

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 12th day of January, 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 Mr. LeBlanc and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor.

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

First was to present Resolution No. 1707A – a resolution revoking the dedication of surplus equipment belonging to the City of Jennings to make available for disposal or for sale. After no comment or discussion, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Myers and carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1707A**.

Next was to present Resolution No. 1707B – a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City on April 9, 2016 for the purpose of submitting to the electors residing in the City qualified under the constitution and laws of State of Louisiana, propositions for renewal and continuation of certain ad valorem property tax millages for the purpose of support, maintenance and upkeep of the Jennings Carnegie Public Library and for the purpose of improving and maintaining public streets, parks and bridges within the City; and authorizing a one-half percent (1/2%) sales and use tax upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption and storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the City; and making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith. President VanHook called for comment or discussion. Concerned citizens asked how much the tax would generate and if the Council would designate certain parts of the tax to certain areas. Mayor Terry Duhon and City Financial Advisor, Mr. Gregory Marcantel, explained that the tax should generate about 1.3 million each year. The money generated from that tax would go into the General Fund and would not be dedicated to a specific area. It will be portioned out each year as needed for roads, drainage, sewer & water, salaries, etc. when the Council decides the budget. Citizens should contact the council person of their district for their concerns before the annual budget is introduced each year. After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1707B**.

Next was to present Resolution No. 1707C – a resolution authorizing publication of notice describing the geographic boundaries of the City of Jennings. After no comment or discussion, it was moved by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Myers and carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1707C**.

Then up for adoption was Ordinance No. 1707 – an ordinance wherein the City Council to increase the Department of Motor Vehicles service fee from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per transaction and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1707**.

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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

The only item in other business was to discuss was the cleanup of the property at 602 N. Main Street (old More Mileage building) belonging to Mr. Charles Bardo. Bardo asked the Council what rules were being violated and what was the exact nature of the problem. He said that no one he spoke with seemed to be able to answer his questions. Councilman Armentor stated that he had received numerous complaints about the appearance of Bardo's property. Bardo said that he was renovating the inside of the building and had to move all of the items outside. Mr. Armentor's recommendation was for Bardo to acquire a storage container or to store the items behind the fence while he worked on the inside of the building. Bardo explained that he was in the process of doing that but he had a full time job and needed time. After further discussion, it was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Myers and carried by unanimous voice vote to allow 90 days for the cleanup of the property.

With no further business, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Myers and carried by unanimous voice vote to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on January 12, 2016 of the Jennings City Council at 6:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council