

REGULAR MEETING

August 8, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 8th day of August, 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 July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1800B – a resolution authorizing the mayor of the City of Jennings to submit an application through the Louisiana Department of Health Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund for Water System Improvements. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1800B. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this application is for a loan that is up to forty-nine percent forgivable. The proceeds of this loan would be appropriated to 2.5 miles of waterline north of the interstate and to sandblast and paint both water towers. Mayor Guinn explained that there is no commitment but an application is required to determine the loan rates and how much would be forgivable. After no public comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1800B.

Ordinance No. 1802 – an ordinance authorizing the City of Jennings to rezone the Old River plot of the Sunshine Addition annexation from S to C-3; 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. 1802. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that Old River is a new 18-wheeler dealership that has requested to be annexed by the city. Mayor Guinn explained that any time a parcel is annexed, it is automatically zoned as suburban. Mayor Guinn stated that the zoning board had met earlier and there were no objections to rezoning this parcel as commercial. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1802.

Ordinance No. 1803 – an ordinance to permanently close North Avenue between Church and State Streets, Jennings, LA; 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. 1803. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that as part of expanding the water plant including a new million-gallon water tank, the administration building will need to be relocated. Mayor Guinn explained that this road closure would allow for the relocation of the administration building and warehouses. Mayor Guinn also explained the location of the closure. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1803.

Ordinance No. 1801 – an ordinance authorizing the City of Jennings to annex immovable property into the Sunshine Addition; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance No. 1801. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that as introduced in the previous meeting, Old River has requested to be annexed by the city. Mayor Guinn explained that there has not been any negative feedback received regarding the annexation process for this parcel. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1801. Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Clifton LeJeune, Anthony LeBlanc, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook
Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Mr. Armentor motioned and Mr. LeBlanc seconded to discuss whether to approve and confirm a beer & liquor permit to Taqueria DF2, LLC (Francisco Campuzano), d/b/a Restaurant Mexicano DF & Monterrey for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 203 E. Nezpique St., Ste. 105. Mayor Guinn stated that all the paperwork submitted was in order with a clear background check. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this location already had a permit. After no other comment or discussion, it was carried by yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to approve and confirm the beer/liquor permit to Taqueria DF2, LLC d/b/a Restaurant Mexicano DF & Monterrey for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 203 E. Nezpique St., Ste 105. Mayor Guinn thanked them for starting a business in the City of Jennings. Yeas: Johnny Armentor, Anthony LeBlanc, Carolyn Simon & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: Clifton LeJeune Absent: None

Mr. LeJeune motioned and Ms. Simon seconded to discuss the demo & cleanup of the property located at Isabelle St. (Parcel #220838350) belonging to Chester Guidry. The structure has been declared unsafe and in need of condemnation. No one representing this property was in attendance. Mayor Henry Guinn explained the tax lien and demolition process. After discussion and comments, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to condemn and demolish the property at Isabelle St. (Parcel #220838350).

Mr. Armentor motioned and Ms. Simon seconded to discuss the demo & cleanup of the property located at Isabelle St. (Parcel #220838800) belonging to Chester Guidry. The structure has been declared unsafe and in need of condemnation. No one representing this property was in attendance. After a few comments, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to condemn and demolish the property at Isabelle St. (Parcel #220838800).

Mr. Armentor motioned and Mr. LeBlanc seconded to discuss the demo & cleanup of the property located at 1310 Isabelle St. (Parcel #220032400) belonging to Charles & Gladys Anderson. The structure has been declared unsafe and in need of condemnation. Mr. Wendel Rochelle was present to represent his mother as owner of this property. Mr. Rochelle stated that he was in favor of demolition of the property. After discussion and comments, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Armentor and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to refer the property at 1310 Isabelle St. (Parcel #220032400) to the Mayor's office to follow up with condemnation and demolition.

Mr. Armentor motioned and Ms. Simon seconded to discuss the demo & cleanup of the property located at Isabelle St. (Parcel #221008564) belonging to Michael James. The structure has been declared unsafe and in need of condemnation. No one representing this property was in attendance. After few comments and no further discussion, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to condemn and demolish the property at Isabelle St. (Parcel #221008564).

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 August 8, 2023 of the Jennings City Council at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council