

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 12, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 12th day of April, 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. Myers, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the March 8, 2016 Regular Meeting.

First was to canvass and tabulate the returns of the Special Tax Election held on April 9, 2016 and to adopt the proces verbal. It was motioned by Mr. Myers and seconded by Ms. Simon to adopt the Proces Verbal. After no public comment, it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **ADOPT** the PROCES VERBAL.

Next was to present Resolution No. 1711A – a resolution promulgating the results of the special election held in the City of Jennings on April 9, 2016. After no comment or discussion, it was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1711A**.

Then was to adopt 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1708. After no public comment, it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1708**.

Next was to adopt 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 Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance No. 1709. After no public comment, it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1709**.

Then was to adopt 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 Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Armentor to adopt Ordinance No. 1710. After no public comment, it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1710**.

Next was to adopt Ordinance No. 1711 – an ordinance to remove the traffic lights and implement All Way/Five Way Stop Signs at each point at each street at the intersections of Cary Avenue, Plaquemine Street & Market Street and to implement Crosswalks; and repealing all or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance No. 1711. Mayor Terry Duhon stated that the city engineer had looked at the intersection and stated that there would be no problem to take down the light and implement stop signs and crosswalks at said intersection. After no public comment, it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1711**.

Under Other Business was to discuss the recommendation from the Water Department and the City Clerk to revise Ordinance No. 1591 in order to discontinue mailing disconnect notices and to state on the water bill when service will be disconnected and also to remove after hours reconnects. City Clerk Barbara Lantz stated that about 900 disconnect notices were sent out each month which costs the City paper, postage and employee time. Also, it was noted by the new software company, which implements utility billing software all over the nation, that we were duplicating our work. If the bill would simply state when penalty would be added and when disconnect would be done that this would eliminate sending out another notice. Also the reconnection after hours involves collecting the money in cash or money order and this is just not a good practice to do after hours. If there would be an emergency then the Mayor could be contacted to give approval for reconnect and payment would be made the following morning. But this would be a rare circumstance since most cases are not emergencies. Motion was made by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the recommendation to amend Ordinance No. 1591 and also to introduce this recommendation as an ordinance.

Next was to introduce Ordinance No. 1712 – an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1591 for the removal of mailing disconnect notices and after hours reconnects. It was motioned by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1712. After no public comment, it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1712**.

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 April 12, 2016 of the Jennings City Council at 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council