

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, January 8, 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 (Late)
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 Harris to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated December 4, 2018, and the special called meeting dated December 18, 2018.

Commissioner House abstained on the minutes of the regular meeting dated December 4, 2018. All remaining Council present voted yes.

All Council present voted yes on the minutes of the special called meeting dated December 18, 2018.

DDA Director Molly O'Hearon did a Power Point presentation to give an update on Downtown Master Plan Projects. Completed projects include: Telsa Charging Station and 3 First Fridays events. Ongoing projects include: extension of downtown streetscape, Cracker Williams Recreation Park, and Gateway entrance signs.

DDA Director O'Hearon told Council she needs guidance on which of her suggested Downtown Master Plan projects they wish to do next.

Mayor Keith asked Council to put the Train Trestle project on hold to see if the City can get funding assistance from the State and Wayne County.

Commissioner Harris stated he is not in favor of spending City money to paint someone else's property.

Commissioner Darden arrived.

DDA Director O'Hearon stated she was asked by Fair Haven Women's Shelter to make a request to close Cherry Street, from Broad Street to Macon Street, on February 28, 2019, from 5 – 10 p.m. for Starry Night Event. They plan to have old cars, a band and dance downtown as a fund raiser held at the Historic Strand.

City Manager Deal stated he didn't have a problem with the Starry Night event.

Police Chief Lane, along with other Tourism Board members, presented a \$5,000 check to the City as a donation to the Cracker Williams Recreation Park Project.

Police Chief Lane requested (30) in-car computers to be purchased with SPLOST IV monies. He noted the lowest price they found was \$37,794.30 for 4GB, but Commissioner Harris found slightly higher price

of \$38,925.00 for 8GB. Commissioner Harris suggested purchasing the better computers with 8GB. Police Chief Lane explained officers would be able to enter citations in the computer while sitting in their car.

City Attorney Conner noted the Police Department went through the bid process on this very specific purchase.

Commissioner Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner Todd to purchase (30) in-car computers for a total cost of \$38,925 using SPLOST IV monies.

All Council voted yes.

Bids were as follows:

Synergistic Software, Inc. (4GB)	\$1,950.00 each	\$58,500.00
CompSource (4GB)	\$1,259.81 each	\$37,794.30
MooringTech (8GB)	\$1,297.50 each	\$38,925.00

Mayor Keith stated he has worked with CSX Railroad representatives over the years on finding another place to move the unsightly stored railroad equipment next to City downtown parking lot, and announced CSX has agreed to move that equipment to Nahunta and lease the property on Broad Street, from Cherry St. to Orange St., to the City. He asked Council for approval to sign CSX lease agreement for \$3,500/year.

Commissioner Todd made motion seconded by Commissioner House to authorize Mayor Keith to sign the CSX lease agreement for \$3,500/year.

All Council voted yes.

City Attorney Conner stated the property owners of an alley between East Walnut St. and E. Cherry St. requests the City to abandon the unopened portion of an alley. He advised Council to run an ad in the newspaper stating the City is relinquishing any interest to the alley, pass a Resolution, and send a letter to the affected property owners, who would then divide property among themselves.

Commissioner House said City Engineer Bill Shuman needs to make sure no water and sewer lines are located in the alley.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Harvey to abandon the alley contingent upon assessment from City Engineer Shuman, run an ad in the newspaper stating the City is relinquishing any interest to the alley, pass a Resolution, and send a letter to the affected property owners, who would then divide the property among themselves.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Harvey reported vehicles are parking on City right-of-way at intersection of W. Broad St. and Magnolia St., and obstructing the view of traffic. Police Chief Lane stated he would address the situation.

Commissioner Todd inquired about City-Wide Clean Up. Commissioner Harris explained volunteers will be given instructions and safety equipment. Donations have been made, and lunch will be provided on Saturday. City Manager Deal noted the City trucks will be taking trash to the dump on Friday and Saturday.

Mayor Keith suggested voting on a new Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2019 calendar year.

Commissioner Armstrong made motion seconded by Commissioner Harvey to reappoint Commissioner Darden as Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2019 calendar year.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Todd inquired about the status of Bobby Townsend Connector. Mayor Keith stated he hasn't heard from Mrs. Townsend, and would get with Ricky Reddish about contacting her.

Commissioner Armstrong stated several street signs throughout the City are missing, and needs to be replaced.

Mayor Keith reminded Council of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce Eggs & Issues event to be held Friday, January 11, 2019, at 7:30 a.m., at Coastal Pines Technical College.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus-Jackson
City Clerk/Treasurer