

REGULAR MEETING

January 10, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 10th day of January, 2023 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 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 December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1791L – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Renovation – SESCO Storage Building Project as substantially complete; 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. 1791L. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this project involved hurricane repairs covered by the City's insurance policy. Mayor Guinn stated that the repairs have been finalized and punch list completed and substantial completion should be accepted. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791L.

Resolution No. 1791M – a resolution to give notice to create the “City of Jennings Economic Development District No. 1, State of Louisiana;” defining the boundaries thereof from which area local sales tax and hotel occupancy tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791M. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this resolution involves a parcel of property purchased by *Hebert's Boudin and Cracklins, LLC*. Mayor Guinn explained the City has a lift station in the middle of the property that needs to be moved to allow economic development to take place on the property. The district proposed by this resolution would allow the City to place up to a two cent sales tax on retail sales within the district to recoup the cost of moving the lift station. Mayor Guinn explained that the district would only involve the parcel of land owned by *Hebert's Boudin and Cracklins, LLC*. Attorney Derek Bisig explained that the purpose of this resolution is to give notice to the public of the City's intent. Mr. Bisig stated that a public hearing and ordinance would be the next step in this process. Mayor Guinn also explained that the timeframe for revoking the sales tax was at the discretion of the City Council. After questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791M.

It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for sewer lift station relocation. Bids were opened on December 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. *Co-D Construction* had the low bid of \$327,000. Mayor Henry Guinn explained

that if the economic development district is composed, the proceeds would be used to reimburse the City for these expenses. 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 the sewer lift station relocation.

The council unanimously voted to add Resolution No. 1791N to the agenda per request by Mayor Henry Guinn. Resolution No. 1791N – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Renovation – Jennings Cemetery Storage Building Project as substantially complete; 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. 1791N. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this project involved hurricane repairs. Mayor Guinn stated that the repairs have been finalized and substantial completion should be accepted. After no other questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791N.

The council unanimously voted to add a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury to the agenda per request by Mayor Henry Guinn. Mayor Guinn explained that this is a multi-jurisdictional agreement to contract with *EagleView Technologies* to provide aerial images for the GIS system. Mayor Guinn stated that this is an ongoing process and will allow the City to know where all utilities are located. Attorney Derek Bisig stated that this system would provide images before and after storms that would speed up insurance claims. After questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize Mayor Henry Guinn to **EXECUTE** a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury to contract with EagleView Technologies to provide aerial images.

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 January 10, 2022 of the Jennings City Council at 5:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council