

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 12, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 12th day of March, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jennings City Council Chambers, 154 N. Main Street, Jennings, Louisiana with President Stephen VanHook and a quorum present.

Jennings City Council Members present: Carolyn Simon, District A; Johnny Armentor, District B; Clifton LeJeune, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: None

The Prayer was led by Mr. LeJeune and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor.

It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1743B – a resolution to authorize the Mayor of the City of Jennings to redirect funds from the Special Programs Fund allocated for East Academy Recreation to remodel the Basketball Pavilion at Marcus Cain Park. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1743B. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the Basketball Pavilion Project was very meaningful to him and he was encouraged that it may happen sooner than he had expected. He said that *Architects Southwest, Inc.* had provided a plan to remodel the East Academy Recreation Facility at a cost of over \$700,000.00 which was over the budget. The Mayor and Recreation Director Brian Benoit then facilitated a different plan of action which was the Basketball Pavilion, if the Council would agree. Ms. Simon said that the placement of an overhead for the basketball court was one of the short term goals that she wanted to accomplish in her term. She had discussed this goal with the former mayor as well, so it was good to see it come to pass under the leadership of Mayor Guinn. This pavilion would be a good place for the children to gather and play. Mr. LeBlanc said that this project would be greatly appreciated because the children are out there playing all the time and at one time there were even organized leagues playing on that court. The Mayor stated that there will be lights and surveillance and he is working with a local architect who has submitted a rough price estimate that will fall within the allotted budget of East Academy Park. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1743B.

Resolution No. 1743C – a resolution to authorize the Mayor of the City of Jennings to purchase three (3) patrol cars for the Jennings Police Department. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1743C. The Mayor stated that twelve of the thirty-six police cars are dead lined because the repairs greatly exceed the value of the cars. Funds are available in the Special Programs Fund to purchase the three cars, so he would like the Council to approve this request. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1743C.

Ordinance No. 1744 – an ordinance wherein the City Council approves the levying of millage rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1744. The Mayor stated that rates will remain the same as last year. With no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1744.

Ordinance No. 1745 – an ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Jennings to execute a contract with BFI Waste Services, LLC *d/b/a Republic Services of Acadiana-Scott* and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1745. The Mayor thanked City Attorney Kevin Millican and Ms. Nicole Hebert of *Republic Services* for the work done on this contract. This contract is for an additional five (5) years at no increase in price, but there will be an increase in services by providing the City with dumpsters in locations now being serviced by another provider. Sludge removal will also be provided. The total operational cost savings to the City will be over \$4,000.00 a month. With no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1745.

Ordinance No. 1746 – an ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Jennings to enter into a Joint Services Agreement with the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff’s Office and the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce Ordinance No. 1746. The Mayor stated that this ordinance would allow the City to negotiate with the JDP Sheriff and the JDP Police Jury for jail space in the new parish jail to house up to ten (10) misdemeanor inmates for the City Court system. City Attorney Kevin Millican stated that when the new jail was first proposed, a verbal agreement was reached with the city and the parish to house misdemeanor inmates since the City of Jennings had already closed their jail and needed bed space. Inmates with felony charges are automatically housed with the parish. With no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1746.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on March 12, 2019 of the Jennings City Council at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz
Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council