

REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 8th day of September, 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; 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 August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1764A – a resolution to adopt a compliance questionnaire for fiscal year 2019-2020 audit per request by the Legislative Auditor. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1764A. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this was a questionnaire required each year for the audit. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1764A.

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 (M-1) to Neighborhood Commercial (C-1); and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance No. 1763. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that there were no calls or complaints received at City Hall. Mr. Armentor was informed the address of this location is 102 South Main Street. After no other public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1763.

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

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 adopt Ordinance No. 1764. Mayor Guinn stated that a traffic study was requested by Mr. LeBlanc and completed by Police Chief Danny Semmes. The study warranted all of the 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 roll call voice vote to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1764. Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Ordinance No. 1765 – an ordinance wherein the City Council approves and adopts the adjusted millage rates and repeals all ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce Ordinance No. 1765. Mayor Guinn stated that every four years property values are reassessed. This year a small increase of property values was noted, therefore the adjusted millage fell slightly for the General Alimony, Street Maintenance and Library from the prior year. After a period

with no comments, questions or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1765.

Ordinance No. 1766 – an ordinance wherein the City Council sets forth the adjusted millage rates and rolls forward to millage rates not to exceed the prior year’s maximum authorized rates and repeals all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce Ordinance No. 1766. Mayor Guinn stated that every four years property values are reassessed. This year a small increase of property values was noted, therefore the adjusted millage fell slightly for the General Alimony, Street Maintenance and Library from the prior year. The City would like to roll forward to the prior year’s maximum rate which would give a small increase in each millage. The average residence with a total taxable value at \$100,000 would increase about \$1.10. A public hearing has been scheduled for October 13, 2020 at 5:15 pm. It will be advertised in the official journal and posted on our website and on Council Chambers. After a period with no comments, questions or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1766.

Clifton LeJeune expressed his compliments of how all the City of Jennings residents and pastors had come together to aid those in need following Hurricane Laura. Mayor Guinn also expressed his compliments of how all the city workers had worked tirelessly in the effort to clean up the city.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas voice vote to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on September 8, 2020 of the Jennings City Council at 5:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council