

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at the City Hall Council Chamber. Mayor Ralph Hickox called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows.

Mayor, Ralph Hickox	Present
Commissioner, Shirlene Armstrong	Present
Commissioner, Tim Cockfield	Present
Commissioner, Bill Harvey	Present
Commissioner, Ray House	Present
Commissioner, Stanley Todd	Absent
Commissioner, Pamela Shuman	Present
City Attorney, Mike Conner	Present
City Manager, Rose Marcus	Present
Police Chief, Perry Morgan	Present

The Lord's Prayer was led by City Attorney Conner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Morgan.

Ryan Moore with Blue Line Solutions presented his program to inform the community of the speed limit at the schools to reduce speeding as well as installing cameras and radars at the schools to catch speeders and issue citations.

Commissioner Cockfield made a motion seconded by Commissioner Harvey to deny placing cameras and radars at the schools.

Commissioner House voted no. All remaining Council present voted yes.

Board appointments for the Grievance Committee were discussed, but no action taken at this time.

Public Hearing for the first reading of the Charter Amendment to change the appointment process for the hiring of the City Clerk/Treasurer was opened to the public by Mayor Hickox. No comment was made. Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner House made a motion seconded by Commissioner Cockfield to approve the first reading of an ordinance to amend the Charter.

All council present voted yes.

City Manager Marcus reviewed the January 2022 financial statement.

Downtown Director Molly Hall reported that we are still waiting on an announcement of the award of the Water/Sewer Infrastructure Grant.

Mayor Hickox stated that he has reached out to people regarding the Water/Sewer Infrastructure Grant

and that at this time it does not look positive for us to receive the funds. He noted that currently funds are being awarded for rehab projects only.

City Manager Marcus requested that the Council approve a resolution to make the following water fees \$40.00 instead of 3 different amounts: Returned Check Fee, Cut-On Fee for New Service and Reconnection Fee for Non-Payment. City Attorney Conner stated that per state law, returned checks fees can be no more than \$40.00 or double the amount of the returned check, whichever is less.

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion seconded by Commissioner House to approve a resolution to change the Returned Check Fee and Cut-On Fee for New Service to \$40.00.

All council present voted yes.

Commissioner Harvey requested a committee be formed to establish an agenda for items to be discussed at the planning retreat. Commissioners Armstrong, Cockfield and Harvey were appointed to the Committee.

City Manager Marcus stated that City Hall will be closed February 21st for President's Day and that she had received an invitation from the Chamber of Commerce for the 13th Annual Taste of Wayne to be held at Coastal Pines Technical College on March 31st.

Commissioner Cockfield stated that it was good to have Commissioner Armstrong back and asked for a report on Commissioner Todd's wife. Commissioner Harvey reported that she is doing better.

Mayor Hickox asked to have more handicap parking spaces in downtown.

Meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda Tillman
Acting City Clerk/Treasurer