



## Village of Jones Creek

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### CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The Board of Alderman of the Village of Jones Creek, Texas will hold a Special Called Council Meeting on August 28, 2023 at the Village Hall Located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road beginning at 6:00pm 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** *6:00pm*
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE** *Mayor Terry Jeffers- led invocation. Pledges by all.*
3. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS** *Alderman Glen Jordan- present. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- present. Mayor Terry Jeffers- present. Alderman Corey Thomas- present. Alderman David Galloway- present. Alderman A.J. Jenkins- absent.*
4. **COMMUNICATION OF VISITORS** *None.*  
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
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. None.
6. **NEW BUSINESS.**
  - a. Discuss and consider the funds needed to complete the streets projects already in progress on Smith Street, Live Oak Drive, Frontier Lane, and East Stephen F. Austin Road.

Mayor Jeffers- We have documents in our packet. The cost of materials has sky-rocketed. Total cost of all these projects about 325k? City Secretary Lauren Grayson- That's what the county put the estimate at. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Don't we have 167k to do Smith? Alderman Corey Thomas- \$169,677 is what we had for Smith. and then \$75,061. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- This gives us 71k+50k because we have 50k left over from Smith, so that's 120k and 114k is what? Alderman David Galloway- Why is it left over from Smith? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- It was only 114k and we got paid 169k. We thought it was going to be that way and we had spoken about using the savings on Smith on East Stephen F Austin, Frontier, and Live Oak. Alderman Corey Thomas- Frontier and Live Oak are paid for by the FEMA grant and I think we're short like \$4000. If you add up Frontier and Live Oak. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Hold on, I thought you just said 71k? Alderman Corey Thomas- \$75,061.80. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- That's what we have from the grant that's supposed to do East Stephen F Austin and Frontier. Alderman Corey Thomas- So Frontier and Live Oak are paid for but we're short 3 or 4k. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- But East Stephen F Austin, doesn't it need more than Live Oak? Alderman Corey Thomas- No, Live Oak is actually falling apart. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- OK, I'm raising my hand here. What I remember and correct me if I'm wrong but I said this to Lauren the other day that we talked about going down Live Oak from the church down until we, is that the piece that's already done? So are we not starting there? Alderman Corey Thomas- So the FEMA grant only did the dead end to Mark Miles house is. And we actually cut that short we're gonna save \$1000. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- But East SFA has to be done too. Alderman Glen Jordan- You said we were just gonna overlay Stephen F Austin. Alderman Corey Thomas- I wouldn't, and I talked to my boss about it and he said he wouldn't do it either. It might last a year or 2 but then it's just gonna crumble apart like it is now. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I agree, we should do it right or not at all. Mayor Terry Jeffers- On this page it tells you theres 1200ft of Live Oak and 4225ft of East SFA, 1500 Frontier. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- So why can't we use ARPA grant to finish the rest of it? Mayor Terry Jeffers- We can. Alderman Corey Thomas- It's not gonna be 112k. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- David are you adding this? Alderman David Galloway- Yeah, I'm doing multiple different options. Mayor Terry Jeffers- It looks like it would be about around 80-85k out of the ARPA fund. Alderman David Galloway- Yes 80,275 would come out of that. Frontier Lane and Live Oak if they're together and paid for out of the grant then you've got...Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- we have the money left over from Smith. Alderman Glen Jordan- Are we allowed to use the money out of Smith? Alderman David Galloway- we have \$4286.20 is the Delta. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- William, (Marshal Tidwell) you were one that negotiated all of that Smith Road. Are we allowed to use that money? Marshal Tidwell- Yes we can use that anyway we want to. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Ok, so it's not restricted? The grant money is though. Alderman David Galloway- Then we end up getting \$169,677.50 from Center point for x amount of damages thats what is on this page right here. With that amount of money you have East Stephen F Austin is 131k then you have Smith Street is 114k respectfully so we've gotta look at how to apply that money the best. Do we take the largest one and apply that to East SFA? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- And then have 39k left over to put towards Smith Road? Alderman Corey Thomas- No, so They're starting Smith tomorrow. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- They can't start anything until we decide though, right? Alderman Corey Thomas- They can start whenever. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Not if we're paying for it. Alderman Corey Thomas- The money for Smith is there in the account. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- So someone tell me what we're even doing here then. Alderman Corey Thomas- We're \$80,000 short. The big deal is getting the ARPA to pay for it. That's what we're here for. We have to allocate it, we cant just say use that. Alderman David Galloway- We got \$114,000, \$111,000 that's unallocated from the ARPA funds. And we're gonna go ahead and put 80k of that to put towards that. That's what being asked? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- David can you please tell me your math there so I understand. What is it that we're short? How much exactly are we short? Alderman David Galloway- \$80,275. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- That's with the surplus? Mayor Terry Jeffers- It's gonna be between 80-85k because they keep finding stuff. Alderman Corey Thomas- there's no more road crossings we're doing. I checked those Thursday. East Stephen F has already been done drainage wise. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- So the driveways aren't included in this? Alderman Corey Thomas- No. We'll have to talk about that here in a minute. The emergency we had to do the other day road crossing was failing and they're doing another one hopefully Thursday. Because we don't wanna lay that road and then come back and cut into it. So we went ahead and just put that pipe, and really what was it 24 ft that we had to steal from East SFA? City Secretary Lauren Grayson- Yes. Alderman Corey Thomas- So that's all we need to buy. That's what we need to replace for that. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- So will that then take money off East Stephen F Austin? Alderman Corey Thomas- No, it could but, did you get a quote for that pipe? Lauren Grayson- No I'm waiting for them to get back with me. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- How much do we have left in the ARPA? Alderman David Galloway- \$111,148.67. That would cover our Delta of 80k. That only leaves us roughly \$30,838.71. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- What about the amount verses the approved amount here? Like the software we didn't use and the Funview in here so that's 24k that's allocated so we still have that money so we have 18 of the 24k. What do we actually have left? It looks like 149k. We allocated stuff. Mayor Jeffers- Unallocated, 111k. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- But we allocated stuff we're not using. Alderman Glen Jordan- I thought we were looking into getting software? City Secretary Lauren Grayson- We could use the tech fund to offset that 21k for Incode. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- We also have like 60k that William got each for the vehicles And those weren't 60k each. That's another addition to what we have left. Alderman Corey Thomas- Did we move all of the CD's over or do we still have the CD's? City Secretary Lauren Grayson- yes we have 2. One of them matures in October and the other one matures in December. Alderman Corey Thomas- I'm not 100% sure that we would have to pay the county right away. Alderman Glen Jordan- Everytime we start with this it keeps getting pushed back. and then it's more. We either need to fix it or. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- What I need to know, is this going to fix it and we're not going to hear about it again? I need to know this is what's going to finally fix East SFA and Frontier

