**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 August 19, 2025, 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.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** *6:00 pm*

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *Mayor Corey Thomas led the invocation and pledges recited by all*

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** *Alderman Glenn Jordan, Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty, Mayor Corey Thomas, Alderman Mike Chilcote all present. Alderman David Galloway, and Alderman AJ Jinkins absent.*

**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. Noska commented on the traffic and the need for traffic lights to control the speed of the trucks. These trucks cannot stop easily, and someone will get killed by these trucks speeding through here. Mr. R. Thomas- just a reminder that the fire department will be having the annual barbeque fundraiser on September 20, 2025, brisket chicken and the works, at Stephen F. Austin elementary school this year from 11am to 3pm, we will have a live auction this year.*

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

**a.** Discuss and consider accepting the minutes from the regular council meeting on July 29, and the Special Called Meeting & Budget Workshop August 12, 2025. *Alderman Mike Chilcote makes a motion to accept the minutes, Alderman Glenn Jordan seconds the motion, all approve, none oppose, and motion passes.*

**b.** Discuss and consider accepting the financial reports from all departments. *Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty makes a motion to accept the reports from all of the departments, but not the financials until they have been verified by our accountant. Alderman Mike Chilcote seconds the motion, all approve, none opposed, and motion passes.*

**c.** Discuss and consider any updates on new or ongoing drainage issues. *Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty questions where are we at, getting the state come to talk to us about the drainage with the highway. Marshal Tidwell informed the Alderwoman that they did come to talk to the streets and drainage committee. Alderwoman Hardesty asked why they did not come to a regular meeting? Mayor Corey Thomas adds after the drainage meeting, we met Mr. Hanks, the county engineer, and they are currently looking into it because it will affect the county. But the are not getting a response from TXDOT. Marshal Tidwell added that the construction for the dirty foundation at the tank farm for pump station is at 4ft and they are still going up, that will affect us also. Alderman Glenn Jordan adds that they said at the meeting that they would clean out the outfalls. Marshal Tidwell says when he talked to the people (TXDOT) they were only going to clean one of the outfalls and they have 9. We will have to stay on this, just like with the county, they are not getting a response from them. Mayor Corey says he will be reaching out to Mr. Vasut’s office and Ms. Huffman. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty states she would like to get an open-door meeting with them and let residents tell them how worried they are about what’s going on with the highway and that the state is not taking any of that into consideration. They are our representatives, and we can get them here. Mr. Perry- seeing how deep those ditches are, I don’t see them draining much of nothing. We have flat land, and the ditches are deep that they are going to just hold water. Mayor Corey Thomas-that was their intention, to hold that water for so long, at 304 they will be putting in 3 x5box(culvert) to let that water out to travel down 304 to County Road 301. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty stated that she is very adamant that we need to be proactive on this situation. Now with them running out of money, and us be the recipient of the water that’s going to be coming, we really need to be proactive. That we can say that we have done everything we can to protect ourselves. The other thing that I ask the Marshal is if we need to do some kind of study or report is required to have red lights? I also have the same concerns that Mr. Noska has about the amount of traffic coming through this town. I would like to see a light at Stephen F Austin, where we had a blinker and possibly at Peach Point as well. Marshal Tidwell says that is something that we will have to petition the state to do that. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty restates being proactive on that safety element of the highway that we can have a part of. I would like to move forward on that and not look back in hindsight at “we should have done this to get a stop light or more culverts”. No one is looking out for us but us. Alderman Mike Chilcote asked Marshal Tidwell if he had any idea what the speed limit will be going through town? Marshal Tidwell answers that at this point it will be 55… 50 through the main part of town 55 down there, just like it used to be. The port is going to try to up that, they already said that. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty say that’s why we need to get it slowed down like Brazoria already has the lights otherwise its going to be dangerous. Mr. Noska adds that I used to drive trucks, those trucks can’t stop going 55 mph. Alderman Mike Chilcote, Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty and Marshal Tidwell discuss the streets that need red light (Stephen F Austin, Peach Point and Smith) to keep the traffic slow moving through town. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty states unlike Brazoria that had businesses, we have residences that are on the highway they have 35(mph) through their town why shouldn’t we have 35 (mph) through our town. I don’t know how we go about that Corey (Mayor Corey Thomas) I would like to see that go see that get into motion. Alderman Glenn Jordan add to say we are not proactive on the drainage we have been having multiple meetings with state highway department, and our local farmer and rancher from the area. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty says she thinks we need state representation on our side. Alderman Glenn Jordan add that we have been doing our job. There is only so much we can do. Marshal Tidwell adds that its not just the right of ways but the state right of ways come all the way to Stephen F Austin Road then over to Perry’s property. Alderman Glenn Jordan says that there is no where for it to go am I not Correct. It was last year that we had a discussion at the drainage meeting. We have had the drainage district out here. We have to go through these rancher’s land and a lot of them don’t want them digging up their property. We are kind of at a standstill. Mr. Perry (property owner) adds when we have a big rain look over there and water will be halfway up my gate but drive to the end of my property there won’t be much water because that land slopes there is only one drainage ditch and Stephen f Austin is a damn. Digging a ditch across me won’t move much water under this road. Rocky Thomas adds we have several things working against us. One the San Bernard is all silted in and, two they are taking out the west gates in the Brazos. I have talked to Joe Huffman about finding someplace to put a retention pond that would have some pumps. Mr. Perry is right that when they put those box culverts in, it’s going to be bad. Mr. Noska comments that the refuge is putting screw gates in, that’s where all of our water would go, out in that pasture and into the intercoastal. Alderman Glenn Jordan suggests we have the refuge at the next drainage meeting so we can ask them about that. Mayor Corey Thomas states that the County will be starting our road plan, I don’t know whether they are going to start with Bow and Arrow or on Terrance, they will be starting on that maybe tomorrow. They will start cutting grass and removing that. Other than that, is there anything else on streets and drainage? Alderman Glenn Jordan adds that there is starting to get a bad place on Lee Avenue a hump from a ditch crossing we need to look at that. Then there are the three roads off of 36, there at meadow one of them is in pretty bad shape.*

