

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 10th day of November, 2015 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; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Trey Myers, District C

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 October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting.

First was to adopt Ordinance No. 1705 – an ordinance to formally terminate the civil service classified position of Captain and repealing all ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. After no comments or discussion, it was moved by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1705**.

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Roll Call Vote Required

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Trey Myers

Next was to adopt Ordinance No. 1706 – a bond ordinance to provide issuance of \$1,000,000 principal amount of Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Bonds of the City of Jennings - LA Series ST-2015; confirming the sale thereof; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for payment thereof, and entering into certain covenants and agreements in connection with the security and payment of the bonds. Mayor Terry Duhon explained that this was the last million of the seven million of the bonds. This million was to be issued for the renovation of the Public Safety Building. Mayor Terry Duhon stated that the only offer to purchase the bonds came from *JD Bank*. After no public comment or other discussion, it was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1706**.

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Roll Call Vote Required

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Trey Myers

Next, was to authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the 2015-16 Drainage Lateral Project from Curtis Street to Alice Street. City Engineer Steve Tate gave the results of the bid openings. The four bids opened on October 27, 2015 at 10:00 am were received as follows:

ERS, LLC

\$333,310.00

4526 Office Park Rd. Ste. 2

Jackson, MS 39206

License No. 32784

Guillotte Brothers, Inc. \$140,898.95
18511 Son Guillotte Rd.
Jennings, LA 70546
License No. 39989

Guinn Construction – Mark Guinn \$333,375.00
1616 Industrial Drive
Jennings, LA 70546
License No. 44

LA Equipment Services – Tim Guinn \$169,700.00
P.O. Box 897
Jennings, LA 70546
License No. 50599

Mr. Tate stated that after reviewing the bids, he recommended that the Mayor award the contract to Guillotte Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$140,898.95. It was then moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder who met all the qualifications for the 2015-16 Drainage Lateral Project.

The next item of other business was a request of Mr. Ross Meche to extend the noise ordinance from 11:00 pm until midnight on May 27 & May 28, 2016 for live band performances each night under the rodeo arena on Hwy 26 for the Gypsy MC International Gathering. Ms. Tiffany Sonnier was standing in for Mr. Meche. Mayor Duhon stated that Police Chief Todd D’Albor had performed a background check on the group and all was clear. Mr. LeBlanc questioned if there was going to be ample security for the event and he was assured that they would have security. Chief D’Albor stated that he would handle all complaints. After no further discussion it was moved by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous voice vote to extend the noise ordinance from 11:00 pm to midnight on May 27 & May 28, 2016 for the Gypsy MC International Gathering live band performance.

Afterward it was necessary for the Council to go into Executive Session for the purpose of a strategy negotiation with respect to liquidated damages. Motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried to move into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote Required

Ayes: Mr. Armentor, Mr. LeBlanc, Ms. Simon & Mr. VanHook

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Myers

The Council then moved into Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried to return to the Regular Session of November 10, 2015.

Mr. Armentor motioned to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with respect to liquidated damages, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

With no further business, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on November 10, 2015 of the Jennings City Council at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council