

## REGULAR MEETING

July 13, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 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 Ms. Simon 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 of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the June 22, 2021 Special Meeting.

Resolution No. 1774A – a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Jennings to enter into a Joint Service Agreement with *Guns & Ammo Disposal, LLC*; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1774A. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this agreement will allow the city to gather forfeited and seized guns no longer needed as evidence to exchange for guns and ammunition that is needed by our police officers. Our auditor recommended that this is a profitable way of disposing weapons, instead of just destroying them. After no questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1744A.

Resolution No. 1774B – a resolution authorizing the City of Jennings' Mayor and Finance Department to adjust the City Asset List Threshold beginning FY2021-2022; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1774B. Mayor Guinn stated that the city purchases many items each year that are now priced higher than in years past, but these items are not necessarily assets that have to be depreciated each year. This resolution will increase the threshold from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for the item to be considered an asset. CPA Consultant Mr. Gregory Marcantel stated that our auditor recommended that we could increase the threshold. A low threshold is very tedious for the city and for the auditor. After no questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1744B.

Ordinance No. 1775 – an ordinance to implement a stop sign at each point of the intersection of Myers Road and Myers Road Lift Station Right of Way, Jennings, Louisiana; 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. 1775. Mayor Guinn stated that in this area was a trailer park and a CrossFit Center. It was astonishing to learn how much traffic and data was captured on our radar trailer placed there for a period of time. The data of 10,000 cars daily suggests that the city should install stop signs there. After no questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1775.

Mr. Chris Lehman was present to inquire if the city had designated the end of Isabelle Street as a route to a new fishing spot. It was moved by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to listen to Mr. Lehman's concerns. Mr. Lehman had many questions for the council about the increased foot traffic in his neighborhood, especially people with large bags and backpacks. Mr. Lehman had recorded activity for about 6 months and had called the police out several times. According to Mr. Lehman the police came out and checked, but as soon as the patrols left the people came out of the woods. Mr. Lehman was also concerned about the City's sewer plant in that area. After listening to Mr. Lehman for some time, President Stephen VanHook stated that the council does not have the ability to enforce the day-to-day operations of the police department. Typically, a person would address these concerns to the police department and the mayor's office who can hold the department heads accountable. Mayor Guinn stated that he will look into the information packet presented to him and share it with Police Chief Danny Semmes. Chief Semmes addressed the council and stated that according to records, his police officers had responded each time that Mr. Lehman called. Chief Semmes offered Mr. Lehman his personal cell phone number and said that he would look into this situation.

Next was to elect the City Council President for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. It was motioned by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by yeas of voice vote by Mr. Armentor, Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. LeJeune and Ms. Simon to **RE-ELECT** Mr. Stephen VanHook as Jennings City Council President for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Mr. LeBlanc motioned to add to the agenda to talk about the replacement of gravel to asphalt in Parkview Cemetery. Mr. Armentor motioned and Ms. Simon seconded and all were in agreement to add to the agenda to talk about the replacement of gravel to asphalt in Parkview Cemetery. Mayor Guinn stated that he would get the gravel graded and make sure that it is maintained frequently.

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 July 13, 2021 of the Jennings City Council at 6:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council