

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, September 06, 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	Absent
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.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated August 02, 2016.

All Council present voted yes.

A Public Hearing was held on the proposed Wrecker Service Ordinance.

Kelly Lightsey, with Lightsey's Body Shop, asked would they have to obtain a building and storage yard inside the City and have someone to man it during the day if they wanted to tow inside the City.

City Attorney Conner explained the storage yard could be outside the city, but needs to be at a set designated location so the City could monitor it. Also, it needs to be open during the day because sometimes a person may need to get something out of their vehicle.

Commissioner Harvey asked was there an exception made for a car hauler passing through town in the revised Wrecker Service ordinance. City Attorney Conner stated the ordinance does not regulate car haulers or repossession actions.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to approve 1st Reading of the Wrecker Service Ordinance.

All Council present voted yes.

City Manager Deal reminded Council the City has received a \$50,000 REBC Grant (formally the Gateway Grant), and asked Downtown Director Maika Kicklighter to talk about the cost of design for the project.

Downtown Director Kicklighter requested Council to approve the proposal from jB+a, Inc. to provide landscape architectural services for the City's REBC Grant Project, and noted the lump sum fees have decreased from \$5,200 to \$4,990.

City Manager Deal stated the grant does not cover the cost of the Welcome sign, but the City intends to use some of the old brick from the burned downtown building to construct the sign using City labor and recommendations from jB+a, Inc.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner House to approve the proposal from jB+a, Inc. to provide landscape architecture services for the City's REBC Grant project at a lump sum fee of \$4,990.

All Council present voted yes.

Downtown Director Kicklighter announced DNR will open their \$100,000 Recreational Trails Grant application on September 30, 2016. She stated the City has the concept plans for McMillan Creek Greenway on W. Pine Street, and will be working with Commissioner Harvey on creating a Wildlife Preserve.

Commissioner Harvey presented a master plan of McMillan Creek Greenway and reviewed ideas discussed for 100 acres of property on the other side of the railroad tracks from the existing park on West Pine Street.

Mayor Keith requested Commissioner Harvey to meet with him later so they could contact Congressman Buddy Carter about getting approval to use pathway under the railroad tracks in order to reach the property on the other side of McMillan Creek Greenway Park.

Beth English, with South Georgia Easter Seals, updated Council on the local programs they provide which include: Family Support Respite, Megan's House, Vocational, Residential, and Champions for Children.

Building Inspector Don Herrin explained Ralph Hickox is requesting a variance at 169 W. Cherry Street to extend the marquee sign an additional two feet from the building.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harvey to approve a variance request at 169 W. Cherry Street to extend the marquee sign an additional two feet from the building.

All Council present voted yes.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harvey to approve a 2016 Alcoholic Beverage license for Georgia CVS Pharmacy, LLC d/b/a CVS Pharmacy #5684, located at 348 West Pine Street, to sell beer and wine (package only).

All Council present voted yes.

City Manager Deal explained the newspaper notice about Thompson Supermarket, Inc. d/b/a Piggly Wiggly, located at 440 West Cherry Street, had applied for an Alcoholic Beverage license to sell beer and wine (package only) had not run for 30 days yet. They will open prior to the next Council Meeting, but will not receive the license until after the 30 days.

City Manager Deal stated Council could vote on the license contingent upon it running in the newspaper with no issues. City Attorney Conner suggested issuing a conditional license, and putting it back on the agenda for the next meeting just in case anyone has an objection to it.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve a 2016 conditional Alcoholic Beverage License for Thompson Supermarket, Inc. d/b/a Piggly Wiggly, located at 440 West Cherry Street, to sell beer and wine (package only).

All Council present voted yes.

Water Department Supervisor Anthony Crawford stated the only bid received on a Horizontal Directional Drill was from Ditch Witch of Georgia in the amount of \$128,076.59. He noted \$130,000.00 was budgeted for this equipment.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner House to award the bid on a Horizontal Directional Drill from Ditch Witch of Georgia in the amount of \$128,076.59.

All Council present voted yes.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Stanley Efaw requested approval to bid the rehab of 301 North lift station, which handles the most flow in the City. He noted the valves and valve pits are worn out, pumps need to be replaced, and recent lightning has damaged controls and starters. Mr. Efaw stated he talked with City Manager Deal and City Engineer Bill Shuman about treating this situation as an emergency repair, and estimates the rehab would cost \$50,000 - \$70,000.

Commissioner House made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Efaw to send out a bid package for the rehab of 301 N. lift station.

All Council present voted yes.

Commissioner Armstrong inquired about the status of the reimbursement due to the City from the reinsurance company, Bardon.

City Attorney Conner stated the City needs to hire an expert to be able to file suit. He noted they have located one in Iowa and Florida. They are expensive, but Council needs to choose one of the two.

Commissioner Armstrong stated an Amnesty Day needs to be set to get rid of debris left after the storm.

Mayor Keith asked City Manager Deal to check with Republic Services about scheduling an Amnesty Day.

Commissioner Armstrong stated she works with Habitat for Humanity, and they need volunteers to help build a house on Deborah Circle beginning in October 2016. She asked volunteers to contact her.

City Manager Deal stated Habitat for Humanity is looking for a building to store building materials and use as office store front. Mayor Keith offered to let them use a vacant building he owns.

Commissioner House stated he has been approached by several people about New Years Day falling on Sunday, and the bars wanting to sell alcohol after midnight on Saturday.

City Attorney Conner stated the fairly new Sunday Sales Law states, on a jurisdiction by a jurisdiction basis, the sell of alcohol on Sunday could be permitted.

City Manager Deal asked City Attorney Conner was Sunday Sales by Referendum. City Attorney Conner stated he didn't think so, but he would check and report back to Council.

Commissioner Harvey reported the Bird Park at the 5-point stop sign on S. Palm Street is coming along pretty good.

Mayor Keith announced "A Day to Remember" will be held on Sunday, September 11th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Jaycee Stadium. Also, Unity Church of God will be holding their Annual Homecoming on Sunday, September 11th, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Keith announced Georgia Municipal Association will hold its District 9 Fall Meeting on Thursday, October 13th, 2016, at 6:30 P. M. at George Smith State Park in Twin City, Georgia.

Mayor Keith reminded everyone of the Cherry Street Jam II to be held downtown on Saturday, September 17th, 2016, at 7:30 P. M.

Commissioner Armstrong announced the City is bringing Online Bingo back "Live" on Facebook by popular demand.

Mayor Keith stated last week's storm was a major task for Donnie Ray with EMA, and thanked City Departments and Donnie Ray and his guys for their hard work.

Mayor Keith thanked Marco's Pizza for providing free pizza for the City, County, and other emergency employees who worked during and after the storm.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus-Jackson
City Clerk-Treasurer