

REGULAR MEETING

August 11, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 11th day of August, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jennings City Council Chambers, 154 N. Main Street, Jennings, Louisiana with President Stephen VanHook presiding and a quorum present.

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

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Johnny Armentor, District B

The Prayer was led by Ms. Simon and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. LeBlanc.

It was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the July 14, 2020 Regular Meeting.

There were no resolutions.

Ordinance No. 1763 – an ordinance to authorize the City of Jennings to rezone the property of Calcasieu Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. from Light Industrial to Neighborhood Commercial; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce Ordinance No. 1763. City Attorney Kevin Millican stated that the Jennings Zoning Board had met just prior to the Council Meeting and had voted unanimously to recommend to the Council to rezone the property from Light Industrial (M-1) to Neighborhood Commercial (C-1). Millican said that he had only one call inquiring into the rezone from an adjacent landowner. The landowner who lived in California gave no opposition to the rezone. Mayor Henry Guinn also stated that there were no calls or complaints received at City Hall. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1763.

Ordinance No. 1764 – an ordinance to implement four-way stop signs at each point at the intersection of East Sumner Street & Orange Street, at each point at the intersection of Wood Street & Orange Street and at each point at the intersection of South Broadway & East Sumner Street; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1764. Mayor Guinn stated that a traffic study was requested by Mr. Leblanc and completed by Police Chief Danny Semmes. The study showed two of the areas, Wood Street & Orange Street and South Broadway & East Sumner Street, were considered high priority areas. Mayor Guinn stated that he would like the council to implement these four-way stop signs. Ms. Simon stated that these signs were much needed. After no other public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1764.

Next was to discuss the demo & cleanup of the home located at 3006 Wilbert D. Rochelle Avenue that was adjudicated to the Parish 79% & City 21%. Mayor Guinn stated that this property was placed in a tax sale on August 5, 2020 and was purchased. The property is in the redemption period for three years in order for the original owner to redeem the property. The current owner was made aware of the state of the property. Mayor Guinn said that he would like for the council to refer this property to

the Mayor's office. The mayor stated that the city would contact the owner and serve notice that he had ten (10) days to clean up the property and if there was no action the city would proceed with demolition. After no other discussion, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **refer to the Mayor's office to monitor the cleanup up to and include demolition** of the property at 3006 Wilbert D. Rochelle Avenue.

The Council congratulated City Attorney Kevin Millican for being elected as the next Jefferson Davis Parish District Attorney. The Council also recognized Joni Broussard as our new Assistant City Clerk.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on August 11, 2020 of the Jennings City Council at 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council