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Village of

Jones Creek

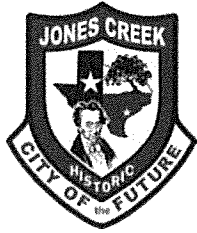
Proposed Annual Municipal Budget

October 1st, 2023 - September 30th,
2024

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Dear Board of Alderman,

This document was prepared for the Village of Jones Creek's General Fund for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Operating Budget in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 102. It was filed with the City Secretary/Administrator's Office on August 22nd, 2023, as prescribed by LGC §102.005.

BRIEF HISTORY OF JONES CREEK, TEXAS

Since this document is required by LGC §102.005(c) to be posted on the Village of Jones Creek's website, and will potentially be viewed by the general public, I have included a brief history of Jones Creek, Texas.

The Village of Jones Creek, Texas is located in Southwestern Brazoria County along Highway 36. It stretches for approximately 5 miles along Highway 36 and is about 2 miles wide. It is conveniently located close to Bryan Beach, Quintana Beach, and Surfside Beach, with excellent shopping and restaurants nearby in Lake Jackson, Freeport, and Brazoria.

With a current population of 1,985 per the 2020 census, it is home to Stephen F. Austin Elementary "The Pride of Jones Creek", several historical markers, and the original gravesite of Stephen F. Austin at the Gulf Prairie Cemetery.

Jones Creek is rich in history, which includes The Battle of Jones Creek, and the settlement of "The Old Three Hundred." What was once gorgeous plantations set among massive live oak trees, is now a quiet, picturesque community consisting of several churches, convenience stores, and other diverse businesses.

OVERVIEW

It is the goal of any government to provide detailed information to the tax payers of predicted expenses and revenues. Although, some things can be pre-determined, most items on the proposed budget are subject to vary due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances.

Included in the proposed budget is the adopted budget of revenues and expenses for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the 2022-2023 fiscal year. When predicting amounts for a proposed budget three previous fiscal year's revenues and expenditures, along with other documents, are used to

make upcoming predictions. Again, these numbers are a projection and are subject to change through council consideration by a budget amendment when an emergency situation applies.

REVENUE

It is my recommendation, to propose a tax rate of \$0.33000 per \$100. This tax rate is considered under the Voter Approval Rate as calculated by the Brazoria County Tax Assessor and Collector.

All other sources of revenue are predicted to remain similar as years past and some line items are accounted to have a slight increase due to rebounding from the national COVID-19 pandemic and economic inflation. Court fines are projected to decrease due to Hwy 36 expansion project.

EXPENDITURES

There are multiple key improved items to this proposed budget, along with the continual, yearly expenditures to maintain and operate the Village of Jones Creek. It is our goal to only expend funds as necessary to see to the day to day function of the City, and to stay within the guidelines set forth in the budget ordinance, once passed.

As in years past, the budget has included a line item for surplus expenses. This line item's expenditures have been eliminated due to lack of increase in revenue.

Currently the Village of Jones Creek has employed eight full-time employees and eight part-time employees. This includes members of the Jones Creek Marshal's Office Police Reserve Force. This budget does include funds for a fifth full time Marshal's Deputy, that was filled during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

	Administration	Marshal's Dept.	Municipal Court	Street Dept.	Total
Full-time	2	5	1	1	9
Part-time	0	1	1	0	2

This budget does propose a 1% raise for all employees. Village of Jones Creek employees were given a \$4 an hour raise through the American Rescue Plan act the previous fiscal year. That additional wage will continue into this budget year. This budget does not include funds for additional full-time or part-time staffing.

Also to note, the cost for retirement was decreased from a rate of 5.85% to 5.00% as indicated by the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

There are no other significant notations to the expenditures of this proposed budget. All other items are general day-to-day operation costs.

CONCLUSION

This proposed budget is shown in comparison to the current fiscal year's 2022-2023 adopted budget and fiscal year's 2021-2022 adopted budget; however, please note the current year's budget is due to change via a budget amendment.

I encourage you to review the proposed budget closely and look forward to your input at the upcoming City Council meeting. If you have any other questions please feel free to let me know.

