

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 12, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 12th day of May, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jennings City Council Chambers, 110 N. Broadway, Jennings, Louisiana with President Stephen VanHook and a quorum present.

Jennings City Council Members present: Carolyn Simon, District A; Johnny Armentor, District B; Trey Myers, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: None

The Prayer was led by Mr. LeBlanc and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor.

It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Myers and carried to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting.

First presented was Ordinance No. 1697 – an ordinance authorizing the City to rezone the property of *Bancshares, Inc.* at 434 Lincoln Drive from A-1 to C-3 and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. Mr. Jeff Boudreaux of *The Bank* informed the Council that he would like to expand the current operations to include a corporate office and more parking. Boudreaux wanted to rezone to C-1 but was told that C-3 would be more in line with his existing C-3 zoning of *The Bank* property. Mr. Charlie Williams spoke in opposition of the rezoning. Williams wanted to keep the neighborhood on Lincoln Drive as residential property. Williams also pointed out that other businesses could go into a C-3 such as car washes, nightclubs, etc. Ms. JoAnn Fontenot also spoke in opposition noting that a corporate office was not ideal for a dead end street. After discussion, **ORDINANCE NO. 1697 FAILED** to be introduced due to lack of a motion.

Next was Ordinance No. 1698 – an ordinance authorizing the City to rezone the property of *The Bank* at 429 Roberts Avenue from A-1 to C-3 and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. Mr. Jeff Boudreaux of *The Bank* said that the expansion of this area was mainly for parking with maybe something else at the front of the property. Boudreaux stated that a study done by DOTD reported that 18,000 cars pass in this area every day and directly across the street was all commercial property. Mr. Joe Tupper also spoke in favor of rezoning this property. But Mr. Charlie Williams and Ms. JoAnn Fontenot again spoke against the rezoning of this property stating the same reasons as before. After discussion, Mr. Armentor motioned to amend Ordinance No. 1698 from a rezone to a C-3, instead to a C-1 and introduce Ordinance No. 1698, as amended. There was no second and **ORDINANCE NO. 1698 FAILED** to be introduced due to a lack of a second on the motion.

Then was Ordinance No. 1696 – an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1685 that established the Pay Plan, Operating and Capital Outlays for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The budget amendments pertained to the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Facilities Improvement Fund. After no comment or discussion, it was moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1696**.

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Roll Call Vote Required

Ayes: Johnny Armentor, Anthony LeBlanc, Trey Myers, Carolyn Simon & Stephen VanHook

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

In Other Business, Barbara & Rocky Roy were to speak in regard of the property located at 1330 State Street. They had requested a 45 day timeline on December 9, 2014 to start heavy renovation of the house by putting a new roof and securing the structure. The Council gave them a 90 day timeline to pull a permit and to renovate the home to make it a safe and secure structure. The 90 day timeline expired on March 9, 2015. They were to be added to the agenda at the April meeting upon unanimous approval of the Council, but the voice vote was not unanimous. The Council then agreed to add them to the May agenda, so that gave the Roys another 30 days to renovate and secure the structure. They were not at the meeting and no heavy renovation of the house was done, so it was motioned by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous voice vote to turn this property over to the Mayor's office for demo and clean up.

With no further business, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on May 12, 2015 of the Jennings City Council at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz
Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council