

REGULAR MEETING

July 12, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 12th day of July, 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; Clifton LeJeune, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Johnny Armentor, District B

The Prayer was led by Ms. Simon and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. LeBlanc.

It was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the June 28, 2022 Special Meeting.

Resolution No. 1786A – a resolution to authorize the Mayor of the City of Jennings to acquire land for the water plant expansion project; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1786A. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this will allow the city to acquire land around the water plant for the expansion that would approximately double water production capacity. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1786A.

Ordinance No. 1787 – an ordinance authorizing the City of Jennings to rezone the property of Mitchell and Virginia Sonnier and Steven Lee from A-2 to C-2; 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. 1787. Mr. Chip Lyons, a representative from AT&T, explained that the tower height had been reduced to a total of eighty-five feet. Mayor Guinn stated that the zoning board had met earlier and their recommendation was to approve the rezoning. Mr. LeJeune raised the issue that he had been contacted by several residents from his district with concerns about the tower. Mr. LeJeune further asked if AT&T had been in contact with those residents as well as the Jefferson Davis Parish Mosquito Control who has low flying planes. Mr. Lyons stated that they had not contacted the residents or the Jefferson Davis Parish Mosquito Control. After a few more questions and comments, with Mr. LeJeune voting nay, it was carried by voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1787 with the understanding that AT&T would contact Mr. LeJeune about the concerns he received from residents in his district and the Jefferson Davis Parish Mosquito Control.

Ordinance No. 1788 – an ordinance to declare intent to obtain full ownership of property adjudicated to the City of Jennings, Louisiana; 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. 1788. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that it would be beneficial to the City to put adjudicated property back into production. After discussion and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1788.

Ordinance No. 1789 – an ordinance to amend the Jennings City Code (Lot Cleanliness), Chapter 15, Article II; 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. 1789. City Attorney Derek Bisig explained that this adds definitions to clarify lot cleanliness including procedures and the appeal process. After discussion and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1789.

Ordinance No. 1790 – an ordinance to amend the Jennings City Code (Junk and Abandoned Vehicles), Chapter 20, Article XII; 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. 1790. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that there were over three hundred abandoned vehicles throughout the city and this ordinance simplifies the abandoned vehicle process. After no questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1790.

Ordinance No. 1791 – an ordinance establishing a procedure for the private sale of a police dog to the police officer who trained or worked with the police dog; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1791. City Attorney Derek Bisig explained that this ordinance allows for the right of first refusal by a police officer who trained or worked with a police dog when the dog is retired. After a few comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1791.

Next was to elect the City Council President for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **RE-ELECT** Mr. Stephen VanHook as Jennings City Council President for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for repair and renovations to the City of Jennings pump houses. Bids were opened on June 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. *Lavergne Construction* had the lowest bid at \$173,000. There is also alternate 1 to paint the exterior brick at a cost of \$9,750 and alternate 2 for generators at a cost of \$117,520. *Lavergne Construction* would still be lowest bidder including the alternates. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the generators are needed so that the lift stations would still operate in the event of loss of electricity. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the insurance company has approved the bid work; however, the city would be responsible for any alternates. 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 repair and renovations to the City of Jennings pump houses.

It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for repair and renovations to the City of Jennings parks. Bids were opened on June 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. *Cuzan Services* had the only bid at \$1,380,000. There is also alternate 1 for pressure washing and cleaning at a cost of \$10,000. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the insurance company has approved the bid work; however, the city would be responsible for any alternates. 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 repair and renovations to the City of Jennings parks.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas voice vote of those in attendance to **ADJOURN** this Regular Meeting on July 12, 2022 of the Jennings City Council at 6:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council