

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, April 19, 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	Absent
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 Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated April 5, 2016.

All Council present voted yes.

City Attorney Conner explained the proposed Ordinance amendment would reduce the number of regular Council meetings each month from two to one, to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. Also, Council would have the right to call a special meeting when needed, and change the time and location of any meeting.

Commissioner House stated he has looked forward to meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays for 20 years, but guess this is the thing to do until it needs to be reversed.

Commissioner Harvey made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an Ordinance to amend the dates and times for regular Council meetings.

All Council present voted yes.

Mayor Keith stated Commissioner Townsend was not present to discuss the Coal Ash Fund.

City Engineer Bill Shuman reported the City rebid the James Johnson Connector Sidewalk on April 12, 2016, due to receiving only one bid on February 16, 2016, and still received only one bid from the same bidder. He noted negotiations were made, with the City doing some of the work, to get the price closer to the budgeted amount of \$50,000.

City Engineer Shuman recommended Council approve the negotiated bid of \$52,730 from the only bidder, Curb and Gutter Professionals. This project is part of the 2016 LMIG.

City Manager Deal noted the \$2,730 difference would be paid out of other discretionary funds.

Commissioner Darden stated he was surprised the request for bids went out, but it seems like no one wants to do the work.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Harvey to award the negotiated bid on the James Johnson Connector sidewalk project to Curb and Gutter Professionals at \$52,730.

All Council present voted yes.

Bids were as follows:

February 16, 2016	Curb & Gutter Professionals	\$73,630
April 12, 2016	Curb & Gutter Professionals	\$69,030
April 13, 2016	Curb & Gutter Professionals (Negotiated Bid with City doing E&SC and Grading)	\$52,730

Mayor Keith stated staggered terms for Council were discussed at their recent Planning Retreat, and asked City Attorney Conner for some insight on the matter.

City Attorney Conner reviewed the packet he prepared for Council's consideration, which explains the process of changing the concurrent 4-year terms to staggered terms. He noted Council could stagger terms for the next Commission, but not for themselves.

Commissioner House inquired why Council would want to change to staggered terms.

Commissioner Harris explained the City could literally end up with a totally brand new Board following an election.

Commissioner Harvey stated he is brand new to Council, and it is quite a learning curve. He suggested shortening the terms for 2 or 3 of the Districts for the next Commission, and noted he would volunteer for his district to have a shorter term next time.

Commissioner House pointed out the fact that the City would be faced with the increased expense of holding an election every two years if they change to staggered terms.

Mayor Keith told Council this matter is just up for discussion on information provided by City Attorney Conner.

Commissioner Darden stated "Children Playing" signs are needed on Fourth and Fifth Streets to slow down speeders.

Commissioner Armstrong inquired about what could be done about tires that have been dumped on Edward Street.

City Manager Deal stated there's not much the City could do about picking up the tires due to the \$2.00 per tire disposal fee.

Meeting Adjourned,