**Village of Jones Creek**

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**The Board of Aldermen of the Village of Jones Creek, Texas will hold a Regular Council Meeting on May 20, 2025, 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, the meeting agenda, is posted online at <http://www.villageofjonescreektexas.com>. The public were 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**

*6:01 pm.*

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEG1ANCE**

*Alderwoman Tammy Butler led the invocation. Pledge led by all.*

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

*Alderman A.J. Jinkins- Present. Alderman David Galloway- Present. Mayor Corey Thomas- Present. Alderwoman Tammy Butler- Present. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Arrived at 7:18 pm. Alderman Glen Jordan- Present; left at 7:25pm.*

**4. COMMUNICATION OF VISITORS (PUBLIC COMMENT) Limit to 5 minutes**

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 an 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.

*Mr. Garvis Coteet introduced himself as the manager of the Jones Creek RV Park at 7116 Hwy 36. He stated that he was aware of the discussion of the RV park wanted to make sure they were aware of the rules and were in compliance with everything. He stated he had heard it said that some of the RV’s aren’t able to be moved but wanted to assure council that everyone of them are able to be moved in the event of an emergency evacuation and none were built in place and they are all in compliance and would be able to be moved.*

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

**a.** Discuss and consider accepting the minutes from the regular council meeting on April 15, 2025.

*Alderman A.J. Jinkins made a motion to accept the minutes. Alderwoman Tammy Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

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

*Alderman A.J. Jinkins made a motion to accept the financial reports as they are now. Alderman David Galloway requested Alderman A.J. Jinkins to amend his motion to included accepting the financials as they are right now up to the point they are able to coincide with the CPA financial records. Alderman A.J. Jinkins agreed. Alderman David Galloway seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

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

*Mayor Corey Thomas stated that hopefully the county will get started on Robinhood as they have everything and the village has ordered the pipe. He stated they have not ordered the rock as that part will not come until next year. Mayor Thomas stated that pretty much everything else is on hold until all their ducks are in a row. He mentioned they will need to have TXDOT come in to a council meeting or a drainage meeting to start hammering them about the outfalls. Alderman Glen Jordan stated he would rather it be for a drainage meeting so they can discuss East Stephen F Austin. Mayor Corey Thomas stated there will need to be a work order put in with the county as the other on was put in improper and they will have to see what they can do about that. He stated the pipe will need to ripped out and set correctly so it does not cause anything.*

**d.** Discuss and consider updates on the regaining jurisdiction for the water from the Texas PUC.

*Mayor Corey Thomas stated that Gordon Schlemmer has everything and he wants to sit down with Mayor Thomas first to go over it and that will be within the next week. He stated if it is very pressing they will call a special called meeting, but if not it will wait until next month.*

**e.** Discuss and consider reviewing and updating each section of the employee handbook.

*Alderman David Galloway stated he thinks this should be in a workshop instead. City Secretary Lauren Grayson stated she has checked with Oyster Creek, Danbury and Surfside with what they did for their employee sick time and vacation time and how it is accrued. She stated Oyster Creek is 12 hours a month with a maximum of 300 hours and they offer 32 hours per year for family sick but it is a use it or lose it situation. She continued with Danubury had 8 hours a month with a maximum of 96 and Surfside is 40 hours a year with a max of 240 which is 30 days worth and their policy says if you are not there more than 50% of that month you do not accrue. Alderman David Galloway responded with, he believes there should be a workshop so people from the community and the employees could have an input and what comes out of the workshop could be brought to council and council could go down the list and say yay or nay.*

**f.** Discuss and consider addressing any items that were released by any publication.

*No new publications to address.*

**g.** Discuss and consider update on for current internet provider for City Hall.

*City Secretary Lauren Grayson stated the tech was out and got everything switched except for the server because they are working on it as the company that we contract to accept our web payments does not have a solution on how their system will work with Starlink. That part of the system is still on Btel, however they are working on fixing that. Alderman Glen Jordan requested a monthly update on the internet services until it is fixed.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider administering the Oath of Office to the newly elected Aldermen.

*Changed to Item* ***A. 2:***

*City Secretary Lauren Grayson administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Alderman Mike Chilcote.*

*City Secretary Lauren Grayson administered the Oath of Office to reelected Alderman A.J. Jinkins and Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty.*

**b.** EXECUTIVE SESSION 551.074 Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting. (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

*6:20pm: Alderman Glen Jordan made a motion to enter into executive session. Alderman A.J. Jinkins seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.*

*7:07pm: Alderman Glen Jordan made a motion to leave executive session. Alderman A.J. Jinkins seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**c.** Discuss and consider taking action on any item discussed in the executive session.

*Alderman Mike Chilcote made a motion to hire Ms. Anderson to look into the city’s situation. Alderman David Galloway requested it be amended to state to hire Ms. Anderson with the negotiated price and 1099 for her services. Alderman Mike Chilcote amended his motion. Alderman David Galloway seconded the amended motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**d.** Discuss and consider accepting Ordinance 563 canvassing of the election results.

