

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 7:00 p .m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor David Earl Keith called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

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| Mayor, David Earl Keith          | Present |
| Commissioner, Shirlene Armstrong | Present |
| Commissioner, Don A. Darden      | Absent  |
| Commissioner, Nick Harris        | Present |
| Commissioner, Bill Harvey        | Present |
| Commissioner, Ray House          | Present |
| Commissioner, Bobby Townsend     | Present |
| City Attorney, Mike Conner       | Present |
| City Manager, Mike Deal          | Present |
| Police Chief, Glenn Takaki       | Present |

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Takaki.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 19, 2016.

All Council present voted yes.

Water Supervisor Dan Klymshyn recapped discussion held in previous Work Session about installing a new 12" City well, and abandoning the two oldest ones. The proposed location is near the Police Department on East Plum Street.

As discussed in the previous Work Session, City Manager Deal stated CPI is a way to adjust water/sewer rates periodically to prevent drastic changes. This would not go into effect until February, 2017, if approved.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded Commissioner House to approve using the CPI to adjust water/sewer rates.

All Council present voted yes.

Ricky Reddish stated (as Commissioner) he was approved funds to spend on MLK Park, and would like to use the balance left to pour concrete slab for basketball goal, and replace arms on merry-go-round. He also would like to see the trees in the park removed.

City Manager Deal informed Mr. Reddish the City has already completed some work in MLK Park.

Mr. Reddish stated twelve of the streets he had on his list have been paved; some of the striping is not straight; and dirt piles on the sides of the streets need to be leveled. He thanked the Wayne County Board of Commissioners for contributing \$500,000 to help pave the City streets.

Water Supervisor Klymshyn requested approval to install flow monitoring for the sewer system to identify problem areas. He stated an engineering firm would send out bid requests.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to approve sending bids out to install flow monitoring for the sewer system.

All Council present voted yes.

City Manager Deal announced the City/County Convenience Center, located at 555 North First Street, is scheduled to open next Monday. He stated the City will hire a part-time employee, and asked for approval to purchase a roll-off truck. Wayne County will pay half the cost of the truck.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner House to approve City Manager Deal to purchase a roll-off truck for the convenience center, with Wayne County paying half of the cost.

All Council present voted yes.

Downtown Director Maika Kicklighter showed examples of projects completed by other cities through the Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Program, and asked for approval to submit application. Only 3 Georgia cities will be selected to participate in this program. There's no cost to apply, but would cost \$35,000 and up if the City is selected.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to apply for the Renaissance Strategic Visioning and Planning Program.

All Council present voted yes.

City Clerk Jackson and Mayor Keith reviewed plans for an upcoming City Council Planning Retreat on Jekyll Island. Department Heads will spend one day presenting their short and long term goals for their department, and Randall Morris will be the facilitator for the retreat.

Council agreed to hold the Planning Retreat on Thursday, March 24 – Saturday, March 26.

City Manager Deal stated the City has been working on drainage problems on S. Brunswick Street, and hopefully the problems are solved.

Commissioner Townsend stated he has received a lot of calls about coal ash being discharged in Wayne County; and it appears a hearing is being scheduled as requested by the citizens. City Attorney Conner's office has hand-delivered a letter to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in Savannah, Georgia.

Mayor Keith read the letter to Mr. Derensey and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers requesting a public hearing prior to approval of permit application to discharge coal ash into wetlands in Wayne County. He noted Senator Johnny Isakson and Congressman Buddy Carter told him there would be a hearing.

Derby Waters reported the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has stated there will not be a public hearing, but a public meeting will be held on available dates of March 15, 16, or 17, 2016.

City Attorney Conner stated it's up to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to have a public hearing.

Commissioner House requested Council schedule a meeting with the Wayne County Board of Commissioners to discuss coal ash, and advertise in the newspaper.

Mayor Keith stated he would contact Wayne County Chairman about scheduling a meeting, and notify City Clerk Jackson of the date and time.

Commissioner Harvey stated this could be a terrible thing for the community, and said he wanted to go on record saying, "I am against it".

Commissioner House requested to go on record saying: "I am against it, but I don't know what we can do".

Commissioner House stated for the record: "I would like to ask the community for their prayers for my father-in-law, William Bird, who is in the hospital. He is not doing well and might not make it out, but I believe in the power of prayer. So anybody who would, I sure would appreciate it."

Mayor Keith stated the City's Health Insurance benefit package is subject to the Cadillac Plan Tax. This tax doesn't go into effect until 2018, but Council still needs to look at adjusting the Insurance. He requested creating a committee to prevent paying a Cadillac tax.

Commissioner Harris and Commissioner Harvey agreed to serve on the committee.

Mayor Keith reported Norfolk Southern Railroad has given him permission to do anything to help beautify the overpass near Sybil's, and asked Commissioner Townsend for his help.

Commissioner Townsend agreed to provide help.

Meeting Adjourned,

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Rose Marcus-Jackson  
City Clerk-Treasurer