

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 7:00 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	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 Darden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated March 1, 2016, and the special called meeting dated March 16, 2016.

All Council voted yes on the regular meeting.

Commissioner Harris abstained and all remaining Council voted yes on the special called meeting.

City Attorney Conner reminded Council because they did not unanimously vote to approve the 1st reading of the Solid Waste Ordinance at the last regular meeting, a 2nd reading of the Ordinance is required to move forward.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve the 2nd reading of an Ordinance to increase the minimum fine to \$500 for violations to solid waste disposal.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Deal stated Council discussed purchasing the budgeted Fire Rescue truck during the recent Planning Retreat. The amount budgeted is \$100,000, but a better truck was located for \$140,000. He noted the City provides fire protection to Wayne County, and he feels sure the County will reimburse the City for a portion of the expense at a later date.

Fire Chief Gene Lane and Assistant Fire Chief Josh Huffman explained the used 2005 Rescue Truck includes about \$40,000 worth of equipment. The truck would benefit the department by transporting extrication equipment and other items needed. Funds in the amount of \$40,000 will be transferred from other budget line items to help pay for the truck.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner House to purchase a used 2005 Fire Rescue truck in the amount of \$140,000, transferring \$40,000 from other budget line items.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Deal stated another item discussed at the Retreat was purchasing a garbage truck. He explained \$250,000 is budgeted for a commercial garbage truck, but a bigger issue is the need for a residential garbage truck. He noted by transferring money savings from other line items, and not purchasing the budgeted street sweeper, there would be enough money to purchase a residential garbage truck.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner House to allow Public Works Director Eddie Williams to request bids on (2) garbage trucks.

All Council voted yes.

Police Chief Takaki recommended Council award bid on (3) 2016 Dodge Chargers Hemi V-8 to Coffee Chrysler at \$23,375 each, totaling \$70,125.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner House to award bid on (3) 2016 Dodge Chargers Hemi V-8 to Coffee Chrysler at \$23,375 each, totaling \$70,125.

All Council voted yes.

Bids were as follows:

Mike Burch Ford	2016 Ford Taurus V-6	\$23,783.18 ea. \$71,349.54 total
Woody Folsom	2016 Dodge Charger V-6	\$25,278.00 ea. \$75,834.00 total
Woody Folsom	2016 Dodge Charger Hemi V-8	\$26,261.00 ea. \$78,783.00 total
Allan Vigil Ford	2016 Ford Taurus V-6	\$23,996.00 ea. \$71,988.00 total
Coffee Chrysler	2016 Dodge Charger V-6	\$22,600.00 ea. \$67,800.00 total
Coffee Chrysler	2016 Dodge Charger Hemi V-8	\$23,375.00 ea. \$70,125.00 total
Dan Vaden Chevrolet	2016 Chevy Caprice V-6	\$27,415.71 ea. \$82,247.13 total
Ginn Commercial & Fleet	2016 Dodge Charger V-6	\$22,647.00 ea. \$67,941.00 total
Ginn Commercial & Fleet	2016 Dodge Charger Hemi V-8	\$23,565.00 ea. \$70,695.00 total

City Manager Deal reported because there was only one bid received on the LMIG, the bid was rejected. He noted City employees could purchase materials and do part of the job, saving the City about \$50,000. The lowest price for the materials is \$21,739 from Coley Electric & Plumbing to clear up some drainage issues in the City.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to purchase materials from Coley Electric for \$21,739 to clear up some drainage issues in the City.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Harvey stated he would like Council to discuss amending the City Code to have only one meeting per month instead of two. He noted this would cut down on the expense of the City Attorney and select City employees who are required to attend each meeting. If more than one meeting is necessary, a special meeting could be called.

Commissioner Harris stated he would also like to have a Work session each month to have a round table discussion.

Commissioner Townsend stated he didn't mind, but didn't see a reason to change the City Code. City Manager Deal could continue to decide when a meeting needs to be cancelled.

Commissioner House recommended having the one meeting per month on the first Tuesday.

Commissioner Harvey made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to agree to amend City Code Section 2-31, stating Council will meet one time per month on the 1st Tuesday.

Mayor Keith inquired about the process of changing the City Code to reduce the number of meetings required each month

City Attorney Conner stated the process would be fairly simple because the City Charter would not need to be changed, just the City Code.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Deal stated Misty Juarbe, with Jones Drug Company, has requested Council to make N. W. Cherry Lane a one-way due to their drive-thru window. Since the alley is narrow, it's causing problems with traffic flow.

City Manager Deal asked City Attorney Conner was there any advertising requirements before making this change.

City Attorney Conner stated since Council is not closing or abandoning the alley, no advertisement is necessary.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to change N. W. Cherry Lane to one-way.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Townsend thanked this Council and City Attorney Conner for standing out front on the Coal Ash issue. He said he truly believes it is going to make a difference. He stated Peggy Riggins has worked hard on the Coal Ash fight, and thinks the Coal Ash Fund should run through the City. He also asked City Attorney Conner to give an update on the Coal Ash project.

City Attorney Conner updated Council on the Coal Ash Project. He noted over 300 people have submitted letters to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. He also stated EPD has a greater responsibility than what they want to admit.

City Attorney Conner explained the City could set up a separate fund for the donated Coal Ash money, and raise money to spend on the fight. Also, these donations would be tax-deductible.

Kenny Bryant, a CPA, stated the IRS has really cracked down on 501-C applications, and it would take them up to 12 months to get approved.

Commissioner Harris referred back to DDA Fire Fund donations for the burned Downtown building, and noted some people wanted their money back.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner House to set up a separate fund for the Coal Ash fund to pay legal costs.

Commissioner Darden stated if the City takes up the fight, the City is going to be responsible for legal expenses.

Commissioner Harris asked for an opportunity to think about this before voting.

Commissioner Harvey stated he thinks Council needs to discuss this matter some other time.

Commissioner Townsend and Commissioner House withdrew their motion and second.

Commissioner Townsend stated he understands this Council is not for fighting the Coal Ash.

Commissioner Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to adjourn into Executive Session.

All Council voted yes.

Upon returning, Mayor Keith stated Council discussed a personnel matter.

Commissioner Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to allow City Manager Deal to move an employee in the Water Department more than 4 steps on the pay scale.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Harris stated the Wayne County Farmers Market wants to apply for a USDA grant, but it has to go through the City because the City is the owner of the building. He also needs a Resolution to apply for the grant.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner House to approve a Resolution to apply for a USDA grant for the Farmers Market.

All Council voted yes.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus-Jackson
City Clerk-Treasurer