

MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 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, Stanley Todd	Present
City Attorney, Mike Conner	Present
City Manager, Mike Deal	Present
Police Chief, Mike Lane	Present

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Lane.

Commissioner Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated April 2, 2019, and the special called meeting dated April 16, 2019.

All Council voted yes.

Jesup Housing Authority Director Mark Watson reviewed highlighted sections of the Urban Redevelopment Plan. He noted Jesup's District #2 has been established as a redevelopment district.

Commissioner House asked how could this plan remove existing blighting conditions threatening public health, safety and welfare. City Attorney Conner explained the redevelopment plan statute allows cities and counties to purchase blighted properties and sell to developers.

Jesup Housing Authority Director Watson informed Council he plans to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 21, prior to the 5:00 p.m. Worksession at City Hall.

Mayor Keith thanked Mr. Watson, and asked Council to review documents provided by Mr. Watson and City Attorney Conner before the public hearing.

Mayor Keith stated the discussion on C. M. Phillips Road Extension has been withdrawn by Stephen Deaton.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Todd to approve a Resolution to abandon alleyway that divides Map and Parcel J20-85 and J20-86.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Todd made motion seconded by Commissioner Harris to abandon an alleyway that divides Map and Parcel J14-144 and J14-145.

All Council voted yes.

Water Department Supervisor Anthony Crawford asked for permission to bid a used 2014 John Deere 4WD Backhoe. He noted the estimated cost would be \$60,000, and would save the City about \$30,000.

Commissioner Harris made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to bid a used 2014 John Deere 4WD Backhoe.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Deal stated he and Building Inspector Don Herrin talked with a local contractor and received a quote on repairing the McMillan Creek Greenway Boardwalk.

Commissioner Harris suggested rebidding the Boardwalk repair to give more contractors a chance to bid.

Council agreed to rebid the Boardwalk repair.

Commissioner Harvey stated he would like to have a grand opening for the playground at Cracker Williams Park on Friday, May 31, at 11 a.m. He said the Rotary Club has agreed to provide hot dogs and drinks, and asked Council to make a donation from their budget line item. He gave an update on the Social Hall renovation, and stated the committee plans to start on the swimming pool next. He thanked everyone involved.

Mayor Keith thanked City Manager Deal for getting the Prison Inmate Construction Crew to help with the Cracker Williams Park project.

Commissioner Darden reported milling is needed on railroad crossing at Pine Street and S. W. Broad Street. City Manager Deal stated he will contact CSX.

Commissioner Darden stated a resident on Robinson Drive is operating a vehicle repair shop at his house. Police Chief Lane stated an officer has taken care of that problem.

Commissioner Armstrong inquired about the vacant MLK building. City Manager Deal stated Council needs to decide what they want to do with the building.

Commissioner Armstrong thanked Police Chief Lane for the good job he and his employees are doing. She reported tree limbs are obstructing view of traffic at the corner of Bethlehem Road and Palm Street.

Commissioner Armstrong asked City Manager Deal to explain why the City is placing trees and limbs in a hole on property near Sumac Drive. City Manager Deal explained the City is placing storm debris in the hole and it will be covered afterwards.

Commissioner Darden made motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

All Council voted yes.

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

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus-Jackson
City Clerk/Treasurer