

## REGULAR MEETING

September 13, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 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 Ms. Simon and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor.

It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the August 09, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1791A – a resolution to adopt a compliance questionnaire for fiscal year 2021-2022 audit per request by the Legislative Auditor. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791A. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that we have an extensive audit each year with no stone left unturned. Mayor Guinn explained that this was a questionnaire required by the Legislative Auditor each year. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791A.

Resolution No. 1791B – a resolution affirming support for an application to the Governor's Office of Community Development, 2022-2023 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) for a grant to be used for water system improvements, including valve and waterline replacements for the City of Jennings. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791B. Mayor Guinn stated that this is a grant that the City applies for every year. Mayor Guinn stated that if we obtain this grant, it will be used toward valve replacements that would expedite shutoffs for waterline repairs. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791B.

Resolution No. 1791C – a resolution affirming support for application to the Governor's Office of Community Development, 2022-2023 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for a grant to be used for sewer system improvements including manhole rehabilitation. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791C. Mayor Guinn explained that every year the city applies to the Governor's Office for the LGAP grant. Mayor Guinn stated that the money from this grant would assist in limiting stormwater infiltration into the City's sewer system. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791C.

Ordinance No. 1787 – an ordinance authorizing the City of Jennings to rezone the property of Mitchell and Virginia Sonnier and Steven Lee from A-2 to C-2; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Ms. Simon to adopt Ordinance No. 1787. No second was obtained therefore the motion for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1787 **FAILED**. City Council President, Stephen VanHook, explained that the ordinance was no longer open for discussion.

City Council President, Stephen VanHook stated that the next item of business was to authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for repair and renovations to the Sesco Storage Building. Mayor Guinn stated that this project as well as the repair and renovations to Fire Station 2, Street Department buildings, and Water Works and Water Treatment Plant all involve storm related damage and prospective insurance litigation. Therefore, Mayor Guinn suggested that the Council move into executive session. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to go into executive session with respect to prospective litigation.

It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for repair and renovations to the Sesco Storage Building. Bids were opened on July 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. *E. L. Habetz* had the only base bid of \$50,000. After no comments or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to **ACCEPT** the lowest responsible bidder for repair and renovations to the Sesco Storage Building.

City Council President, Stephen VanHook stated that the next item of business was to authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder pending review for the following projects: repair and renovations to Fire Station 2, street department buildings, and water works and water treatment plant. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **POSTPONE** this item until the October 11, 2022 City Council meeting.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADJOURN** this Regular Meeting on September 13, 2022 of the Jennings City Council at 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

    /s/Chad Crochet    

Chad Crochet, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council