

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 13th day of October, 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; Trey Myers, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Johnny Armentor, District B

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

It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Myers and carried by unanimous voice vote to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting.

First was to present Resolution No. 1705A – a resolution to adopt a compliance questionnaire for fiscal year 2014-2015 audit as per request by the Legislative Auditor. Mayor Terry Duhon explained that this was a routine procedure that was required each year. After no comment or discussion, it was moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1705A**.

Next was to introduce 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. Chief Todd D’Albor explained that the position of Deputy Chief had been adopted by the Council a few years ago, so the Captain position was no longer needed and there was no one in that position now. His department needed more officers on the streets and fewer officers behind desks. After no other comment, it was moved by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1705**.

Next was to introduce 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. After no public comment or discussion, it was moved by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Myers and carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1706**.

Next, Mayor Terry Duhon gave the results of the bid openings for a minimum of 13 units of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus & Spare Cylinder for each Apparatus for the Fire Department. Only one bid was received as follows:

FERRARA FIRE APPARATUS
27855 James Chapel Road
Holden, LA 70744

13 cylinders, 13 spare cylinders
13 mask & 13 scba harness assemblies

Total bid price: \$73,999.00

Budget was approved for only \$65,000.00. It was then moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Mayor to review the proposed bid and to determine how to proceed provided the bid meets all specifications.

Next, Architect Jeff Augustine of *Architects Southwest* reported on the results of the bid opening for the Safety Building Project. Augustine informed the Council that there were seven bidders and the bids were very competitive with the low bid being *Ribbeck Construction Corporation* of Lake Charles, LA with the low base bid of \$1,090,467.00. It was moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Mayor to review the proposed bid with the architects to assure that all specifications were met and then to enter into contract with the lowest bidder who met all qualifications.

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 October 13, 2015 of the Jennings City Council at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council