and the end of Live Oak is just being pieced nailing together I guess? Alderman Corey Thomas- The end of Live Oak is not bad at all. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I just really need to know that in 6 months we're not be talking again about spending money on East Stephen F. Austin and Frontier. Alderman Corey Thomas- you have what if factors all the time when it comes to the roads. The heat is taking a toll on all of our roads. This ground is dried up and cracking and cracking the roads. There's nothing that can be done about that. Alderman Glen Jordan- Every so many years with the county we have only so much allotted to fix either drainage or roads, correct? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- It's every 2 years. Alderman Corey Thomas- So every 3 years we get HUD money. HUD is different than our interlocal. Now with interlocal's ditch work goes towards your roads. So if we want a mile of ditch cut then we can only get 2 miles of road work done. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- That grant money was what paid for the beginning of Live Oak. We should get that in 2 more years or next year. Marshal William Tidwell- Let me ask you a question, on Smith theres places that are bad are, most of this a lot is good are we repairing that bad place or are we just going over the bad? Alderman Corey Thomas- so, the only spots that are bad are on the county end. Marshal Tidwell- Towards the highway has broken off and dipped down. The county came out to give a bid for how much it would cost to do that. They're the ones that came up with that \$169,000. That was due to some of that being repaired that was bad and that was not as far down the county end. We may need to talk about before you get to Singleton. Are you gonna pave over that? It's gonna look awful. Alderman Corey Thomas- Both, or pretty much all the foreman's agree to just lay it and not tear it up. Alderman Glen Jordan- Do they guarantee their work? Alderman Corey Thomas- Yeah, I probably wouldn't ask that question to the county. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Why? Alderman Corey Thomas- Why would you ask them if they guarantee their work? Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Cuz, if it breaks up in a year are they gonna fix it? Alderman Corey Thomas- That's that what if factor. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Is that not written into a contract? Someone does work at my house and it breaks in a year I have a warranty they're gonna fix it. Alderman Corey Thomas- Do we actually have all the writing of the interlocal? Lauren Grayson- It's in my office, we have a new one that's about to take in effect. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Obviously 10 years or 5 I'm not gonna hold them to it but a year? I think I would want them to fix it. Alderman Corey Thomas- We would have to look over that interlocal. Alderman Glen Jordan- We'd probably have to go to the commissioners or something like that. Alderman Corey Thomas- The set up crew foreman and the asphalt foreman said we'd be fine just to lay it over and go on. Marshal Tidwell- How thick would it be? Alderman Corey Thomas- 3 inches. Marshal Tidwell- above where it's at right now? Alderman Corey Thomas- Yes. 2 1/2 to 3 inches. Alderman Glen Jordan- You just said the foreman said it's gonna be good, so, it's in record. Alderman David Galloway- As far as the dollar amounts go what's been spent and what we have remaining is the \$149,206.53 from the ARPA fund, because the other items won't be spent like Funview won't be spent. And that includes the earned interest? If we take the 80k that's needed and that leaves us 68,931.24 in the ARPA after this 80,000 hit. Mayor Jeffers- Right, and that's basically the decision we need to make here. Alderman Glen Jordan- So this is not gonna go or when do you think they're gonna go to East Stephen F and all the other places? Do you know? Alderman Corey Thomas- We don't have a date. We're finishing up, or we've got maybe a mile left in Richwood so I will give it 3-4 weeks maybe. Alderman Glen Jordan Every time we say something, I know it was supposed to get fixed in July right? Alderman Corey Thomas- The way the county works, the county is gonna take care of county roads first. We always do our interlocals in the summertime. Mayor Jeffers- When are they planning on doing the county part of Smith Street? Alderman Corey Thomas- They're starting asphalt tomorrow. They're either gonna start at the county part or at 36 and move in. That's up to the lay down crew, asphalt crew. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- How long are these prices guaranteed for? Alderman Corey Thomas- until the price goes up. Mayor Jeffers- We're just paying for materials. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- ok, but if we agree tonight to this, these are the prices we're agreeing to. Alderman Corey Thomas- We've already agreed to these they just whe prices goes up I don't know if the county handles inflation or not. Obviously not because the price is more than it was the first time. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- We have to be guaranteed these prices for X amount of time. Alderman Corey Thomas- That I do not know. It would be in the interlocal. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Lauren could you read the interlocal and cuz what if it comes back again and it's now 140k we're short and now all of the grant money is gone or we spent it on something else and we're not gonna be able to do the job. Alderman Corey Thomas- It won't go up that much. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- They have to guarantee the price. Alderman Glen Jordan- It's like the beef market you can't guarantee it. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- so David when you bid a job, you guarantee your prices a month, or 2 months? Alderman David Galloway- In normal time yes. In normal, pre-covid it would've been guaranteed for a period of time. I would project to the distributor when the job would actually happen and they would give me a price to cover a year to that point. Now with this material manufacturer or distributor because we're inter local we're getting county pricing on material but they're not holding the distributor to the county still gets the fluctuate. So the county can't say give me the loss. Since I don't deal specifically with these actual items in my day to day I don't know how much they fluctuate. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- So if we pay for this? Alderman David Galloway- We're not paying for this we're signing that we're approving to pay that dollar amount. The problem for me and I do want to go on record; I'm not against fixing the streets. Because as a city we do not have that large amount of free available capital to do anything with which has been great having the ARPA money we've been able to do stuff. We're running into the height of the storm season in the gulf. If we go ahead and allot and assign this money over there, just realizing we'll only have a certain amount left to do anything for the community in the event that we do get inundated with something, I just want to put it out there. I'm not saying this is the wrong decision moving forward, I'm just saying there is a position against being able to do that. Alderman Glen Jordan- You still have to have roads to travel on. Alderman David Galloway- They're not dirt right now. We could always wait til next summer. I would've been happier to hear they started with East SFA as far as towards the 169 and that way we could've found a way to do across Smith street at a later point in time. After we got a little bit further in the weather season. But because they started on the other one it put us in a situation where funds are limited. Alderman Corey Thomas- It shouldn't be the 114k. Because they've already cut it back 150ft almost. They're will be more money left over. They're gonna do the same thing to East Stephen F. The state is gonna in so far with concrete. I'm assuming each one is 150ft. That's state right of way. So that takes off 300ft. of East Stephen F, so we'll have 38 something instead of 42. Marshal Tidwell- You're talking East SFA but on Smith street? Alderman Corey Thomas- So Smith Street is gonna be 6,050ft instead of 6,200 cut off 100ft. or 150ft. That's the state. Alderman Glen Jordan- That should be a significant amount of savings? Alderman Corey

