

REGULAR MEETING

October 11, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 11th day of October, 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: 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. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the September 13, 2022 Regular Meeting.

It was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to go into executive session with respect to prospective litigation with insurance regarding bid items.

It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the following projects:

1. Repair and renovations to Fire Station 2 - bids were opened on September 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Financial advisor Greg Marcantel later explained that the bids were too high and needed to be rejected to further negotiate with the insurance company. After discussion, the motion to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for repair and renovations to fire station 2 was **REJECTED** by unanimous nays of voice vote of those in attendance.

2. Repair and renovations to street department buildings - bids were opened on September 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. *L. K. Breaux & Associates, Inc.* had the low base bid of \$309,800. There is also alternate 1 to paint the exterior panels at a cost of \$23,900 and alternate 2 for replacing restroom fixtures and painting the barn at a cost of \$15,560. 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 street department buildings.

3. Repair and renovations to water works and water treatment plant - bids were opened on September 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. After no comments or discussion, the motion to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for repair and renovations to water works and water treatment plant was **REJECTED** by unanimous nays of voice vote of those in attendance.

4. Repair and renovations to Fire Station 1 and 2 communication towers - bids were opened on October 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. *Louisiana Radio Communications* had the low base bid of \$410,000. The original motion was to authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the project. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to amend the original motion to refer the project to the Mayor's office for review. After no comments or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **REFER** the project to the Mayor's office for review. Later, it was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to amend the motion to include postponing any decision until the November 8, 2022 meeting. After no comments or

discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **AMEND** the motion to include postponing any decision until the November 8, 2022 meeting.

5. Repair and renovations to parks (electrical and lighting) - bids were opened on October 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. *E. L. Habetz Builders* had the low base bid of \$1,794,000. The original motion was to authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the project. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to amend the original motion to refer the project to the Mayor's office for review and postpone any decision until the November 8, 2022 meeting. After no comments or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **REFER** the project to the Mayor's office for review and postpone any decision until the November 8, 2022 meeting.

6. Repair and renovations to parks (architectural) - bids were opened on October 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. *Trahan Construction* had the low base bid of \$458,000. There is also alternate 1 to clean and seal the pavilion at a cost of \$6,200. The original motion was to authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the project. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to amend the original motion to refer the project to the Mayor's office for review and postpone any decision until the November 8, 2022 meeting. After no comments or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **REFER** the project to the Mayor's office for review and postpone any decision until the November 8, 2022 meeting.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on October 11, 2022 of the Jennings City Council at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council