

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor David Earl Keith called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

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| Mayor, David Earl Keith | Present |
| Commissioner, Shirlene Armstrong | Present |
| Commissioner, Don A. Darden | Present |
| Commissioner, Nick Harris | Present |
| Commissioner, Bill Harvey | Present |
| Commissioner, Ray House | Present |
| Commissioner, Stanley Todd | Present |
| City Attorney, Mike Conner | Present |
| City Manager, Mike Deal | Present |
| Police Chief, Mike Lane | Present |

The Lord's Prayer was led by City Attorney Conner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Lane.

Commissioner Armstrong made motion seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated December 3, 2019, and the Work Session dated December 17, 2019, as corrected.

All Council voted yes.

Probate Judge Tammy Thornton swore in the Mayor and Commissioners to serve their new terms. Beginning this year, Council will have staggered terms. Mayor Keith and Commissioners Armstrong, Todd and House will serve 4-year terms. Commissioners Harris, Darden and Harvey will serve 2-year terms.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to rezone 1316 West Orange Street from R-2 to C-3.

All Council voted yes.

Justin Mitchell, Pastor of Turning Point, talked about their vision to build a Ministry Center. He noted the estimated cost of this project is over \$1M.

Sheron Jones-Daniel, resident on Hemlock Street, complained about the City Inert Landfill being located on Pepperhill. She asked who authorized it to be built there, and what the City planned to do with remaining acreage. She said she saw in the newspaper the City is planning to grind wood chips for profit. She also noted EPD requires the gates to the landfill to be locked at all times, but they are left open.

Mayor Keith stated the unlocked gates are a problem and will be addressed. He noted the County wanted to charge the City too much to use their landfill, and forced the City to develop its own landfill. He also stated the City has not decided to grind wood chips, but simply allowed the Company to do a demonstration.

City Engineer Shuman stated everything the City did meets all EPD requirements, but explained it is a yard trash landfill instead of an inert landfill. He noted most of the remaining acreage will not be used due to wetlands.

City Manager Deal stated 5 of the 59 acres will be used for yard trash landfill. City will run 6 – 8 trucks in landfill per day. It is a safe operation. Also, a buffer can be installed. He stated no solid waste materials will be placed in this landfill.

Commissioner Todd noted Council needs to always protect its landowners.

City Engineer Shuman informed Council the 2020 LMIG sidewalks list has been submitted to DOT, and he needs Council's approval to move forward with the bid process.

Commissioner Todd made motion seconded by Commissioner House to give City Engineer Shuman approval to proceed with 2020 LMIG bid process for sidewalks.

All Council voted yes.

Mayor Keith stated DDA Director Molly Hall reviewed the Cracker Williams Park Community Center Rental Agreement in the previous Work Session, and Council made changes. Mayor Keith noted the rental agreement will be placed on the City's website.

Commissioner Harris requested City Attorney Conner to review the rental agreement to make sure everything is correct.

Commissioner Harvey made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the Cracker Williams Park Community Center Agreement contingent upon City Attorney Conner's approval.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Harvey noted the City has not started on the Cracker Williams Park swimming pool, but it will be renovated.

Commissioner Darden reminded Council the City will hold an Open House at Cracker Williams Park Community Center on Tuesday, January 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Armstrong thanked the City for repairing the potholes she previously reported, but stated Bethlehem Road also has potholes.

Frank Ross asked Council to inform the tax payers in the future of any substantial changes to be made in the community; and urged the concerned taxpayers present to work with the City instead of against.

Mayor Keith informed Council the Service Delivery Strategy meeting has been moved to January 31, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cracker Williams Community Center.

Mayor Keith asked Council to look at dates in March or April for the Retreat, and email him the dates that don't work for them.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus-Jackson
City Clerk/Treasurer