*Thomas- Especially when you're going at a rate of 18 per foot. Alderman David Galloway- The other side of this is if we didn't have the ARPA and if covid hadn't hit we wouldn't of that that anyways. These people have been promised this work for a long time. Having 68k or 69k after being able to get the work completed I think I'm in favor of it. Alderman Corey Thomas- Makes a motion to approve \$81,000 of the ARPA to finish East Stephen F Austin, Frontier and Live Oak and Smith Street. Alderman David Galloway- Seconds Motion. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Could we include we're not going to use any additional ARPA money for anything until after storm season. Alderman Corey Thomas- I would say that. Unless it's absolutely emergency. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- I just don't want to use it on software or printers, copiers. Things that are not essential. Alderman Corey Thomas- I would assume copiers are essential. Alderwoman Nicole Hardesty- Oh, we already approved the copiers. Alderman Davis Galloway- Here's the other side of that, The prices on that was 3k for the colored and 2500 for the black and white? Lauren Grayson- Yes. Alderman David Galloway- So 2 would be only 6,000. We just approved a total amount of 85,000 and the total is if they're cutting back 150ft on smith and 300 on SFA I think we'd be able to go forward on this. At least they'd be able to copy stuff. Mayor Terry Jeffers- Motion has been made and seconded. All in favor say Aye. All- Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.*

7. ADJOURNMENT 6:28pm

### CERTIFICATION

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Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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