

REGULAR MEETING

May 10, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 10th day of May, 2022 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; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Anthony LeBlanc, District D

The Prayer was led by Mr. LeJeune and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor.

It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1778A – a resolution to adopt procedures for placing items on the City Council Agenda and the length of time for presentation to the council; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1778A. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that many people have inquired how to get placed on the City Council Agenda. The mayor explained that it was his job to hear citizen's complaints and to make sure those complaints are resolved. The council's main focus is to handle the budget and to adopt resolutions and ordinances. This resolution acknowledges the mayor's authority and explains the procedure for getting placed on the City Council Agenda and the time limits for presentation. After much discussion and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1778A.

Ordinance No. 1779 – an ordinance to amend the Jennings City Code, Chapter 20, Article IX; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1779. City Attorney Derek Bisig explained that the District Attorney's office has always handled the city's court cases. Since the City now has a full-time attorney on staff, this ordinance will allow the city's attorney to serve as the city prosecutor. After discussion and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1779.

Ordinance No. 1780 – an ordinance to add to the Jennings City Code, Chapter 20, Article IV, Sec. 20-39, Chapter 20, Article VII, Sec. 20-138; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce Ordinance No. 1780. Attorney Derek Bisig explained that since he is the full-time attorney for the city, the District Attorney's office will no longer be handling the cases at City Court. This ordinance will allow the city's attorney to serve as city prosecutor. After no questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1780.

Ordinance No. 1781 – an ordinance authorizing the City of Jennings Mayor to enter into negotiations, sign conveyances, perform sewer construction and demolition as needed; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1781. Mr. Lynwood Hebert of *Hebert's Boudin & Cracklins, LLC* was requesting the city to move the city's right-of-way to the outer portions of their property in order to build a new convenience store and restaurant. The city's lift station and utility easement are interfering with the engineering plan of the construction. This ordinance will allow the city to hire an engineer to find out the cost of moving the lift station and utility easement. After discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1781.

Ordinance No. 1782 – an ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Jennings to execute contracts; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce Ordinance No. 1782. Mayor Guinn stated the first agreement was to partner with the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury for contracting with a certified contractor to mow all the adjudicated properties in the city limits of Jennings. There are approximately 140 adjudicated properties that will be mowed monthly. The city and parish will split the cost. The second agreement was also to partner with the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury for the LED lighting system at the I-10 ramps of LA 26 & LA 97. After discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1782.

It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for #610 AND #57 Grey Limestone for FY 2022-23. Bids were opened on April 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. *Port Aggregates, Inc.* had the low bid for #610 Grey Limestone to be **picked up** at \$33.75 per ton. *Rock Solid Materials, LLC* had the low bid for #610 & #57 Grey Limestone to be **delivered** at \$38.50 & \$39.50 respectively. Both companies bid the same for #57 Grey Limestone to be **picked up** at \$35.50. After no comments or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to **ACCEPT** the lowest responsible bidders for #610 AND #57 Grey Limestone for FY 2022-23.

It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for Hot Mix (AC-30) Asphalt for FY 2022-23. Bids were opened on April 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The only bidder was *R.E. Heidt Construction Company, LLC* out of Westlake. The bid amount was \$87.00 per ton which was a \$13.00 per ton increase from last year. After no comments or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to **ACCEPT** the lowest responsible bidder for Hot Mix (AC-30) Asphalt for FY 2022-23.

Mr. Armentor motioned and Ms. Simon seconded to discuss whether to approve and confirm a Beer & Liquor permit to *P-N-H Inc. (Patrick Nguyen) - d/b/a MainStreet Grocery-Liquor* for retail sales – Class B – no drinking on premises – located at 722 South Main Street. Mayor Guinn stated that this was a change of ownership and the paperwork was in order with a clear background check. After no comment or discussion, it was carried by yeas of voice vote to **approve and confirm** the Beer & Liquor permit to *P-N-H Inc. (Patrick Nguyen) - d/b/a MainStreet Grocery-Liquor* for retail sales – Class B – no drinking on premises – located at 722 South Main Street.

Yeas: Johnny Armentor, Carolyn Simon & Stephen VanHook Nays: None

Abstained: Clifton LeJeune Absent: None

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADJOURN** this Regular Meeting on May 10, 2022 of the Jennings City Council at 6:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council