

SPECIAL MEETING

October 26, 2021

The Special Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 26th day of October, 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: Johnny Armentor, District B; Clifton LeJeune, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Carolyn Simon, District A

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 of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. **1775E** – a resolution authorizing for the submittal of ARPA Water Sector Program Grant Application, approving local match and entering into agreements associated with engineering services; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. Lejeune to introduce and adopt Resolution No. **1775E**. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this is a Federal Competitive Grant giving the city an opportunity to apply for an additional 5 million dollars in funding for the Water Plant project. This Competitive Grant is being presented for approval to pursue the funding. After a few other comments and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. **1775E**.

Resolution No. **1775F** – a resolution affirming support for application to the Governor's office of Facility Planning and Control 2022-2023 Capital Outlay Program for a grant to be used for expansion of sewer system for new development & city-wide sewer upgrades and repairs; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Lejeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce and adopt Resolution No. **1775F**. Mayor Guinn explained that the state allocates money every year through the Capital Outlay Program and we received \$300,000 of those funds for the Magnolia Drainage Project. Currently, we have a one million dollar request in Capital Outlay in Priority 2 funding for expansion of sewer system for new development. We also have a one million dollar request in Priority 4 funding for city-wide sewer upgrades and repairs and those funds wouldn't be received for another 3 years. A letter of support from council is needed to get the funds. After a few other comments and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. **1775F**.

Resolution No. **1775G** – a resolution in support of applicant specific Housing and Urban Development Grant rulemaking protocols to allow expeditious delivery of funds for Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR); and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. **1775G**. Mayor Guinn explained that this request would go directly to the Congressional Delegation & Office of the President, requesting that FEMA expeditiously send the funds that have already been approved and allocated. With no further

comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1775G.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Special Meeting on October 26, 2021 of the Jennings City Council at 5:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Joni Broussard _____

Joni Broussard, Assistant Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council