

REGULAR MEETING

July 14, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 14th day of July, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jennings City Council Chambers, 154 N. Main Street, Jennings, Louisiana with Councilman Johnny Armentor presiding 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

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Stephen VanHook, District E

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

It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the June 23, 2020 Special Meeting.

There were no resolutions and no ordinances.

Up for discussion was whether to approve and confirm a beer & liquor permit to Afet Memeci, d/b/a *Tuscany Italian Restaurant, LLC* for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 203 East Nezpique Street. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that all the paperwork was in order with a clear background check and this was basically a change of ownership. Mr. LeBlanc questioned whether there were going to be any particular changes at the restaurant. Mr. Memeci replied that there were no changes, other than ownership. After discussion, the council voted to **approve and confirm** the beer/liquor permit to *Tuscany Italian Restaurant* for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 203 East Nezpique Street. Yeas were from Mr. LeBlanc, Ms. Simon and Mr. Armentor; Mr. LeJeune abstained; Mr. VanHook absent

Mr. LeBlanc motioned and Mr. LeJeune seconded to discuss the demo & cleanup of the home located at 1018 West Nezpique Street adjudicated to the Parish at 100%. Mayor Guinn stated that there are numerous police calls to this address and it is adjudicated to the parish. If the council agrees this property will be added to a list of properties to be demolished and cleaned up this winter once our crews are free. Right now, they are busy with other projects. Ms. Simon asked if something could be done now. The mayor answered that the city could board up and secure the property until demolition. Mr. Armentor asked if the cost to demo and clean up would be passed on to the parish. The mayor stated that typically we do not since the city is taking progressive action of making our city clean and presentable, but we could at some point. After no other discussion, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **refer the demolition and cleanup** of the property at 1018 West Nezpique Street to the Mayor's office to proceed.

Ms. Simon motioned and Mr. LeJeune seconded to discuss the demo & cleanup of the home located at 1020 West Plaquemine Street adjudicated to the Parish at 79% & City 21%. Mayor Guinn stated that there are numerous complaints to this address also and it is adjudicated to the parish and city. There are three dwellings on one lot and that is not in compliance with our zoning codes. The property is vacated. If the council agrees, this property will be added to a list of properties to be demolished and cleaned up this winter once our crews are free. The city will acquire equipment to

take care of demolition so many can be done at one time. Right now, they are busy with other projects. After no other discussion, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **refer the demolition and cleanup** of the property at 1020 West Plaquemine Street to the Mayor's office to proceed.

Next was to authorize the Mayor to sign to accept the 2018-2019 Street Improvements Program – Lucas Street (*Coastal Bridge Company/Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company/Glen Lege Construction*) as substantially complete. Mayor Guinn stated this was an ongoing and lengthy project due to the default of *Coastal Bridge Company*. The bonding company, *Nationwide* secured *Glen Lege Construction* to complete the work. They did a fabulous job of wrapping this project up in a timely fashion. After no comments or questions, it was moved by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **authorize the Mayor** to sign to accept the 2018-2019 Street Improvements Program – Lucas Street as substantially complete.

The last item on the agenda was to elect the City Council President for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by yeas of voice vote by LeBlanc, LeJeune, Simon and Armentor to **RE-ELECT** Mr. Stephen VanHook as Jennings City Council President for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. The Mayor stated for the record that Mr. VanHook was not in attendance, but was contacted and did agree, if elected, to accept the position of City Council President for FY 2020-21.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on July 14, 2020 of the Jennings City Council at 5:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council