

SPECIAL MEETING

June 25, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 25th day of June, 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 Ms. Simon and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor.

It was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1807A – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Streetscape along Main St. project as substantially complete; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1807A. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the Streetscape Project along Main St. was substantially complete. After no further questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1807A.

Ordinance No. 1808 – an ordinance to adopt the Pay Plan and the Operating & Capital Outlay Budget for FYE 06/30/2025. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance No. 1808. Mayor Guinn stated that a hearing for public participation of the Proposed Budget was held at 5:00 pm on June 11 in compliance with LRS 39:1306-07 and the proposed budget was presented. There were no questions or comments at the Public Hearing or at the June 11, 2024 Council Meeting. The floor was then opened for any public questions or comments. After no comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1808.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Clifton LeJeune, Anthony LeBlanc, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Ordinance No. 1809 – an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1590, Sec 26-39, changing the amount of the meter deposit. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance No. 1809. Mayor Guinn stated that this would increase the deposits for new accounts to \$200 to offset amounts of unpaid accounts. After no public questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1809.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Clifton LeJeune, Anthony LeBlanc, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Ordinance No. 1810 – an ordinance to adjust the solid waste collection and disposal rates to the CPI Index for FY 2024-25. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to adopt Ordinance No. 1810. Mayor Guinn stated that the contract with our provider for curb side trash pickup allows an increase based on the consumer price index. The mayor explained that a 3% increase was negotiated which is less than the actual increase of the consumer price index. After no other comments and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1810.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Clifton LeJeune, Anthony LeBlanc, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Ordinance No. 1811 – an ordinance to authorize the mayor to adopt the annual Joint Service Agreements for FY 2024-25. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to adopt Ordinance No. 1811. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that passage of this ordinance allows him to enter into agreements each year with a variety of agencies operating day to day. Mayor Guinn explained that there was one new joint service agreement with Water District No. 4 to provide temporary water service to new developments within the city north of Interstate 10. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1811.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Clifton LeJeune, Anthony LeBlanc, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Ordinance No. 1812 – an ordinance to increase the salary of the Mayor of the City of Jennings, LA. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to adopt Ordinance No. 1812. Mayor Guinn explained that this increase does not apply to the current mayor, it applies to the next mayor to be voted in by the people in the next term. Therefore, this increase does not go into effect until July 1, 2025. After no public comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1812.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Clifton LeJeune, Anthony LeBlanc, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Ordinance No. 1813 – an ordinance to increase the salary of the members of the City Council of the City of Jennings, LA. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to adopt Ordinance No. 1813. Mayor Guinn explained that this would increase the city council members' salary to \$9,600 annually. This increase does not go into effect until July 1, 2025. Therefore, the increase does not apply to the current city council members, it applies to the positions of city council to be voted in by the people in the next election. After no other comments and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1813.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Clifton LeJeune, Anthony LeBlanc, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Resolution No. 1805C is **ON HOLD**.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Special Meeting on June 25, 2024 of the Jennings City Council at 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council