

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Cracker Williams Community Center. 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	Absent
Commissioner, Stanley Todd	Present
City Attorney, Mike Conner	Present
City Manager, Mike Deal	Present
Acting Police Chief, Perry Morgan and Alex Reddish	Present

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Police Chief Morgan.

Commissioner Armstrong made motion seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated March 2, 2021, special called meetings dated March 11, and March 19, 2021, and work session dated March 16, 2021.

All Council present voted yes.

Water Department Supervisor Anthony Crawford informed Council he and Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Patrick Martin have been having a really hard time finding employees who will stay. Samantha Griffis, with Express Employment Professionals, stated they would like to partner with the City to screen and provide employees for a fee of 46% in addition to pay rate. She noted there is no additional fee if the City offers the employee permanent employment after working the required number of hours through Express Employment. City Manager stated we have got to do something because the current method is not working.

Council asked City Manager Deal to get with Anthony, Patrick and Samantha to proceed with the new hiring process.

Rev. Moore, Pastor of Resurrection Christian Baptist Church, stated he felt led to come and talk to Council about Command Climate. He gave a brief definition of Command Climate, which included "It is the way a unit conducts business". He read Council's Oath of Office, and told them they couldn't delegate their authority to anyone else.

Dell Keith, with Industrial Development Authority, stated they purchased 300 acres of land (Parcel 73-80), but 63 acres is not in the City. He requested the 63 acres to be annexed into the City, and zoned Light Industrial.

City Attorney Conner stated the first thing Council needs to do is accept the petition requesting annexation by IDA.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Darden to approve a Resolution to accept a petition requesting annexation by the IDA, and commence the procedures for annexation under GA Code Ann 36-6-6 and related laws.

All Council present voted yes.

Commissioner Harvey inquired about the status of Orange Street striping. City Manager Deal stated when the City does the LMIG project, the striping will be done.

Commissioner Todd reported the potholes on Rumph Street beside the Dollar General on Highway 84 have returned.

Commissioner Harris reminded Council the spare garbage truck burned last week, and asked did they want to buy a new truck out of current budget instead of new budget. City Manager Deal stated Council could amend current budget. Commissioner Harris asked City Manager Deal to ask Public Works Director Eddie Williams to proceed with purchasing a new garbage truck.

Commissioner Darden stated he is still receiving complaints about dust from dirt driveway at Greg and Sons Trucking Company on Third Street. He also reported the ditch on Nancy Street needs to be cleaned.

Commissioner Armstrong reported a stop sign at Third and Poplar Street is down. She also reminded Council the deadline for nominating new officers for GMA District 9 is April 20, 2021.

Mayor Keith reminded Council that City Clerk/Treasurer Rose Marcus has provided them with 1st draft of proposed budget, and they need to discuss it during the Work Session on April 20th.

Mayor Keith informed Council that Wayne County Health Department had a drive-thru COVID vaccination last Wednesday, and used all shots. He also noted Johnson & Johnson vaccine is available at the mall in Waycross.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

All Council present voted yes.

Upon returning, Mayor Keith stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus
City Clerk/Treasurer