

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 9, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 9th day of July, 2019 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; Clifton LeJeune, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: None

The Prayer was led by Mr. LeJeune and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor.

The last item on the agenda, to elect the City Council President for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, was moved to the first item on the agenda. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by yeas of voice vote by Armentor, LeBlanc, LeJeune and Simon with VanHook abstaining to **RE-ELECT** Mr. Stephen VanHook as Jennings City Council President for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

It was moved by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the June 25, 2019 Special Meeting.

There were no resolutions and no ordinances.

Next was to discuss the demo and cleanup of the home at 623 Roberts Avenue belonging to Patrick and Laura Gay. The structure had been declared unsafe & falling down and needed to be condemned. Motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. LeJeune to discuss the demo and cleanup of the home at 623 Roberts Avenue. City Inspector Phillip Arceneaux stated that the owners had been in non-compliance with grass and other violations since September of 2017. Since no owners were in attendance, it was motioned by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **REFER** this matter to the Mayor's office to appoint Attorney David Marcantel to contact the property owners about this matter.

Next was to discuss the demo and cleanup of the home at 611 Ledoux Street belonging to Rayburn and Lorraine Broussard. The structure had been declared unsafe & falling down and needed to be condemned. The home had sustained major damage in a fire. Motion was made by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to discuss the demo and cleanup of the property at 611 Ledoux Street. Ms. Lorraine Broussard and their attorney, Mr. David Marcantel, were in attendance. Mr. Marcantel explained that the home had not been properly insured by the mortgage company. The home had no fire coverage. Mr. Marcantel asked the council for time to get the legal issue resolved. The home had been properly boarded up. Mr. LeJeune asked that the grass and the property be kept clean in respect for the neighbors while the legal issue was resolved. Ms. Broussard assured that it would be kept up. With no more comments or questions it was motioned by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **REFER** this matter to the Mayor's office to follow up with Mr. Marcantel on the status of this property.

Mr. Alex Guillory and Mr. John Marceaux were present to discuss the *Louisiana Watershed Initiative*. The Louisiana Watershed Initiative serves as the program through which floodplain management responsibilities will be coordinated across federal, state and local

governments. Guillory and Marceaux informed the council that a board needed to be appointed for our geographic area but, first a nominating group needed to be formed to appoint the board. Guillory asked the council to consider serving on this nominating group. There was much more discussion about drainage and how the initiative would work. For more information go to www.watershed.la.gov

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by all yeas of voice vote, with the exception of the nay by Mr. LeJeune to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on July 9, 2019 of the Jennings City Council at 6:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council