

REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 13th day of February, 2024 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 Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1805C – a resolution to adopt procedures for placing items on the City Council agenda and the length of time for presentation to the council; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1805C. After much discussion, motion was amended by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Armentor to table Resolution No. 1805C. After no further questions or comments, it was carried to **TABLE** Resolution No. 1805C.

Resolution No. 1805D – a resolution affirming support for an application to the Governor's Office of Community Development 2023-2024 Local Government Assistance Program for a grant to be used for sewer system improvements including but not limited to manhole rehabilitation. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1805D. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the City applies for this grant each year. Mayor Guinn stated that this grant would provide up to \$50,000, to be used for sewer system improvements. After no further questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1805D.

Resolution No. 1805E – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Renovations Carnegie Library Project as substantially complete; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1805E. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the hurricane repairs to Carnegie Library have been completed and the project is substantially complete. After no other comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1805E.

Resolution No. 1805F – a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Jennings to declare one 2014 K-9 Kennel and its components as surplus equipment and to authorize him to donate the kennel to the City of Rayne police department. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1805F. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the Jennings Police Department has a newer fleet of cars and no longer has a car that the kennel will fit in. After no other comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1805F.

Ordinance No. 1806 – an ordinance authorizing the City of Jennings to rezone the property of Acadiana CARES at 203 S. Louise St. from A-1 to A-6; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to adopt Ordinance No. 1806. Special Counsel, Gary McGoffin read statutes regarding ethics related to this matter. Mayor Henry Guinn discussed a timeline of events related to the Acadiana Cares Property. After lengthy discussion and many comments, the motion to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1806 **FAILED**. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Johnny Armentor, Clifton LeJeune, & Carolyn Simon.

Nays: Stevie VanHook Abstained: Anthony LeBlanc Absent: None

It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune to add an item to the agenda to have the Council visit the City Charter in relation to the mayor's salary. Council President, Stephen VanHook informed the Council a unanimous vote is required to add an item to the agenda.

Roll Call Vote Required:

Yeas: Johnny Armentor, Anthony LeBlanc, Clifton LeJeune

Nays: Carolyn Simon & Stephen VanHook

Abstained: None Absent: None

President VanHook stated that since the vote was not unanimous, the item could not be added to the agenda.

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 February 13, 2024 of the Jennings City Council at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council