

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cracker Williams Community Center. 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 Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 19, 2021.

Commissioners House and Harvey abstained. All remaining Council voted yes.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Todd to postpone board appointments discussion until the next meeting.

All Council voted yes.

Kimberly Browning and Maudie Wilder were present to discuss proposed Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. They offer ways to control the feral cat population, and help people keep their pets out of the animal shelter.

Mayor Keith asked City Manager Deal and Animal Control officers to get with Kimberly Browning and Maudie Wilder to discuss TNR program.

City Engineer Bill Shuman asked Council for \$12,000 to proceed with Road Assessment System discussed in a previous meeting. Expenses will be paid out of TSPLOST fund.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve \$12,000 for Road Assessment System.

All Council voted yes.

City Engineer Shuman stated an Engineer/Pool Consultant from Atlanta came and looked at Cracker Williams Park swimming pool. He showed the City a number of things that needed to be changed before it can be permitted by the Health Department.

City Engineer Shuman asked Council for \$12,000 for Pool Consultant.

Commissioner Harvey made motion seconded by Commissioner House to approve \$12,000 for a Pool Consultant.

All Council voted yes.

Building Inspector Don Herrin stated Charles Huffman has requested to rezone Map Parcel lots J25-25, J25-26, and J25-27 on South First Street from R-1 to C-2.

A Public Hearing was held on the request of Charles Huffman to rezone lots on South First Street from R-1 to C-2.

No one present opposed the rezoning request.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the 1st reading of an Ordinance to rezone Map Parcel Lots J25-25, J25-26, and J25-27 from R-1 to C-2.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner House to dispense with the 2nd reading of an Ordinance to rezone Map Parcel lots J25-25, J25-26, and J25-27 from R-1 to C-2.

All Council voted yes.

Building Inspector Herrin stated Zachary Fries has requested a variance at 1160 West Cherry Street to allow adequate space for a small self-storage facility.

A Public Hearing was held on the request of Zachary Fries to request a variance at 1160 West Cherry Street.

No one present opposed the variance request.

City Attorney Conner noted the variance requested can only be used for self-storage facility.

Commissioner Todd made motion seconded by Commissioner House to approve the 1st reading of an Ordinance to grant a variance at 1160 West Cherry Street.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Harvey to dispense with the 2nd reading of an Ordinance to grant a variance at 1160 West Cherry Street.

All Council voted yes.

Building Inspector Herrin stated Council previously discussed updating the Future Land Use Map a few years ago, and noted the current map is actually the Future Land Use Map.

City Attorney Conner stated the Future Land Use Map needs to be approved by Council. Going forward, Building Inspector Herrin suggests classifying the entire corridor on South First Street from TyTy Street to West Bay Lane as Commercial.

Mayor Keith asked Building Inspector Herrin to meet with City Manager Deal and City Attorney Conner, and report back to Council.

Mayor Keith reminded Council they asked him and Commissioner Harris to meet with Wayne County and discuss the Service Delivery Strategy agreement. He noted there was nothing in the SDS agreement for Animal Control. An Intergovernment Agreement was added, and County agreed to pay the City \$25,000 per year to help with operation expenses of the Pound.

Mayor Keith stated any improvements to the Pound will be a shared cost between both governmental entities. Also, any future changes will be written and updated in the SDS agreement.

Commissioner Harris asked about back-dating dog pound agreement to July 2020, when the County started using the pound. City Manager Deal stated County Administrator Ed Jeffords has already agreed to pay for 6 months of 2020. Commissioner Harris asked City Manager Deal to be sure he pays it.

Commissioner Harris commended Jeffords and the County, and all involved working well together for the SDS.

Commissioner Harvey thanked the SDS Committee for a job well done.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner House to accept the Service Delivery Strategy agreement.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Armstrong asked could anything be done about a house on State Street that burned. City Manager Deal stated he didn't know anything the City can do.

Mayor Keith suggested having a called Work Session to discuss dilapidated houses.

Commissioner Todd stated more lighting is needed in the Cracker Williams Community Center parking lot.

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

All Council voted yes.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Commissioner Todd made motion seconded by Commissioner House to direct City Manager Deal to release Police Chief Lane of his duties.

All Council voted yes.

Meeting Adjourned,

City Clerk/Treasurer