

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 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 Todd made motion seconded by Commissioner House to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 7, 2020.

Commissioner Darden abstained. All remaining Council voted yes.

Water Department Supervisor Anthony Crawford stated the old water department building, which houses main controls for #1 well, needs a new roof. He estimated it would cost \$30,000 to install a new metal roof, but recommended tearing down and replacing the building with a new metal building. Mayor Keith asked Anthony to discuss options with City Manager Deal and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Water Department Supervisor Crawford asked Council for approval to bid repair on #1 well, at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner House to allow Water Department Superintendent Crawford to bid repair on #1 well.

All Council voted yes.

Police Chief Lane stated Lieutenant Nick Ellis informed him the United States Department of Justice released the COPS Grant, which would reimburse the City 75% of salary and benefits for police officers for the first 3 years. He informed Council he will ask for permission at the next meeting to apply for the grant to hire one Police Officer and one School Resource Officer. He noted the school would reimburse the City the remaining 25% for the School Resource Officer and enter into a contract with the City after first 3 years. The City would be obligated to retain the officers without grant money for the 4<sup>th</sup> year. Commissioner Harris asked Police Chief Lane to get something in writing from the School System and provide at the next meeting.

City Manager Deal asked Council for approval to pursue a 2020 CDBG in the amount of \$750,000 for stormwater removal and water/sewer lines. Commissioner Harris inquired about the City's match. City Manager Deal stated match would be 10%.

Commissioner Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner House to approve a Resolution to apply for a 2020 CDBG in the amount of \$750,000 for storm water removal and water/sewer lines.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner House to select Heart of Georgia for grant writing and administration of the 2020 CDBG in the amount of \$750,000.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Armstrong made motion seconded by Commissioner Todd to appoint Commissioner Nick Harris as Mayor Pro-Tem for calendar year 2020.

All Council voted yes.

City Attorney Conner stated the City and Chamber of Commerce have agreed for the City to acquire the sign parcel on West Cherry Street, and closing documents need to be signed. He said the Chamber wants to retain access to the sign to advertise for community events, but they would have to get prior approval from the City before anything goes on the sign.

Commissioner Todd made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to allow Mayor Keith to sign Chamber of Commerce closing documents for the sign parcel located on West Cherry Street.

All Council voted yes.

Council tabled discussion on Quit Claim deed request from Victor Powell and Carter Land Group until a later date.

City Attorney Conner stated he created an Ordinance to establish procedures on disposal of abandoned streets, alleys, lanes, roadways, easements, right-of-way, and surplus real property to defray cost to the City. He explained that interested parties would submit an application and pay non-refundable \$500 fee.

David Wilson, a concerned citizen, asked if someone is interested in property but is out bid, would they be out \$500. City Attorney Conner said that is possible, but not probable.

Commissioner Armstrong made motion seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an Ordinance to establish procedures on disposal of abandoned streets, alleys, lanes, roadways, easements, right-of-way, and surplus real property.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Darden to dispense with the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of an Ordinance to establish procedures on disposal of abandoned streets, alleys, lanes, roadways, easements, right-of-way, and surplus real property.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Harvey stated he has served on the Solid Waste Authority for almost 4 years, and was resigning. He noted Council needs to appoint someone at the next meeting to replace him on that Board.

Commissioner Todd stated he recently drove down James E. Johnson Connector, and it still has no street lights. He inquired about status of installing street lights on that road. Alan Volskay, with Georgia Power, reported installation of those street lights are on the schedule to be completed.

Commissioner Harris asked Council to come up with a date to have a dinner for Wayne County Leadership, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Harvey stated Council needs to met and discuss what to talk about at the Planning Retreat.

Commissioner Armstrong stated the City will have a City-Wide Clean Up Day on Friday and Saturday, April 24 – 25, 2020.

Commissioner Armstrong stated she received a call about stray cats on West Walnut Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and 3rd Street. Police Chief Lane asked Commissioner Armstrong to give him addresses.

Commissioner Armstrong suggested moving the Street Department to the property at the yard trash landfill, and use current Street Department property to expand the City Cemetery.

Mayor Keith stated the Chamber Membership Luncheon: State of Education, will be held next Thursday, February 13, at 11:30 a.m., at Coastal Pines Technical College.

Mayor Keith also reminded Council the Planning Retreat will be held on March 26 – 28, and requested Council to contact him about what they want to discuss.

Mayor Keith stated a Public Hearing on the Joint Comprehensive Plan will be held on Tuesday, February 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the Wayne County Commissioners meeting room.

Commissioner Armstrong inquired about the old Martin Luther King Building on East Bay Street. Mayor Keith stated Fire Chief Gene Lane wants to incorporate that building into the fire services.

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

All Council voted yes.

Upon returning, Mayor Keith reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

Meeting Adjourned,

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Rose Marcus-Jackson  
City Clerk/Treasurer