

REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 12th day of September, 2023 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 Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1801A – a resolution to adopt a compliance questionnaire for fiscal year 2022-2023 audit per request by the Legislative Auditor. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1801A. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the city is subject to an audit annually and this was a questionnaire required by the Legislative Auditor each year. After no other comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1801A.

Ordinance No. 1802 – an ordinance authorizing the City of Jennings to rezone the Old River plot of the Sunshine Addition annexation from S to C-3; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance No. 1802. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that Old River is a new 18-wheeler dealership that is moving into the city. After no public questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1802. Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Clifton LeJeune, Anthony LeBlanc, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Ordinance No. 1803 – an ordinance to permanently close North Avenue between Church and State Streets, Jennings, LA; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to adopt Ordinance No. 1803. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that as part of expanding the water plant there is an essential need to close this road to thru traffic. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1803. Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Clifton LeJeune, Anthony LeBlanc, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Mr. Armentor motioned and Ms. Simon seconded to discuss the demo & cleanup of the property located at 1303 W. D. Rochelle Avenue (Former James Ward Elementary School) belonging to Janine A. Coleman Community Development. The structure has been declared unsafe and in need of condemnation. Ms. Janine Coleman was present and addressed the council regarding the property. After much discussion and comments, no action was taken.

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 September 12, 2023 of the Jennings City Council at 6:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council