

Minutes,
September 20, 2016

The Village of Jones Creek Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present; Mayor Gordon Schlemmer, Terry Jeffers, Rocky Thomas, and Glenn Jordan. Jack Taylor and David Doyle were absent.

The invocation was given by Bro. Brent Pittman of the Jones Creek Baptist Church.

The pledge to the flag was said by all.

There was no business of visitors.

The Minutes of August 16th, 2016 were accepted as presented after a motion and second were heard from Mr. Rocky Thomas and Mr. Terry Jeffers. All were in favor.

Monthly reports were accepted by a motion from Mr. Terry Jeffers, and a second from Mr. Glenn Jordan. All were in agreement, motion carried.

Motion to close regular meeting session and go into the public hearing regarding the FY 2016/2017 budget was heard from Mr. Terry Jeffers. With a second from Mr. Rocky Thomas, all were in favor, and motion carried.

Mayor Gordon Schlemmer gave a brief explanation of the proposed budget. There were no questions from the audience or the council members. Mr. Glenn Jordan made to close the public hearing and return to regular session. Mr. Terry Jeffers seconded the motion with all in favor.

Mr. Rocky Thomas made the motion to approve the FY 16/17 Budget as presented. Mr. Terry Jeffers seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Glenn Jordan made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.410000, which is effectively a 12.06 percent increase in the tax rate. Mr. Terry Jeffers seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Mr. Bobby Cast's resignation from the Board of Adjustments was accepted by a motion made by Mr. Rocky Thomas. Mr. Terry Jeffers seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Terry Jeffers made the motion to appoint Mr. John Rice to the vacant Board of Adjustment seat, with a second from Mr. Glenn Jordan. All were in favor, motion carried.

The adoption of the Jones Creek Codification of Ordinance was accepted by a motion made by Mr. Terry Jeffers. Mr. Rocky Thomas seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

A brief discussion was heard regarding options for the properties along the highway owed by the Village of Jones Creek. Mr. Terry Jeffers made a motion to obtain appraisals for both properties. Mr. Rocky Thomas seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Mr. Rocky Thomas made a motion to allow the storage building a city hall to be built without purchasing windstorm insurance on it and to have the proper doors installed on it. Mr. Glenn Jordan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The council heard concerns from residents regarding speeding on Peach Point Road and the suggestion of install a stop sign on Peach Point Road at Sailfish. Mr. Terry Jeffers made a motion to table this line item until we can consider pricing for solar flashing lights to be installed. Mr. Glenn Jordan seconded the motion, all were in favor.

The Council was informed of the decision the Board of Adjustment made regarding Mr. Brent Grahams property at 8650 Stephen F. Austin Rd.

Ten signs stating “Animal Control laws strictly enforced. No animal shall be at large. Fines imposed per city ordinance” have been ordered and will be installed throughout the city to help alleviate animal issues.


Mayor Gordon Schlemmer informed council that we were able to re-sign a contract the Sweeny Hospital District for EMS Services for next fiscal year.

Council was informed that the Marshal Office’s has received a grant through the Department of Justice to purchase police radios and in-car video systems.

Future agenda items are as follows:

- Options for City Properties
- Installation of flashing light on Peach Point Rd.

Mr. Rocky Thomas made the motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. With a second from Mr. Terry Jeffers, all were in favor, and motion carried.


Gordon Schlemmer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kimberly Morris, City Secretary/Administrator