word especially for hurricane season and Independence Day and what we won’t talk about and this noise it’s important for animals to be microchipped. At the shelter this Saturday for free. Harvest for the hungry has a pickling event this Friday, pickling pickles there’s always something amazing happening at Harvest for the Hungry. It's a beautiful property and beautiful people there doing good work.*

 **e**. Announcements of public threats to health or safety.

*Alderman David Galloway- Marshal, I know that the emergency response stuff falls to your side of the house. Could you thing about putting together like the hurricane response team like a meeting one day up here for all the people who normally respond cutting down trees and the people who have equipment so we could see who all we still got? And ya’ll could put out whatever information you wanted to. I know tracking all the data was a big thing. So, we can get in front of it with the storm brewing.*

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* *Street and Drainage issues.*
* *Discuss and consider the Critical Alert from TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool in regard to Cyber liability and Data Breach response Coverage.*
* *(Special Called Meeting)* ***d.*** *Discuss and consider taking action on the Renewal of Benefits for Village employees.*
* *Discuss and consider actions regarding the appointments of committee members.*
* *Waste Connections and problems picking up heavy trash.*
* *Discuss and consider preliminary council packets.*

**9. ADJOURN** *7:46 pm- Alderman David Galloway- Made a motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Tammy Butler- Seconds motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

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 Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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