

## REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021 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; Clifton LeJeune, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Johnny Armentor, District B

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

It was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1769B – a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Jennings to declare two Jennings Police Department Patrol Units as surplus equipment and to authorize him to donate the Units to the Town of Mermentau Police Department. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1769B. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the city does a good job of constantly updating our fleet and we donate our surplus cars to villages and towns who ask for them. After a few questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1769B. Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Johnny Armentor

Ordinance No. 1770 – an ordinance to adopt the Pay Plan and the Operating & Capital Outlay Budget for FYE 06/30/2022. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1770. Mayor Guinn stated that a hearing for public participation of the Proposed Budget was held just prior to the Council Meeting at 5:00 pm in compliance with LRS 39:1306-07 and he had presented the proposed budget. The mayor and CPA Consultant Gregory Marcantel addressed the questions and comments at the hearing. The floor was then opened for any more public questions or comments. After addressing a few more questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1770.

Ordinance No. 1771 – an ordinance to adjust the water & sewer connection fees and to set the schedule of fees and charges for services for fiscal year 2021-2022. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce Ordinance No. 1771. Mayor Guinn stated the rates will remain the same as a direct result of the installation of the digitized water meters and their efficiency. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1771.

Ordinance No. 1772 – an ordinance to adjust the solid waste collection and disposal rates to the CPI Index for FY 2021-22. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce Ordinance No. 1772. Mayor Guinn stated that Republic Services is under contract to provide curb side trash pickup and in that contract, they are allowed a 2% increase based on the Consumer Price Index. This ordinance reflects a 2% increase to stay in line with the contract. After

answering public comments and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1772.

Ordinance No. 1773 – an ordinance to authorize the mayor to execute and adopt the annual Joint Service Agreements with various public entities. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce Ordinance No. 1773. Mayor Guinn stated that passage of this ordinance allows him to enter into agreements with a variety of agencies operating day to day. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1773.

Ordinance No. 1774 – an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1758 that established the Pay Plan, Operating and Capital Outlay Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1774. CPA Consultant Greg Marcantel stated that when compiling the budget last year amid Covid the sales tax revenue and expenditures were budgeted lower than normal. Then two hurricanes came through our area and caused higher expenditures to get us back to normal operations. These budget line-item expenditures reflect the increase in expenditures. After no other public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1774.

It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the 2021 Street Improvement Program - Asphalt. The mayor stated that this was planned pre-Covid and the hurricanes that hit our area. Prairie Contractors, LLC has turned in the low bid of \$501,807.00. The only other bid was Elliott Construction, LLC with a bid of \$585,650.00. Most of the overlaying will be done in District A which is Carolyn Simon's district. Questions and comments were answered. After no other public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the 2021 Street Improvement Program - Asphalt.

It is mandated each year by the State of Louisiana that the City of Jennings assigns an Official Municipal Journal. It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance **TO NAME** the *Jennings Daily News* as the City's Official Municipal Journal for the year 2021-22.

President Stephen VanHook reminded everyone of the Special Meeting to be held on June 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. which was called for by the City Clerk at the request of the council members.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas voice vote of those in attendance to **ADJOURN** this Regular Meeting on June 8, 2021 of the Jennings City Council at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council