

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, September 3, 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	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 Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated August 6, 2019, and the special called meeting dated August 23, 2019.

All Council voted yes on minutes of regular meeting dated August 6, 2019.

Commissioner Darden abstained on minutes of special called meeting dated August 23, 2019. All remaining Council voted yes.

Janice Phillips, with Tabitha's Place, requested Council's permission to utilize the City's building on W. Bay St., formerly occupied by Concerted Services, for a 15-bed homeless shelter.

Building Inspector Don Herrin stated the City has no provisions for a homeless shelter, and noted Ms. Phillips would have to go before the Planning and Zoning Board.

He stated the building must be brought up to ADA compliance. Also a sprinkler system, with an estimated cost of \$50,000, is required to be installed.

Commissioner Harris stated he was concerned about the City's liability if an accident happened. City Attorney Conner stated Ms. Phillips would be required to post an insurance policy naming the City as an additional insurer.

Commissioner Darden inquired about the previous mold problem in the old Concerted Services building. City Manager Deal stated it was remediated twice, and is not an issue.

Commissioner Harris asked Ms. Phillips would she be interested in occupying the other side of the building after the EMS relocates. Ms. Phillips said yes, and she didn't know that option was a possibility.

Council asked Ms. Phillips and Building Inspector Herrin to get prices on installing a sprinkler system and making the building ADA compliant, and report back to Council.

Commissioner Todd stated he appreciated Ms. Phillips' initiative to take on this burden that's needed in Jesup and Wayne County.

Water Department Supervisor Anthony Crawford requested Council to change the method of adjusting water and wastewater rates annually from CPI to MCI, which is designed to show the effects of inflation on the cost of providing municipal services.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Todd to change the method of adjusting water and wastewater rates annually from CPI to MCI.

All Council vote yes.

Water Supervisor Crawford also requested Council to approve proposed increased and additional water/wastewater service fees.

Mayor Keith suggested notifying citizens in each monthly water bill before making the proposed water/wastewater service fees effective January 1, 2020.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve the proposed water/wastewater service fees effective January 1, 2020.

All Council voted yes.

City Attorney Conner presented Council with an amended Waterworks Ordinance, which includes not requiring citizens who are not currently on city water to connect to city water until the property is sold.

Commissioner Todd made motion seconded by Commissioner Darden to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Waterworks Ordinance, which provides rules, regulations and requirements for water/wastewater and related services within the City.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to dispense with the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Waterworks Ordinance, which provides rules, regulations and requirements for water/wastewater and related services within the City.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Deal thanked the Department of Transportation for the work they did in the City to remove built-up dirt on the side of major highways. He also thanked them for their help with preparing for the recent storm.

Commissioner Armstrong reported the street light going toward Pepper Hill is still not working.

Commissioner Darden stated the City has put up a fence on one side of the park on Garbutt Road, but a fence is also needed on the other side beside the woods.

Commissioner Darden inquired about the status on getting "Children At Play" sign on Boston Street. City Manager Deal said he would check on the sign.

Commissioner Armstrong inquired about status on City street signs. Mayor Keith stated they were being made.

Commissioner Todd reported there is a dark area on Sunset Blvd. near Greenview Street that needs a street light.

Commissioner Harris stated overgrown grass needs to be scraped off the sidewalk on Sunset Blvd.

Mayor Keith stated he received a text from EMS Director Richard Johnson, and relayed the forecasted weather conditions expected for Hurricane Dorian.

Mayor Keith suggested setting up a computer at City Hall to help with the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee.

Meeting Adjourned,

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Rose Marcus-Jackson  
City Clerk/Treasurer