

REGULAR MEETING

November 9, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 9th day of November, 2021 at 5:40 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 October 26, 2021 Special Meeting.

Ordinance No. 1776 – an ordinance to authorize the City of Jennings to rezone the property of Mitchell & Virginia Sonnier and Steven Lee from A-2 to C-2; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. City Attorney Derek Bisig stated that the City of Jennings Zoning Board had met prior to the City Council Meeting and their vote rejected the rezoning request of this property. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that technology was definitely needed but not when it affects the integrity of the airport. Guinn also said that he is in favor of cellular towers but not at the risk of the safety of pilots and passengers. Mr. Chip Leyens, attorney for AT&T, stated that a cell tower is needed in this specific location in order to close the gap in service. Leyens said that lowering the tower from 145 feet with a 10 feet lightning rod down to 70 feet would affect communications with other antennas in the area. Mr. Bradley Vidrine, a fixed base operator at the airport for 17 years said that this was not an economic issue, but definitely a safety issue for him and his passengers. Vidrine also stated that Canada has a moratorium on cell phone towers, radar equipment, radar antennas in and around airports. After Mrs. Virginia Sonnier asked a question about signs that seemed very tall in the area of the airport, Airport Commission Attorney Bill Riley stated that DOTD does clear zone studies each year and issues notices of compliance to all property owners who have structures higher than 85 feet. After much more discussion on both sides, there was **NO MOTION** to introduce Ordinance No. 1776. A roll call vote was called and Ordinance No. 1776 **FAILED**.

Yeas: None Nays: Anthony LeBlanc, Clifton LeJeune, Carolyn Simon and Stephen VanHook
Abstained: None Absent: Johnny Armentor

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADJOURN** this Regular Meeting on November 9, 2021 of the Jennings City Council at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council