

## REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 8, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 February 9, 2016 Regular Meeting.

There were three ordinances to introduce concerning rezoning. President VanHook stated that prior to this meeting, the Zoning Board had met and had by unanimous vote approved & recommended that the Council approve the rezoning requests. VanHook also noted that there was an attached Exhibit A with the requests. Exhibit A is the conditional agreement between both parties who attended the Zoning meeting and the Council meeting. Exhibit A will be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

First was to introduce Ordinance No. 1708 – an ordinance to authorize the City to rezone the property of *The Bank* located at 429 Roberts Avenue from A-1 to C-1; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1708. After no public comment, it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1708**.

Next was to introduce Ordinance No. 1709 – an ordinance to authorize the City to rezone the property of *The Bancshares* located at 434 Lincoln Drive from A-1 to C-1; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Myers and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1709. After no public comment, it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1709**.

Next was to introduce Ordinance No. 1710 – an ordinance to authorize the City to rezone the property of *The Bank* located at 1304 N. Cutting Avenue from C-3 to C-1; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Myers to introduce Ordinance No. 1710. After no public comment, it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1710**.

Under Other Business President VanHook asked if the Council could move Item B (Stop Signs Recommendation) ahead of Item A (FYE 06/30/15 Audit Report). It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous voice vote to move Item B ahead of Item A on the Agenda.

Item B was to discuss the recommendation from Police Chief D'Albor to remove the traffic light located at the intersection of Cary/Plaquemine/Market, etc. and to place an All-Way or 5-Way Stop Sign at each street of the intersection. Mayor Terry Duhon stated that the Chief had written the recommendation which was given to each Council member. Duhon stated that the traffic light was old and constantly needed repair which was getting expensive. Each time the light failed, stop signs were temporarily installed and this seemed to work quite well. A traffic survey was done by the Chief which led to the recommendation. Ms. Simon inquired into the placement of the sign or signs.

Duhon stated that if the Council approves the recommendation he would meet with the City engineer to determine the ideal location for the Stop Signs. Mr. Armentor asked that a crosswalk be placed from the Jeff Davis Parish Library to the Jennings Carnegie Library in order for citizens to cross safely. Motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the recommendation of Chief D'Albor to remove the traffic light located at the intersection of Cary/Plaquemine/Market, etc. and to place an All-Way or 5-Way Stop Sign at each street of the intersection and also to introduce this recommendation as an ordinance.

Next was to introduce Ordinance No. 1711 – an ordinance to remove the traffic light located at the intersection of Cary/Plaquemine/Market, etc. and to place an All-Way or 5-Way Stop Sign at each street of the intersection. It was motioned by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1711. After no public comment, it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1711**.

Next Mr. Aaron Cooper, CPA presented the City of Jennings' Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/15. Mr. Cooper stated that he had given the City a Clean Opinion or sometimes called an Unqualified Opinion. The main funds, the General Fund and the Utility Fund, were in good shape with strong balances. There were no findings which made it a very good audit. Mr. Cooper thanked the City's financial staff for working with the auditor to answer any questions. Mayor Duhon thanked the City Clerk, Financial Advisor, the finance staff and the Council for making everything run so efficiently each year.

Finally was to vote whether to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations with respect to litigation. It was motioned by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous voice to move into Executive Session. Motion was made by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Myers and carried by unanimous voice vote to move out of Executive Session and return to the Regular Session.

With no further business, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous voice vote to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on March 8, 2016 of the Jennings City Council at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council

## EXHIBIT A

### CONDITIONS OF ZONING APPROVAL FOR THE BANK/THE BANCSHARES

1) Drainage: The Bank and/or The Bancshares shall submit all drainage plans to the City of Jennings engineers and shall receive approval prior to beginning construction as normal procedure. All parking lots shall include retainer barriers on the edges of the parking lots to control and direct water runoff in a North and Westerly direction as a preferred drainage flow.

2) Fencing: The Bank and/or The Bancshares shall build a privacy fence, at least 8 feet tall. The structure shall be of the natural colors consistent of the adjacent residential neighborhood. There shall be no The Bank traffic on Lincoln Drive except for the occasional utility service call on the 'back' of the property.

3) Lighting: The Bank/The Bancshares will work to create less light pollution. New construction or upgrades and any future replacements of existing lighting will be significantly more sensitive to the neighborhood.

4) Building Position: The positioning of all new construction shall comply with all applicable Codes of Ordinances of the City of Jennings. The Bank and/or The Bancshares have agreed to at least a 60 foot setback to blend in and accommodate the neighborhood and campus aesthetics.

5) Future Purchases: Future purchases of surrounding residential property are not planned; in short they are not part of the Bank and/or The Bancshares current or foreseeable plans.

6) Zoning: When The Bank and/or The Bancshares request to change the Roberts Avenue and Lincoln Drive property from A-1 to C-1 it will also request that it's existing property be changed from C-3 to C-1.