**d.** Discuss and consider addressing any items that were released by any publication. *Mayor Corey Thomas states to his knowledge that there was nothing.*

**e.** Discuss and consider the institute a Flag Program in Jones Creek. *Item is tabled until Alderman Galloway is in attendance.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider renewing cooperative agreement with Lemons Auctioneers. *Alderman Glenn Jordan makes a motion to renew the cooperative agreement with Lemons Auctioneers, Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty seconds the motion, all approved, none opposed, motion passes.*

**b.** Discuss and consider taking action on Resolution 2025-08 Opioid Abatement settlement from Purdue Pharma. *Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty makes a motion to approve resolution 2025-08 Opioid settlement from Purdue Pharma, Alderman Glenn Jordan seconds the motion, all approve, none oppose, and motion passes.*

**c.** Discuss and consider taking action to renew that interlocal agreement between the Village and Brazoria County. *Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty makes a motion to approve the interlocal agreement between the Village and Brazoria County, Alderman Mike Chilcote seconds the motion, all approve, none opposed, motion passed*

**d.** Discuss and consider taking action recommendation of the Zoning and Planning Commission on Ordinance 565 defining the definition of a Recreational Vehicle and requiring RV parks to provide rental information to OEM via City Hall. *City Secretary Lauren Grayson asked if there were any changes that suggested to Ordinance 565. She said yes that the state doesn’t require RV inspections but requires them to be registered with the state. That was the only change, and the word in the ordinance was changed to registration as per the city attorney. Alderman Mike Chilcote makes a motion to approve Ordinance 565, defining the definition of RV and requiring the RV parks to provide rental information to the OEM (Office of Emergency Management) via city hall. Alderman Glenn Jordan seconds the motion, all approve, none oppose, motion passes.*

