

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor David Earl Keith called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor, David Earl Keith	Present
Commissioner, Shirlene Armstrong	Present
Commissioner, Don A. Darden	Absent
Commissioner, Nick Harris	Present
Commissioner, Bill Harvey	Absent
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.

Mayor Keith presented Police Officer Patricia Sapp with a plaque for clearing the airway of a choking child who had become unresponsive, and saving the child's life.

Commissioner Armstrong made motion seconded by Commissioner Todd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated March 5, 2019, and the special called meeting dated March 19, 2019.

All Council present voted yes on the minutes of the regular meeting dated March 5, 2019.

Commissioner House abstained on the special called meeting dated March 19, 2019. All remaining Council present voted yes.

Mark Watson, Executive Director of the Jesup Housing Authority, informed Council they were in the process of transitioning from a public housing sector to a rental assistance demonstration (RAD) program, which would turn JHA into a private entity. RAD is a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program created to allow public housing agencies to have deeds to their properties.

Mr. Watson said this program would enable the agencies to borrow money from the bank, and address the \$26B national backlog of deferred capital improvements. He noted JHA has 214 apartments and a waiting list of over 100 families.

A Public Hearing was held at the request of Robert Wiggin, with Rocket Enterprises, to rezone 788 South Third Street from P-R to C-3 to build an Arby's restaurant.

Mayor Keith told Mr. Wiggin some residents have voiced concerns about being disturbed by lighting in the parking lot at night. Mr. Wiggin stated directional lighting would be used, and the restaurant would not be opened past 11 P.M.

Jim Teel, resident of TyTy Street, stated he was concerned about headlights shining toward his house at night. City Manager Deal stated he would see what could be done to address that problem.

William Tillman, resident of South Third Street, inquired about a 20-ft. buffer, and asked could a nice fence also be erected. Mayor Keith explained a vegetation buffer would serve as a fence.

Commissioner Todd asked Mr. Wiggin to please remember there are residents involved in this development whose lives would be affected.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to rezone 788 South Third Street from P-R to C-3, contingent upon a 20-foot buffer and directional lighting.

All Council present voted yes.

Building Inspector Don Herrin stated Mitchell Sebastian has requested a variance at 5 Buckboard Trail to add another mobile home to the 1.73 acre lot. He noted Mr. Sebastian wants to split the lot into 2 lots, but current zoning requires 1 acre per home. This would cause one lot to be less than the required 1 acre.

City Manager Deal stated Mr. Sebastian has requested a meeting with him and Building Inspector Herrin to possibly come up with a better solution, and asked that rezoning request be postponed.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to postpone discussion on request by Mr. Sebastian for a variance at 5 Buckboard Trail.

All Council present voted yes.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Stanley Efav recommended Council award bid on the US 301 Lift Station Rebuild to Southern Civil, LLC, in the amount of \$89,198.00. He also stated Flygt equipment totaling \$31,820.00 would be purchased by the City; therefore, total cost for rebuild would be \$121,018.00. This is a budgeted item.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Todd to award bid on US 301 Lift Station Rebuild to Southern Civil, LLC, in the amount of \$89,198.00, and approve purchase of Flygt equipment in the amount of \$31,820.00 for a grand total of \$121,018.00.

All Council present voted yes.

Bids were as follows:

BRW Construction	<u>\$137,000.00</u>
Southern Civil, LLC	<u>\$89,198.00</u>

City Attorney Conner stated the State Legislature amended the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance last year to impose an 8% excise tax that the City is already collecting, but the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) wants the City to also pass a local ordinance.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an Ordinance to impose an 8% Hotel/Motel Excise Tax.

All Council present voted yes.

City Manager Deal and Council members thanked everyone for a good Planning Retreat held last weekend on Jekyll Island. They noted this was the best one yet.

Commissioner Todd stated he enjoyed meeting with Department Heads at the Planning Retreat, and commended them for doing an excellent job. He mentioned some of the items discussed at the Retreat such as replacing street signs and repairing sidewalks.

Commissioner Todd said he is proud to serve on the Cracker Williams Recreation Park Committee, and stated the Chairman, Commissioner Harvey, is doing a great job.

He asked City Manager Deal to find out if dead trees on Old Screven Road and Groveland Street were on City property.

Mayor Keith stated he appreciates Eric Denty, with the Press Sentinel, for allowing John Eden to come to the Retreat on Friday.

Mayor Keith reported the City is close to opening the WWTP Solar Array; CSX Railroad has agreed to remove debris on Broad Street by June 1; and Council met with representatives in Atlanta about the Train Trestle on Highway 84 near Sybil's Family Restaurant.

Mayor Keith recognized newly hired Police Officer James Tankersley.

Meeting Adjourned,

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Rose Marcus-Jackson  
City Clerk/Treasurer