

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 5:00 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	Absent
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.

City Engineer Bill Shuman stated a well in South Georgia usually lasts 40 – 50 years. He also noted some wells last an additional 20 – 40 years. He updated Council on the age of the City's wells as follows:

#1 well – 107 years old
#2 well – 83 years old (offline)
#3 well – 61 years old
#4 well – 51 years old
#5 well – 29 years old

He stated a study was done on the wells in 2015, and recommendation was made to take well #1 and #2 offline. He noted #1 well will be replaced with new proposed #6 well on Plum Street next to the Police Department.

City Engineer Shuman stated the estimate given to them in 2015 was \$500,000, and Water Department Supervisor Anthony Crawford added an additional \$100,000 to the budget, for a total of \$600,000. He noted the lowest bid recently received on the proposed new well was \$1,239,000 from Southern Civil, LLC.

Water Department Supervisor Crawford noted the well's construction does not allow a camera to be inserted to examine its condition.

Commissioner Harris stated he would rather be proactive than to wait for something to happen.

Commissioner Harvey asked how could the recent bids be so much higher than the estimate received in 2015. City Engineer Shuman stated the original estimate could be inaccurate.

Commissioner Harvey stated he is not in favor of spending \$600,000 more than budgeted for the new well.

City Manager Deal recommended taking \$600,000 out of the 2018-19 budget for the new well, and taking the remaining cost out of the 2019-20 budget.

Commissioner Todd made motion seconded by Commissioner Harvey to award bid on #6 well to Southern Civil, LLC, in the amount of \$1,239,000. Also approve spending \$600,000 out of the 2018-19 budget for well, and spending the remaining cost out of the 2019-20 budget.

All Council present voted yes.

Bids were as follows:

Southern Civil, LLC	\$1,239,000.00
Underground Excavating, Inc.	\$1,272,898.00
Holland & Holland, Inc.	\$1,281,653.14
Pinholster Construction, Inc.	\$1,307,550.00

Commissioner Todd inquired, for the record, the status of the fence lying on the ground at Dollar General. City Manager Deal stated the store was given 10 days to correct the problem.

Commissioner Harvey stated the Cracker Williams Recreation Center Park looks great, and playground equipment has been ordered.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus-Jackson
City Clerk/Treasurer