

## REGULAR MEETING

December 12, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 12th day of December, 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 November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1803F – a resolution to honor and congratulate the Jennings Garden Club on getting the City of Jennings Holiday ready. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1803F. Mayor Henry Guinn thanked the participants of the Garden Club for their hard work and dedication on preparing and putting the decorations for the Holiday season throughout the City. Council President, Stephen VanHook also congratulated the Garden Club. Garden Club President, Ms. Nookie Miller thanked the City Council for the honor. She also thanked the Mayor and city employees that helped in getting the City of Jennings Holiday ready. After no further questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1803F.

Resolution No. 1803G – 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. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1803G. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this is done periodically to clean up non-working 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. 1803G.

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 Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to adopt Ordinance No. 1804. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the state required utility rates be adjusted as part of the acceptance of grants being used for the expansion of the water plant. After no public questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1804. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Clifton LeJeune, Anthony LeBlanc, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook

Nays: None          Abstained: None          Absent: None

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 Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to adopt Ordinance No. 1805. Mayor Henry Guinn explained the plan has little change. Mike Hefner stated that this plan was the best since it made as little change as possible to be in compliance. After no further questions or comments, it was carried by

unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1805. 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 The Cigarette Store LLC (d/b/a Smoke ‘N Go #408), for retail sales – Class B – no drinking on premises – located at 1123 N. Lake Arthur Ave. Mayor Guinn stated that all the paperwork submitted was in order with a clear background check. 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 The Cigarette Store LLC (d/b/a Smoke ‘N Go #408), for retail sales – Class B – no drinking on premises – located at 1123 N. Lake Arthur Ave. Yeas: Johnny Armentor, Anthony LeBlanc, Carolyn Simon & Stephen VanHook    Nays: None  
Abstained: Clifton LeJeune    Absent: None

The council unanimously voted to add to the agenda to authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the Sunshine Lift Station & Force Main project, contingent upon approval from the funding agencies. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the Sunshine Lift Station & Force Main project, contingent upon approval from the funding agencies. Bids were opened on December 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. *CO-D Construction of LA, LLC* had the low bid of \$744,407.07. The Mayor stated that this lift station will provide sewer for development north of the interstate. After no other public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the Sunshine Lift Station & Force Main project.

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 December 12, 2023 of the Jennings City Council at 5:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council