**e.** Discuss and consider finalizing the budget for the 25-26 fiscal year. *Mayor Corey Thomas introduces the budget for the 25-26 fiscal year. Alderman Glenn Jordan asks if they will be going through it line item by line item. Mayor Coey Thomas answers that we will go through it so see if anything needs to be changed or discussed. It is brought to the attention of the council that the interest rates on CDs are projected to drop at the start of the next quarter. Outside revenue-there are no question no changes made. Permits and Fees- there no changes made, but Alderman Mike Chilcote asked if the pipeline permitting was a tentative estimate. Mayor Corey Thomas answered that is was a tentative amount until we get an actual map of the lines. Marshal Tidwell added that we contacted 811, they are supposed to be mailing the Village a map. Also, there is a list of fees that surfside is charging for fees. Service fees and Income – no questions and no changes. Expenditures payroll- Marshal Tidwell asked about payroll that budgeted for the departments. City Secretary answers that it was the increases that were discussed during the budget workshop. Mayor Corey Thomas asks if there are any further questions. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty asks why there is nothing budgeted for a direct deposit fee? City Secretary Lauren Grayson answers that the current system doesn’t charge a direct deposit fee that the previous system did. Administrative fee - Marshal Tidwell asks about the newspaper fees if we can advertise online instead of using the paper to get out paying that. City Secretary will check into other means of advertising that in the paper. Insurance Mayor Corey Thomas states that it did go up a little. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty asks if the windstorm insurance will stay the same. City Secretary answers that the insurance renews at the end of the month, that it is the same price as the previous year. Professional fees- Mayor Corey Thomas states that the bookkeeping fees will remain as a buffer for extra expenses for the auditor. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty asks about council expenses. Mayor Corey Thomas answers that it is to cover the costs for council members to attend the BCCA events. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty asks about the copier maintenance, is in fact what we are contracted is going to be for the year? City Secretary Lauren Grayson answers the contracted rate of the copiers but if contracted amount is exceeded that will be higher. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty asks to confirm that there is a small buffer in the event the contract amount is exceeded? Marshal’s department – Mayor Corey Thomas asks Marshal Tidwell if they were able to get a better price on cellular communications for the department. Marshal Tidwell answers that amount proposed looks about right, and all other budgeted amounts will stay the same. Court department’s budget has no changes. Street Maintenance -no other changes made to maintenance budget. Trash service- no changes made. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty comments that she is comfortable with the buffer that is in the budget.*

**f.** Discuss and consider finalizing the tax rate for the 25-26 fiscal year.

*Mayor Corey Thomas calls for a motion to approve the proposed tax rate the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year to be .52. Nicole Hardesty calls for a motion to approve the proposed tax rate at .52, Alderman Mike Chilcote seconds the motion, all approve, none oppose, motion passes*

**g.** Discuss and consider taking action on the final documentation for the ARPA Grant closeout. *Alderman Glenn Jordan asked about the amounts that will be spent on the road repairs. City Secretary Lauren Grayson answers that after the repairs are made that the village submitted to the Count for the 2025 road plan there may be some funds left over. That the grant administrator has been contact on the option that we have exhausted the funds. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty asks when will the County be done with the work so we will know what will have? Mayor Corey Thomas estimates that it should take more than a month to complete work to be done on the road plan, and any remaining funds could be used to replace plastic pipe and tin horns that remain. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty makes a motion to sign the final documentation to close out the ARPA Grant, Alderman Mike Chilcote seconds the motion, all approve, none oppose, motion passes.*

**h.** Discuss and take action on Pipeline ordinance being instituted as approved. *Item to be tabled until the next meeting*

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

**for Council announcements only**

**a.** Expression of thanks, congratulations, etc. *Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty expresses pride that the students at Stephen F Austin Elementary earned 3 distinctions this year and the kids are going to succeed. Igniting a bigger “fire” to save the school, the kids were put in a worse situation, by having their teacher taken out of the schools and they still exceeded. The district took the lunch program away this summer. The Beautification Committee stepped up to feed these children for the summer. The school needs to be saved; it is suggested that the group working to save the school come up with a way to let the public know when the school district meeting are. Marshal Tidwell suggests that the group working to save the school hold a town meeting to update everyone about the school.*

 **b**. Reminder of upcoming events organized by the Village. *Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty announces that Beautification will be having a meeting Aug 20th and that they are working on an exhibit of sustainability. It a sustainable chicken house; the chickens are fed, the chicken excrement is used as fertilizer and the water system. this will be used to educate on sustainability.*

*Alderman Glenn Jordan suggests to maybe have the Brazoria County Ag. Come out to our BCCA when it is our turn to host the dinner.*

*Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty announces that the master gardener is will be at the meeting tomorrow night at 6pm.*

 **c.** Information regarding Community events outside of the Village. *Sept 20, the Fire Department BBQ and Auction*

 **d**. Announcements of public threats to health or safety. *Mayor Corey Thomas warns to be ware of the heat, watch traffic and school zones. That work has resumed on 36.*

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*None*

**9. ADJOURN**  *7:11 pm. Alderman Mike Chilcote makes a motion to adjourn, Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty seconds the motion, all approve, none oppose, motion passes.*

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was on the official Bulletin Board at City Hall on the 15th day of

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 Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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