

REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 14th day of February, 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: 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. Armentor and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1791O – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Hurricane Renovation – Burton J. LeBlanc 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. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791O. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the roof damaged by Hurricane Delta has been repaired and the interior mold has been cleaned up. Mayor Guinn stated that the repairs have been finalized and the project was ready for substantial completion. After no further questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791O.

Resolution No. 1791P – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Hurricane Renovation – Strand Theater Building Project as substantially complete; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791P. 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 this particular project at the Strand Theater was substantially complete. Mayor Guinn explained that this only covers the hurricane damages and not the recent flooding due to the water line bursting. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791P.

Resolution No. 1791Q – a resolution revoking the dedication of surplus equipment belonging to the City of Jennings to make available for sale, donation or for disposal. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791Q. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the city keeps a list of assets and once or twice a year the city purges unused or broken items. This resolution is necessary to discard items that are property of the city. Mayor Guinn explained that most of the items on the list had no significant value and any items with value would be sold at public auction. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791Q.

Ordinance No. 1792 – an ordinance creating 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 Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1792. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this ordinance involves the future site of *Hebert’s Boudin and Cracklins*. Mayor Guinn explained the City has a lift station including water and sewer lines in the middle of the property that needs to be relocated to allow the development to take place on the property. The district proposed by this ordinance would allow the City to place a one cent sales tax on retail sales within the district to recoup the cost of moving the lift station and utilities. After no other comments or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1792.

The council unanimously voted to add Resolution No. 1791R to the agenda per request by Mayor Henry Guinn. Resolution No. 1791R – a resolution in support of legislation to create the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District comprised of various parishes in or near the Acadiana Region, including Jefferson Davis Parish; providing for the effective date thereof; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791R. Judge Daniel Stretcher was in attendance and explained that there has been increased juvenile delinquency everywhere and there is no place to put juveniles who have allegedly committed delinquent acts. Judge Stretcher explained that this creates a public safety concern and this resolution is the first step to obtaining a facility. After questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791R.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on February 14, 2023 of the Jennings City Council at 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council