Respectfully,

Terry Jeffers, Mayor
Village of Jones Creek, Texas

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Municipal Budget

**Fiscal Year
Adopted
2021-2022**

**Fiscal Year
Adopted
2022/2023**

**Fiscal Year
Proposed
2023/2024**

REVENUES

2021/2022

2022/2023

**Proposed
2023/2024**

Certificate of Deposits/Investments

\$ 51,086

\$ 51,086

\$ 53,500

Misc. Income

Brazoria County Arrest Fee

\$ 10

\$ 10

\$ 10

Miscellaneous Revenues

\$ 2,500

\$ 2,500

\$ 2,500

Capital Surplus

\$ 30,000

\$ 40,000

Total

\$ 32,510

\$ 42,510

\$ 2,510

Outside Revenue

Ad Valorem Tax

\$ 307,075

\$ 305,080

\$ 334,862

BCCA

\$ 1,000

\$ 1,000

\$ 1,000

Dividend Income

\$ -

Franchise Fees

\$ 80,000

\$ 83,000

\$ 83,000

Interest Earned

\$ 1,500

\$ 1,500

\$ 15,000

Sales Tax Revenues

\$ 95,000

\$ 98,000

\$ 100,000

Total

\$ 484,575

\$ 488,580

\$ 533,862

Permits/Fees

Animal Registration Fees

\$ 1,500

\$ 750

\$ 750

Annual Game Room Fees

\$ 2,600

\$ 2,600

\$ 4,400

Inspection Fees

\$ 17,000

\$ 15,000

\$ 15,000

Golf Cart Fees

\$ 80

\$ 80

\$ 80

Vendor Fees

\$ 50

\$ 50

\$ 100

Total	\$ 21,230	\$ 18,480	\$ 20,330
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Service Income			
Court Fines	\$ 380,000	\$ 325,000	\$ 353,800
Marshal's Report Fees	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
NSF Fee	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Rental Income	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000
Trash Bags	\$ 950	\$ 500	\$ 650
Trash Service Reciepts	\$ 227,000	\$ 229,000	\$ 275,000
Total	\$ 623,075	\$ 565,625	\$ 642,575

TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,161,390	\$ 1,115,195	\$ 1,252,777
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EXPENDITURES			
	2021/2022	2022/2023	Proposed 2023/2024

PAYROLL			

Salaries			
Administration	\$ 74,880	\$ 87,900	\$ 105,247
Marshal's Dept.	\$ 337,825	\$ 317,587	\$ 382,232
Municipal Court	\$ 78,361	\$ 80,833	\$ 83,400
Street Dept.	\$ 36,493	\$ 36,400	\$ 44,994
Benefits			
Administration	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,140	\$ 28,392
Marshal's Dept.	\$ 52,800	\$ 53,151	\$ 46,668
Municipal Court	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,070	\$ 14,196
Street Dept.	\$ 100	\$ 12,070	\$ 14,196
Retirement			
Administration	\$ 4,212	\$ 5,054	\$ 5,279
Marshal's Dept.	\$ 15,346	\$ 14,524	\$ 19,304

Municipal Court		\$ 2,734	\$ 2,778
Street Dept.	\$ 2,053	\$ 2,093	\$ 2,272
Taxes			
Administration	\$ 5,728	\$ 6,724	\$ 9,498
Marshal's Dept.	\$ 25,844	\$ 24,295	\$ 25,922
Municipal Court	\$ 5,995	\$ 6,184	\$ 7,027
Street Dept.	\$ 2,792	\$ 2,785	\$ 2,792
Direct Deposit	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400

TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	\$ 678,828	\$ 688,942	\$ 794,595
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ADMINISTRATIVE			
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Capital Expenditures			
Surplus		\$ -	\$ -

Dues			
ARCIT	\$ 395	\$ 395	\$ 395
BCCA	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Brazosport Chamber	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
HGAC	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
International Code Council	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145
KBCBA	\$ 397	\$ 397	\$ 400
Newspaper Notices	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,100
Texas Municipal League	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 803
Texas Municipal Clerk's Association	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Texas Municipal Human Res. Assn.	\$ 75		
Website	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,400

Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities - \$150.00 \$150

Equipment			
City Upgrades	\$ -		

Insurance			
Liability Insurance	\$ 7,900	\$ 8,700	\$ 11,617
Surety Bond	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125
Windstorm Insurance	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,400	\$ 5,433
Worker's Compensation	\$ 10,335	\$ 10,900	\$ 13,572

Professional Fees			
Alarm System	\$ 480	\$ 480	\$ 480
Animal Control	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Appraisal District	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,800
Attorney's Fees	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 12,000
Audit	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Building Inspections	\$ 15,000	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500
Codification Update	\$ 2,000		
Communications Systems	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Computer/Software Maintenance	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900
Council Expenses	\$ 995		
Credit Card Fees	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,700
Elections	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,500
ERS - Assessment Fee	\$ 35	\$ 50	\$ 35
Event Expenses	\$ 500		\$ 1,000
Quickbook Advisor	\$ -		\$ -
Tax Assessor	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
Pest Treatment	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 1,348
Webpay Service		\$ 625	\$ 625

Supplies			
Office Copier Maintenance	\$ 750	\$ 850	\$ 750
Office Postage/Mailing	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,200
Office Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200

Travel			

Mileage	\$ 450	\$ 600	\$ 450
Seminars and Training	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500

Utilities			
Electric	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
Gas	\$ 350	\$ 450	\$ 450
Telephones	\$ 3,300	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,300

Internet	-	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,000
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TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	\$ 101,972	\$ 101,957	\$ 107,228
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MARSHAL'S DEPARTMENT			
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Equipment			
Aircards	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Law Enforcement Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

Insurance			
Law Enforcement Insurance	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,906

Professional Fees			
TLO	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Computer/Software Maintenance	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
County MCT Maintenance	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Dispatch Service Fees	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,650	\$ 2,000
Leads Online	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,100
RMS MCT Maintenance	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
TCLEDDS	\$ 330	\$ 350	\$ 400

Supplies			
Office Copier Maintenance	\$ 750	\$ 850	\$ 750
Office Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,400	\$ 2,200

Uniforms	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,550
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Travel			
Seminars and Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Utilities			
Telephones	\$ 2,200	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,700
Internet		\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400

Vehicle			
Fuel	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,900
Maintenance	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000

TOTAL MARSHAL'S EXPENSE	\$ 53,830	\$ 58,050	\$ 59,106
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MUNICIPAL COURT			
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Dues			
Texas Muncipal Court's Assn.	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75

Professional Fees			
Computer/Software Maintenananc	\$ 330	\$ 330	\$ 330
Interpreter License	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Juror's Fees	\$ 360	\$ 300	\$ 360
Omnibase	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,600
Prisioner Keep	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Taxes on Fines	\$ 126,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 100,000

Supplies			
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

Travel			
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Mileage	\$ 1,000	\$ 800	\$ 600
Seminars and Training	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,488	\$ 1,500

TOTAL MUNICIPAL COURT EXPENSE	\$ 132,415	\$ 95,743	\$ 106,015
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STREET MAINTENANCE			
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Maintenance			
Building Maintenance	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000
Street and Drainage Repairs	\$ 25,000		
Park Maintenance			\$ -

Professional Fees			
Mowing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Supplies			
Building Supplies	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Signs	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

Travel			
Mileage		\$ -	\$ -
Seminars and Training	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500

Utilities			
Street Lights	\$ 4,200	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,500

TOTAL BUILDING EXPENSE	\$ 36,200	\$ 12,000	\$ 13,500
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TRASH SERVICE			
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Professional Fees			
Computer/Software Maintenance	\$ 665	\$ 700	\$ 665
Postage	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,600
Sales Tax	\$ 18,780	\$ 18,000	\$ 17,000
Trash Services	\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000	\$ 150,000

Supplies			
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

TOTAL TRASH EXPENSE	\$ 158,145	\$ 157,800	\$ 172,300
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GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,161,390	\$ 1,114,492	\$ 1,252,744
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GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,161,390	\$ 1,115,195	\$ 1,252,777
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