

## REGULAR MEETING

December 10, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019 at 5:31 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 Ms. Simon and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor.

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

Resolution No. 1755E – a resolution of the City of Jennings affirming support of the 2020 United States Census. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1755E. Ms. Kelly Courville was in attendance to give a brief update on the census. Courville thanked the city and stated that the census would be in April 2020 and it was very important that everyone was counted. Our grant funding dollars of WIC, Head Start, Council on Aging, etc. are based on the census and it was vital to our city to have the correct population number. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1755E.

Resolution No. 1755F – a resolution of the City of Jennings authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development obligating the City to pay 10% of the construction cost, and assume all legal liability for, and all maintenance and operating cost, of subject lighting system. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1755F. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this resolution will allow the City to enter into agreements with DOTD and assume responsibility and liability for the I-10 lighting. The lighting system dates back to the 70's and 80's and because of the age of this system it allows for us to acquire federal grant money at a 90% match. We could ask the parish for assistance but since the amount is so low, the City should be able to incur the costs. Mr. LeBlanc asked if the lighting would be extended further. Mayor Guinn stated that the lighting is controlled by the State and he had requested that lighting begin and end at the City limits. This resolution would simply begin the process of applying for federal grant money. Mr. LeJeune asked who was responsible for replacing lights at this point. Mayor Guinn explained that the City works with the parish & state to replace any lights that are not working. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1755F.

Mr. Armentor motioned and Mr. LeBlanc seconded to discuss whether to approve and confirm a beer & liquor permit to Nexhmedin Nokshiqi, d/b/a *Tuscany Italian Restaurant* for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 203 East Nezpique Street. Mayor Guinn stated that all the paperwork was in order with a clear background check. After no other comment or discussion, it was carried to **approve and confirm** the beer/liquor permit to *Tuscany Italian Restaurant* for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 203 East Nezpique Street.

Yeas were from Mr. Armentor, Mr. LeBlanc, Ms. Simon and Mr. VanHook; Mr. LeJeune abstained

Mr. LeBlanc motioned and Mr. Armentor seconded to discuss whether to approve and confirm a

beer permit to Lakhwinder Kaur & Jaspal Singh, d/b/a *J & J's Bar* for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 403 South Main Street. Mayor Guinn stated that all the paperwork was in order with clear background checks. Mr. LeBlanc stated that he had done a survey in this area which was in his district. LeBlanc stated that it was a 50/50 split decision of the residents of whether they wanted this bar in their area. When questioned by Mr. Armentor, Mr. Jaspal Singh stated that he was not the owner of the car wash that was adjacent to his business. Mr. Gregory Marcantel stated that he was the accountant for this business and that Mr. Singh was a very conscientious person and Mr. Singh and his wife were trying to make a go of the business. After no other comment or discussion, it was carried to **approve and confirm** the beer permit to *J & J's Bar* for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 403 South Main Street.

Yeas were from Mr. Armentor, Ms. Simon and Mr. VanHook; Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. LeJeune abstained

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on December 10, 2019 of the Jennings City Council at 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Lantz, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council