

## REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016 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; Trey Myers, 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 Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous voice vote to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the July 12, 2016 Regular Meeting.

There were no resolutions.

Ordinance No. 1719 – an ordinance to authorize the City to rezone the property of *Daigle Real Estate Services* located at 618 Scott Street from A-3 to A-4; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. City Attorney Kevin Millican stated that the City of Jennings Zoning Board had met prior to the City Council Meeting and their vote was five (5) For and one (1) Against the rezoning of this property from an A-3 single family dwelling to an A-4 multi-family dwelling. Millican explained that the property was a multi-family complex but when the City sectioned this area into an A-3 single family zone in 1974 – the property was grandfathered in. But years later lost its nonconforming status when the property remained vacant. Mr. Kenny Daigle of *Daigle Real Estate Services* explained that he was requesting the property to be rezoned to an A-4 multi-family property in order to renovate the existing structure. He would spend in excess of \$100,000 to get the complex up to code. He had renovated other properties in other cities and would like to do the same in Jennings. He stated that all the surrounding property owners had signed in favor of the development. Others in attendance spoke in favor of the renovation. Then Mr. Vic Guidry explained to the Council that he had many signatures of residents in the neighborhood against the renovation. He stated that he has lived there many years and there were many problems with the tenants when it was a multi-family complex. There were many arguments, partying, drugs, loud swearing and parking all over the street. He stated there were many times when the police were called out. He and his neighbors would not like the property to be rezoned for another multi-family complex. He stated that the City would surely not allow a new multi complex building to be built so why allow this property to be rezoned for a renovation. After much discussion on both sides, it was motioned by Mr. Myers and seconded by Ms. Simon to table Ordinance No. 1719 in order for the two sides to try to negotiate an agreement. After no other comments, it was carried by voice vote to **TABLE ORDINANCE NO. 1719**. (4) Ayes: Anthony LeBlanc, Trey Myers, Carolyn Simon & Stephen VanHook  
(1) Nay: Johnny Armentor Absent: None Abstained: None

Under *Other Business* was to approve and confirm the issue of a beer and liquor permit to Naseer Yaqub & members – *Evan's Corner Store LLC – d/b/a Alexis' Diner* for retail sales – Class A drinking on premises – located at 1207 B South Lake Arthur Avenue. The Mayor stated that all the paperwork was in order and there should be no reason to deny this request. After no other comment or discussion, it was moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to **APPROVE and CONFIRM** a beer/liquor permit to *Alexis' Diner* at 1207 B South Lake Arthur Avenue.

Next was to discuss demolition and cleanup of the home at 810 N. Cutting Avenue belonging to Aldon & Charlotte St Germain. The structure has been declared unsafe, falling down and needs to be condemned. City Inspector Phillip Arceneaux stated that he had spoken with the owners and they had indicated that they were aware that the home needed to be demolished. A certified letter was sent to the owner to appear before the Council to address the issue. Since no one was present, it was moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous voice vote to **REFER** this matter the Mayor's office to appoint an attorney to contact the property owners for demolition and cleanup of their property.

Next was to authorize the Mayor to sign to accept the 2015-2016 Drainage Lateral Improvements (Curtis Street to Alice Street) done by Guillotte Brothers, Inc. as substantially complete. City Engineer Steve Tate stated that the project was complete and found to be in conformance with plans and specifications. He recommended that the Council accept the project as substantially complete in order to start the 45 day lien period. After that the final payment could be made. After no further discussion or comment, it was moved by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous voice vote to **ACCEPT** the 2015-2016 Drainage Lateral Improvements as substantially complete.

With no further business, it was moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous voice vote to **ADJOURN** this Regular Meeting on August 9, 2016 of the Jennings City Council at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Barbara Lantz  
Barbara Lantz, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council