

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, August 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:

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
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.

Mayor Keith noted this was the first Council meeting since Commissioner Bobby Townsend passed away, and asked everyone to keep his family in their prayers.

Commissioner Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated July 5, 2016.

Commissioner Harris abstained. All remaining Council voted yes.

Vickie Davis stated they have completed the following steps for the Cherry Street Jam II, as previously requested by Council:

- Secured 2 Police Officers for the event
- Obtained permission from downtown businesses with the exception of Dr. Madray
- Purchased a \$1 million insurance policy

She informed Council the insurance information would be submitted to City Manager Deal this week.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve closing West Cherry Street downtown to have the Cherry Street Jam II, provided Mrs. Davis submits the required insurance information to City Manager Deal this week.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to award the only bid received on a used 2008 Day Cab Tractor to Trax Trux, Inc., in the amount of \$34,900.

All Council voted yes.

City Engineer Bill Shuman stated he asked Greenavations Power representatives, Robert Green and Bryan Casey, to come tonight to give Council a quick summary on the progress of the Solar Energy Project and answer any questions.

Robert Green discussed the value of owning a Solar Power Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated the City could be saving over \$½ million in energy costs in 10 years while still servicing the debt.

Commissioner Harris noted Council has already approved to proceed with the Solar Energy project, but needs some reassurance that they're making the right decision going with Greenavations Power.

Commissioner Harvey asked Mr. Green could they lower their fee. Mr. Green stated he thought their fee was fair, and also noted Greenavations has already done a lot of work for the City without billing them.

Commissioner Harvey stressed that \$1.7 million is a lot of money for the City to borrow; therefore, he wants to make sure they get the best deal possible.

Bryan Casey explained the energy performance insurance, which is referred to as shortfall insurance. He reported he was able to receive a shortfall insurance policy quote in the amount of \$5,000 for 5 years.

Mayor Keith reminded Council that City Attorney Conner emailed them a copy of the proposed Professional Services Agreement with Greenavations Power.

City Attorney Conner stated he and City Engineer Shuman had thoroughly reviewed the proposed agreement. He clarified Greenavations Power doesn't guarantee anything, and a business providing a manufacturer's warranty could be out of business in 5 years.

Commissioner Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Greenavations Power in order to move forward.

All Council voted yes.

Council tabled the discussion on the Wrecker Service Ordinance until the next regular Council meeting.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve the transfer of Alcoholic Beverage License from Shyamsanna, LLC, to Eagle Fuel, Inc., located at 1215 South First Street.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Deal reminded Council the City has received a \$50,000 GDOT REBC (Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council) Grant, formally the Gateway Grant. He stated the City needs to sign the proposal for landscape architecture services submitted by jBta, Inc. in the amount of \$5,200 to move forward.

Council postponed the decision on the proposal from jBta, Inc. until the next regular meeting so they could have a chance to review it.

Downtown Director Maika Kicklighter announced the DDA Board will host a Downtown Celebration Banquet on Thursday, September 8, 2016.

Downtown Director Kicklighter informed Council of the dates for the following City events:

- Mud Bog – Saturday, October 1, 2016
- Arch Fest – Saturday, October 22, 2016

She also reported Wayne County has approved the Mud Run. This event will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2016, the same day as the Dogwood Festival.

City Engineer Shuman explained the U. S. Highway 84 North Water Line Extension Project (Poplar Street to Zaxby's) is a re-bid, and recommended Council award the low bid to Griffin-Folsom Construction Co., in the amount of \$84,855.00.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harvey to award the low bid on the U.S. Highway 84 North Water Line Extension Project (Poplar Street to Zaxby's) to Griffin-Folsom Construction Co., in the amount of \$84,855.00.

All Council voted yes.

Bids were as follows:

- Griffin-Folsom Construction Co. \$84,855.00
- Underground Excavating Co., Inc. \$110,550.00

Commissioner Armstrong recommended Debi Smith be appointed to the Downtown Development Authority Board to replace Pam Hightower, who resigned last month.

City Attorney Conner advised Council they needed to vote on Commissioner Armstrong's recommendation to the DDA Board.

Commissioner Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner House to appoint Debi Smith to the DDA Board to replace Pam Hightower.

All Council voted yes.

Mayor Keith reminded Council that Commissioner Townsend had previously served on the Solid Waste Authority Board, and asked them to think about appointing someone to replace him at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Harvey volunteered to serve on the Solid Waste Authority Board to replace Commissioner Townsend.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner House to appoint Commissioner Harvey to the Solid Waste Authority Board to replace Commissioner Townsend.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Armstrong stated another Amnesty Day needs to be scheduled to clean up trash in the City. Mayor Keith stated the City would look into setting a date for Amnesty Day.

Commissioner Darden stated he has received complaints about 30 – 75 cars being parked at the City Cemetery late at night playing Pokémon Go, and urged the Police Department to pay attention to that situation.

Commissioner House stated for the record: “My honorable friend, Commissioner Townsend, did a wonderful job for his constituents. He always thought about his constituents first even when it made me mad and we were trying to get something done. I sure will miss him. The City lost a great man; and the employees lost one of their best friends.”

Mayor Keith thanked Police Chief Takaki and the Wayne County Sheriff Department for providing surveillance in the neighborhood, and being very successful in finding some things.

He announced Commissioner Harris has been elected to serve on the GMA Board of Directors as the First Vice President of the 9th District.

Mayor Keith reminded Council that EPD will hold a Public Hearing pertaining to Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) on Thursday, August 4, 2016, in Brunswick.

He announced Bennett Union Missionary Baptist Church will host a low country boil in appreciation of Jesup/Wayne Co. Law Enforcement Officers on Thursday, August 4, 2016, at 6:00 P. M.

Mayor Keith stated the Chamber of Commerce has invited the Council to attend the annual Georgia Chamber Congressional Luncheon at the Macon Marriott City Center on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at 10:30 A. M.

He announced Congressman Buddy Carter will hold a Town Hall meeting at Coastal Pines Technical College on August 4, 2016, at 10:00 A. M.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus-Jackson
City Clerk-Treasurer