

## REGULAR MEETING

November 14, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 14th day of November, 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 Ms. Simon 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 October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1803B – a resolution revoking the dedication of surplus property belonging to the City of Jennings to make available for sale, donation or disposal. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1803B. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this resolution will allow the City to sell the former police dog to its handler. After no other comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1803B.

Resolution No. 1803C – a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Jennings to declare one Jennings police department patrol unit as surplus equipment and to authorize him to donate the unit to the Town of Lake Arthur Police Department. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1803C. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that unit being donated was totaled in an accident and will be used for salvaged material by Town of Lake Arthur Police Department. After no other comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1803C.

Resolution No. 1803D – a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of Jennings of the Parish of Jefferson Davis, Louisiana, an act of acceptance from CO-D Construction of LA, LLC, contractor, pertaining to the completion of a contract for the sewer lift station relocation. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1803D. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the lift station was moved to accommodate the development of *Hebert's Boudin & Cracklins, LLC*. Mayor Guinn stated that the project and punch list were completed and is ready for acceptance. After no other comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1803D.

Resolution No. 1803E – a resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to reserve funds which will fully fund the Contingency Program as required by Water Sector Program. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1803E. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this was a requirement of the grant money from Water Sector Program which mandates a reserve totaling \$432,000 for the cost of certain equipment. After no other comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1803E.

Ordinance No. 1804 – an ordinance to adjust the water & sewer rates and connections and to set the schedule of fees and charges for services for FY 2023-24. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce Ordinance No. 1804. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the state required a rate study to be performed as part of the acceptance of grants. Mayor Guinn explained that the price increases are necessary to meet a fifteen percent profit as required by the rate study. After no public questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1804.

Ordinance No. 1805 – an ordinance providing for the redistricting of the five single-member Jennings City Council Districts based on the 2020 census. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce Ordinance No. 1805. Mayor Henry Guinn presented the proposed district map and explained the changes in each district with District A having no changes. Mayor Guinn stated that Mr. Hefner was contracted to draw the proposed maps and is expected to be in attendance at the December 2023 meeting to answer any questions. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1805.

Ordinance No. 1806 – 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 Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1806. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this ordinance involves rezoning of property for a proposed cellular tower by AT&T. Rezoning of this property was previously on the Council agenda, however a motion to discuss the rezoning was not obtained. Due to litigation, the rezoning of this property from A-2 to C-2 was required to be addressed. AT&T representative, Laura Carlisle, presented coverage maps and answered various questions. The Mayor and Council expressed a willingness to work with AT&T regarding this matter. Council President, Stevie VanHook explained that this ordinance being voted on only involves the zoning of this property. After many questions and comments, by unanimous nays of voice vote of those in attendance, the motion to introduce Ordinance No. 1806 **FAILED**.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on November 14, 2023 of the Jennings City Council at 6:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council