

## REGULAR MEETING

November 12, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 at 5:31 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: Johnny Armentor, District B; Clifton LeJeune, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Carolyn Simon, District A

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. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1755C – a resolution affirming support for application to the Governor’s Office of Community Development, 2019-2020 Community Water Enrichments Funds (CWEF) program for a grant to be used for water system improvements (funding toward software upgrades for the City of Jennings Water Plant). It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1755C. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that every year the city applies to the Governor’s Office for the CWEF grant and this year we are requesting the grant to be used for a monitoring system for the water plant. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1755C.

Resolution No. 1755D – a resolution affirming support for application to the Governor’s Office of Community Development, 2019-2020 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for a grant to be used for sewer rehabilitation (rehab for storm water infiltration, such as to camera and smoke lines in order to cap exposed lines). It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1755D. Mayor Guinn explained that every year the city applies to the Governor’s Office for the LGAP grant and this year we are requesting the grant to be applied for a storm water rehabilitation project by smoking lines to identify leaks and also assist in the overflow of storm water into our lift stations which reach max capacity very quickly. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1755D.

Mr. LeJeune motioned and Mr. LeBlanc seconded to discuss the approval of Evangeline Gardens Subdivision located in Section 35, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Jefferson Davis Parish, Jennings, Louisiana submitted by Miller Partnership in Commendam, owner, as per survey dated 11/01/19. Mayor Guinn stated that Mr. Trey Myers was in attendance as the Miller representative. The Mayor said that this development will help the community by providing permanent housing and that the lots do meet the requirements of an A-1 Zoning. City Attorney Kevin Millican explained that there is no new infrastructure with this property and it is the last piece of an extension of an old subdivision. Millican stated that if the Council approves, it will be submitted to our City Engineers for approval and then to the Mayor for a final signature of approval. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance **TO APPROVE** of Evangeline Gardens Subdivision located in Section 35, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Jefferson Davis Parish,

Jennings, Louisiana submitted by Miller Partnership in Commendam, owner, as per survey dated 11/01/19.

Mr. LeBlanc motioned and Mr. LeJeune seconded to discuss the demolition and cleanup of the home at 1326 South Main Street belonging to Karllis Davis. The home sustained fire damage and a demolition notice was sent on 3/20/2019 and nothing has been done. There was no representative in attendance. Mayor Guinn stated that this property is a safety hazard to the community and since no representative was in attendance that it would have to be sent to Attorney David Marcantel for official contact. City Inspector Phillip Arceneaux stated that the property owner had requested more and more time and very little had been done. Arceneaux also stated that he had a sent a certified letter to attend this meeting, but the letter was unclaimed. Millican asked that the inspector's office send all notifications and contact with the property owner to him so that he could share the information with Mr. Marcantel so the window could be shortened. After no other comment or questions, it was motioned by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **REFER** this matter to the Mayor's office to appoint Attorney David Marcantel to contact the property owner.

Mr. Armentor motioned and Mr. LeBlanc seconded to discuss the demolition and cleanup of the home at 1331 Penny Street belonging to Gerard Frey. A demolition notice was sent on 9/20/2019. Mayor Guinn stated that he was in contact with Mr. Frey and was informed that this property was purchased at a tax sale and was still in a redemption period. Mr. Frey advised that if we condemned the property and put the expenses on the tax roll that he would cover them, as necessary. Millican stated that if we turn all the information over to him, he could then speed up the process with Attorney Marcantel. After no other comment or questions, it was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **REFER** this matter to the Mayor's office to appoint Attorney David Marcantel for further follow up with the property owner.

Mr. LeBlanc motioned and Mr. Armentor seconded to discuss the demolition and cleanup of the home at 110 E. Willis Street belonging to Joseph & Cheryl Clark. The home sustained fire damage in July, 2019 and a demolition notice sent on 9/20/2019. There was no representative in attendance. Inspector Arceneaux stated that a certified letter was sent and signed on 11/2/19 by the home owner. After no other comment or questions, it was motioned by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **REFER** this matter to the Mayor's office to appoint Attorney David Marcantel for further follow up with the property owner.

Mr. LeJeune motioned and Mr. LeBlanc seconded to discuss the demolition and cleanup of all the properties of items E – P listed below:

- E. 314 Spencer Street adjudicated to Parish 45% and City 55%
- F. 722 Orange Street adjudicated to Parish 79% and City 21%
- G. 1010 S. Broadway Street adjudicated to Parish 79% and City 21%
- H. 118 Renshaw Street adjudicated to Parish 79% and City 21%
- I. 1110 S. Main Street adjudicated to Parish 80% and City 20%
- J. 124 W. Willis Street adjudicated to Parish 80.5% and City 19.5%
- K. 113 W. Wood Street adjudicated to Parish 80% and City 20%
- L. 516 Nichols Street adjudicated to Parish 80% and City 20%
- M. 219 S. Craig Street adjudicated to Parish 80% and City 20%
- N. 207 S. Craig Street adjudicated to Parish 80% and City 20%
- O. 415 S. Craig Street adjudicated to Parish 80% and City 20%
- P. 406 S. Craig Street adjudicated to Parish 50% and City 50%

Mayor Guinn stated that the city is on track to rent heavy machinery to demolish blighted properties throughout Jennings. He stated that the low hanging fruit would be properties owned by governmental agencies. With the Council's permission he stated that it would be advisable from his standpoint to give this heavy machinery enough property to justify a month's rent and these properties would do that. Mayor Guinn stated that the City Clerk had pictures of all the properties for those who would like to see them. After no other comment or questions, it was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **MOVE** this matter to the Mayor's office for demolition and cleanup of the properties.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on November 12, 2019 of the Jennings City Council at 5:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Lantz, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council