

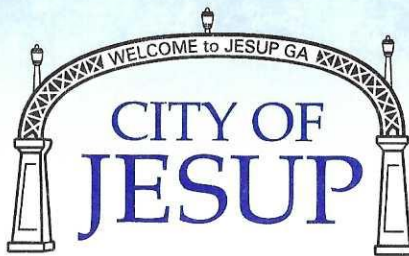


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After a great deal of soul searching, family conferencing, and prayer, I am tendering my resignation of Mayor of the City of Jesup, effective September 1, 2021.

The events playing out behind the scenes at the Olympics illustrate the fact that there is a cost to everything and it is wise to realize when the personal cost exceeds a place in the public arena. While serving until the end of my term would have been my intention, I feel that with the dynamics at work the city commissioners can move ahead without any disruption.

Next to my dear family, my wife Carol, our children, Hanna, Sidney, and Garrett, serving as your Mayor has been the most fulfilling and joyous part of my adult life. I was greatly influenced by my father-in-law, Riley Reddish, Sheriff of Wayne County and a Georgia State Senator. He really demonstrated the "servant" quality of a public servant and always said, "You don't do it for the money, you do it to help the people."

I look back on the past seven years and I think I lived up to my campaign promises to "leave Jesup a better place than when I took office." Together with the City Commissioners, the auxiliary city employees, and the time and advice of untold numbers of our citizens, I think we accomplished more than we could have imagined. I am especially proud of being included in so many public meetings and endeavors of our community and feel enriched by those opportunities in which I always tried to participate. And I will carry with me all the fond acquaintances and friendships I have made as I moved throughout our wonderful city. That is a blessing that tops anything else.

I thank my colleagues at State Farm for making it easier for me to carry out my civic responsibilities. I thank my wife and my entire family for so unselfishly supporting me during my many absences. And I thank each member of our city and our county, for giving me this supreme honor and opportunity to try to make a positive, significant difference. I may not carry the title, but I will carry the commitment to keep making the best better.

Nothing happens without a dream and I've certainly lived mine. I hope others out there will live the dream of public service and that our community will continue to dream of improving our beautiful city.

David Earl Keith
Mayor 8/3/21