

MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall Council Chamber. Mayor Ralph Hickox called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows.

Mayor, Ralph Hickox	Present
Commissioner, Shirlene Armstrong	Present
Commissioner, Tim Cockfield	Present
Commissioner, Bill Harvey	Present
Commissioner, Ray House	Present
Commissioner, Stanley Todd	Absent
Commissioner, Pamela Shuman	Present
City Attorney, Mike Conner	Present
City Manager, Rose Marcus	Present
Police Chief, Perry Morgan	Present

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Morgan

Commissioner House made the motion seconded by Commissioner Harvey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 4, 2022 and the Work Session dated January 18, 2022.

All Council present voted yes.

Board appointments were discussed.

Mayor Hickox appointed Alan Brown to Grievance Committee. Commissioner Cockfield ask to table his appointee until next meeting.

Commissioner Shuman was appointed to the Pension Committee by Council.

Mayor Hickox appointed Sharon Courson to replace Carol Keith on the Tree Board.

City Attorney Conner updated council in regards to amending the Charter allowing the City Manager to appoint the City Clerk/Treasurer. He stated that state law requires City Council to have 2 separate meetings for the amendment and advertise the purpose of those meetings in the paper. Also required is posting the proposed Charter Amendments at the Court House and City Hall.

Council agreed to start the process for amending the charter at the next meeting on February 15, 2022.

Commissioner Armstrong requested that the Council have 2 regular meetings a month and reserve the first 15 minutes of the second meeting to discuss finances. Both meetings will begin at 7 PM.

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion seconded by Commissioner House to have 2 regular meetings a month.

All Council present voted yes.

City Engineer Bill Shuman informed Council that only one bid was submitted for 2022 LMIG Road Resurfacing Contract and therefore was awarded to Georgia Asphalt Producers. He asked Council to approve an additional 10% contingency in the amount of \$19,367.51 for a total of \$213,042.64.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to award bid to Georgia Asphalt Producers for 2022 LMIG Road Resurfacing Contract in the amount of \$213,042.64.

All council present voted yes.

Fire Chief Josh Huffman ask council to approve purchase of a new fire engine from Sourcewell in the amount of \$425,739.00. He stated that he was going to hold off building a new station on Pine Street and that he had money in other line items that could be moved to cover the purchase of the fire engine without going over budget.

Commissioner House made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shuman to approve purchase of new fire engine.

All council present voted yes.

Commissioner Harvey announced that the meeting to renovate the swimming pool went very well. The amount was less than previously stated. He said we could move forward and possibly have pool in 4 to 5 months.

DDA Director Molly Hall reminded Council the City was awarded a \$100,000.00 DNR grant to be used on the pool.

Council asked City Manager Marcus to organize a Planning Retreat.

Commissioner Harvey made a motion seconded by Commissioner Cockfield to move forward with renovations to the pool and plan a retreat.

All council present voted yes.

Commissioner Cockfield gave an update on Fire Service agreement.

City Manager Marcus stated that the City would no longer pay COVID leave time for employees out with COVID. Any employees testing positive would have to use sick or personal time.

She also stated that she appointed Rhonda Tillman as Acting City Clerk/Treasurer.

Commissioner Armstrong stated that she had noticed less dumping of household garbage since officers were giving citations.

Commissioner Shuman stated that she was glad the boardwalk was open again.

Commissioner Cockfield again congratulated Acting City Clerk/Treasurer Tillman.

Mayor Hickox commented on enjoying the GMA meeting and classes.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Rhonda Tillman  
Acting City Clerk/Treasurer