

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor Pro-Tem Don Darden called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor, David Earl Keith	Absent
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 Todd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated September 3, 2019, and the special called meeting dated September 17, 2019.

All Council voted yes on minutes of regular meeting dated September 3, 2019.

Commissioner House abstained on minutes of special called meeting dated September 17, 2019. All remaining Council voted yes.

Police Chief Lane, President Elect of the Wayne County Exchange Club, asked Council for permission to adopt a section of Sunset Blvd. from the intersection of Highway 84 to the maintenance entrance of Bill Morris Park. He noted they would also put up a sign.

Commissioner Harvey made motion seconded by Commissioner House to allow Wayne County Exchange Club to put up an Adopt-A-Street sign on Sunset Blvd.

All Council voted yes.

Downtown Director Molly Hall updated Council on the Jesup Arch Fest which will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019. She stated vendors will be set up on W. Walnut Street instead of W. Cherry Street this year. Entertainment stage will be set up in front of the Train Depot fountain. She asked for permission to have a concert and allow open containers of alcohol, sold by local vendors, to be in the downtown streets. She stated there will be special wristbands and cups available for people over 21 years of age who wish to drink. The Concert would be held from 7 – 10 p.m.

After much discussion, Commissioner Harris told DDA Director Hall she needs to do more homework regarding the designated open container area and security, and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Commissioner Harvey said he would also like to know the cost for security, and who is going to pay for it.

DDA Director Hall stated security would be paid for by DDA.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner House to approve having a concert and closing the streets, with DDA Director Hall coming back next meeting with a plan to control the alcohol, who's going to control it, and the cost for providing security.

All Council voted yes.

Assistant WWTP Supervisor Patrick Martin asked Council for permission to bid a mini Excavator, at an estimated cost of \$45,000. This is a budgeted item.

Commissioner Todd referred to the August 2019 Financial Statement, which shows year-to-date budget expenditures exceeding revenues, and asked how long does the City plan to continue operating in the red. City Clerk/Treasurer Rose Jackson assured Commissioner Todd when property taxes and other large revenue items start being collected, that situation will change.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to give Assistant WWTP Supervisor Martin permission to bid a mini excavator.

All Council voted yes.

Water Department Supervisor Anthony Crawford asked Council for permission to bid an AMI Meter System at an estimated cost of \$1.2 M. This is a budgeted item.

He noted implementation of this system would improve customer service, reduce water loss, and free up 2 employees needed in other areas.

Commissioner Harris stated the test automated meter installed at his address saved him money by indicating he had a leak when he viewed the app.

Commissioner Harvey asked Council how could they justify spending \$1.2M to replace meters that are currently working.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to give Water Department Supervisor Crawford permission to bid AMI Meter System.

Commissioner Harvey voted no. All remaining Council voted yes.

Police Chief Lane asked Council for permission to bid (4) new Dodge Chargers and (1) new Dodge Durango. This is a budgeted item.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to give Police Chief Lane permission to bid (4) new Dodge Chargers and (1) new Dodge Durango.

All Council voted yes.

City Clerk/Treasurer Jackson showed Council a sample of new carpet she asked for permission to bid for City Hall. She noted the old carpet was installed in 2005, and has unremovable stains and separating seams in some areas. All upstairs carpet would be replaced with new 24" X 24" squares. This is a budgeted item.

Commissioner Todd requested City Clerk/Treasurer Jackson to also get bids on replacing the carpet with tile.

City Clerk/Treasurer Jackson noted the tile would be more expensive, but she would be glad to bid both carpet and tile.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to give City Clerk/Treasurer Jackson permission to bid both carpet and tile including installation cost.

Commissioner Harvey voted no. All remaining Council voted yes.

Ferrell Cooksey and Rhonda Landon, with the Wayne County Band Boosters, announced a Marching Band Competition will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at 11 a.m. at Jaycee Stadium. Ms. Landon noted 16 bands have signed up for the competition, and admission charge is \$10/person. They asked Council to come out and support this event.

City Attorney Conner stated GMA has obtained IRS's approval for additional amendments to the GMEBS Retirement Plan, and the City must pass an Ordinance adopting the amendments to make them effective.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Todd to approve GMEBS Retirement Ordinance and Adoption Agreement.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Deal stated he and City Engineer Bill Shuman are generating a LMIG and CDBG list, and asked Council to submit at least 2 blocks of sidewalks in need of repair in their district.

Commissioner Todd stated the Grand Re-opening Ribbon Cutting of McMillan Creek Greenway Boardwalk on South Sixth Street will be held on Monday, October 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Todd inquired about any new construction happening in the City, and stated he thinks it's important for Council to know.

Commissioner Harris distributed information on GMA's 2019 Mayors' Christmas Motorcade which provides a way for cities to provide holiday gifts for patients of Georgia mental health hospitals.

Commissioner Harris stated the 3rd Service Delivery Strategy meeting was held last Friday with Wayne County, Screven and Odum, and they have gotten nowhere.

He stated the City's latest proposal for Animal Control was the County would provide an extra employee and truck to service outside the City limits because 70% of animals picked up are from outside, but the County didn't want to do it. He noted the City would continue to operate the Dog Pound.

Commissioner Harris asked for Council's blessings on sending a 90-day notice letter stating the City will stop animal control outside the City limits of Jesup, effective 1/1/2020.

Commissioner Darden suggested Council give the County a 30-day notice like the agreement says instead of 90 days. Council agreed.

Commissioner House asked Council to make sure the next Joint Service Delivery Strategy meeting scheduled for Friday, October 25, at 10:00 a.m., is a special called meeting so all Council members may attend. Council agreed.

Commissioner Armstrong reported Fir Street needs another street light installed, and potholes at Pine Street and 2nd Street Lane need to be filled.

Mayor Pro-Tem Darden announced Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31, from 6 – 8 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Darden reminded Council of the GMA District 9 Fall Meeting in East Dublin on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Todd made motion seconded by Commissioner House to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

All Council voted yes.

Upon returning, Mayor Pro-Tem Darden reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus-Jackson
City Clerk/Treasurer