*Mayor Corey Thomas stated as everyone is aware our aldermen ran uncontested and got his spot, however the proposition did not pass. He stated they were 6 votes shy of passing. He then stated it will be discussed next meeting. Alderman A.J Jinkins made a motion to accept Ordinance 563. Alderman Glen Jordan seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**e.** Discuss and consider the information about deterring vape pens use near youth centered facilities.

*Mayor Corey Thomas stated he had a lady reach out through email that is with Family Life Church and she is reaching out to all the surrounding city officials wanting to take action to prevent further harm and partner with local churches and schools and health advocates to host awareness sessions for parents and students and use city channels to help educate the public about the risks. She goes on to say she would like to explore city ordinances to restrict the sell or marketing near schools and youth center facilities. Alderman David Galloway stated this individual could provide the content that informs the public and if it is provided to council, if the council sees fit for it to be put onto the city pages as it should just be informational. He then stated that if it is something that may have cannabis then it is to the Marshal’s Office to keep it our of our stores. He mentioned that council is only able to inform that these things have been brought to our attention. He then commented that he is unaware if the city would be able to create an ordinance with any legality on the enforcement side. Attorney Joseph Hayes commented that it is possible and a lot of cities have the ordinances that state you cannot have a vape within a certain number of feet from a school or some spacing so it does not interfere with the sell of some of the products but it is more on distance from certain buildings. Alderman A.J. Jinkins stated he is not sure what she is asking in the long run but she had said she would be honored to meet or speak to explore collaboration. He mentioned the schools have Red Ribbon Week and do have people that come and speaks on the effects of synthetic drugs all the time as well as churches so he would like to know what she is asking and what we could do as a city government. Alderman David Galloway made a motion to have City Secretary Lauren Grayson and Mayor Corey Thomas engage the attorney to provide an ordinance that has been drafted by other locations that would work here restricting the sell of vape pins with TCH within the most allowed feet or yards or measurements for churches and schools. Alderman Mike Chilcote seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**f.** Discuss and consider appointing Ms. Tori Johnson to the beautification committee.

*Alderman A.J. Jinkins made a motion to appoint Ms. Tori Johnson to the beautification committee. Alderman Mike Chilcote seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**g.** Discuss and consider estimated property values from BCAD.

*Mayor Corey Thomas went over the estimated property value that is in the council agenda packet. He stated it is 6k more than last year. City Secretary Lauren Grayson stated it is June that Ms. Belanek is wanting it to be set in the calendar to approve the rate and budget and July is when the ball starts rolling and the last day in September is when everything is to be adopted and set.*

**h.** Discuss and consider approving the resignation of Michael Chilcote from the Zoning and Planning Commission.

*Changed to item* ***A 1****.:*

*Alderman David Galloway made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Chilcote from the Zoning and Planning Commission. Alderman A.J. Jinkins seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

1. Discuss and consider taking action on Ordinance 564, pipeline ordinance to require fees for new and existing pipeline within the City Limits.

*Attorney Joseph Hayes spoke on the restrictions and what would be allowed to be done. He provided information from other cities to give examples on what the city would be allowed to charge. Tabled until information from the attorney is able to be reviewed.*

**j.** Discuss and consider the suggested revisions, from the Zoning and Planning Commission, RV emergency evacuations and consistent living.

*Mayor Corey Thomas read allowed the revisions suggested such as defining the different types of recreation vehicles. He then read the recommendations from the Zoning and Planning Committee for updated rules as well. Mayor Corey Thomas stated the previous rules were very vague and now it is more defined and detailed. He stated the only new addition really is the rule about being roadworthy and the monthly log. The council stated this is more of defining what Recreational Vehicles are in this ordinance. Mayor Thomas stated it would be the RV park that would provide the list of everyone’s names, phone numbers, plate numbers and all of the vehicles at the site so if there is an evacuation and a truck is left behind, we don’t think someone is there. The manager of the RV park stated he just needs to know what rules he needs to give to the guests that check in. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty made a motion to approve the recommendations from the Zoning Committee and send them to the attorney with the existing ordinance and have them draft a new ordinance. Alderman David Galloway seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

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

**for Council announcements only**

1. Expression of thanks, congratulations, etc.

*Mayor Corey Thomas and Alderman David Galloway thanked the newly elected alderman and the reelected for putting their names out there.*

1. Reminder of upcoming events organized by the Village.

Alderman Mike Chilcote reminded everyone that school is about to be out for the summer so keep an eye out for children and obey the speed limits.

1. Information regarding Community events outside of the Village.

*None.*

1. Announcements of public threats to health or safety.

*Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty stated they are still fighting a serious fight to save Stephen F Austin and this is not over. She stated they are not cooperating at all and making it very difficult for the teachers and the students out there for the upcoming year so it is very important for all of us to show our support for our community and the teachers that our staying as well as the new teachers and the new principal.*

*Alderman A.J. Jinkins stated the toll bridge going towards Galveston will be removed soon.*

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*None.*

**9. ADJOURN**

*7:47pm: Alderman David Galloway made a motion to adjourn. Alderman A.J. Jinkins seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was on the official Bulletin Board at City Hall on the 16th day of

May no later than 5:30 p.m.

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 Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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