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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at 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	Present
Commissioner, Pamela Shuman	Present
City Attorney, Mike Conner	Present
City Manager, Rose Marcus	Present
Police Chief, Perry Morgan	Absent

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assistant Police Chief Alex Reddish.

Commissioner Todd made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shuman to approve the second reading of the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance.

All Council voted yes.

City Auditor Cale Harris was unable to attend meeting; therefore the 2020-2021 audit report has been tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Shuman suggested selling or renting the MLK building next to the Jesup Fire Department on West Bay Street. She stated the building had not been used in over 2 years and needed to be cleaned and renovated. She asked if the City owned the building.

City Attorney Conner confirmed the City owned the building free and clear.

Fire Department Chief Josh Huffman came before Council and stated the fire department would like to use the MLK building in the future for barracks, training and additional office space. He stated they could also use the large room as a classroom and possibly host regional tests.

Commissioner Cockfield noted that funds had been budgeted for building a new fire department on E Pine Street and any funds left over could go toward renovating the MLK building.

After much discussion, Council decided to table the discussion for the MLK building and have Building Inspector Don Herrin inspect the building and submit an estimate for the cost of renovations.

Commissioner Shuman made a motion seconded by Commissioner House to have Building Inspector

Herrin inspect the building and submit an estimate of cost for renovations.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Marcus reviewed the May 2022 financial statement.

Commissioner Todd requested City Manager Marcus submit a report showing approved alcohol licenses to the commissioners.

Commissioner Cockfield requested the requirements for obtaining an alcohol license be redistributed to the Commissioners for review. He stated the City needs to make it more difficult for someone to acquire a license.

Commissioner Todd requested removal of the old welcome sign at the bypass on Hwy 84.

Council reviewed the job duties and responsibilities of the Mayor, City Board of Commissioners and City Manager. Commissioner Cockfield read the duties from the City Charter emphasizing the Mayor's primary duties to be a tie breaking vote in matters before the Commissioners and the presiding officer of the Board of Commissioners during meetings. An extensive discussion was held reminding everyone of their duties and encouraging them to not overstep their authority.

City Manager Marcus reported that it is no longer feasible for the toy drive to be held at City Hall. Turning Point Worship Center has agreed to combine the Wayne County Toy Drive with the toy drive currently held at their church. She noted that the city will be not be discontinuing the toy drive, just moving it to a different location.

Commissioner Shuman thanked the city employees for mowing the grass on Fourth Street and stated that streets look much better from Pine Street down to Martha Rawls School.

Commissioner Cockfield commended City Manager Marcus on the way she handled the toy drive and thanked her for helping resolve a drainage issue in Wayne Terrace.

Mayor Hickox addressed the allegations against him stating nothing specific was given, but he was not trying to run the City of Jesup. He also asked Council to consider scheduling a work session to discuss projects and direction for growing the city and making it better.

Meeting was adjourned.



Rhonda Tillman  
Acting City Clerk/Treasurer