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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Posted: 10/5/2023 4:00 PM

Date: 10/10/2023 Time: 5:30pm Jennings City Council Chambers @ 154 N. Main Street, Jennings, LA

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2023

- I. Call to Order
 - II. The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. Approve Minutes for the following Meeting
 - A. Regular Meeting of September 12, 2023
 - IV. Resolutions
 - Introduce and adopt
 - A. Resolution No. **1803A** – a resolution authorizing the City of Jennings Council to correct a clerical omission contained in Ordinance 1792 (concerning Economic Development District No. 1)
 - V. Ordinances - None
 - VI. Other Business
 - A. Authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement with Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office for the purchase of a police canine
 - B. Authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the Drainage Clearing & Grubbing Project
 - C. Authorize the Mayor to enter into cooperative endeavor agreement with Lafayette City – Parish Consolidated Government d/b/a LUS Fiber
 - D. Chris Richard will discuss grant opportunities and other projects
 - VII. Items to Add to Agenda
 - VIII. Items on Hold – None
- Adjournment

Chad Crochet, City Clerk
City of Jennings
154 N. Main Street
337-821-5500

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RESOLUTION NO. 1803A

**AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JENNINGS
COUNCIL TO CORRECT A CLERICAL OMISSION
CONTAINED IN ORDINANCE 1792.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to correct a clerical omission contained in Ordinance 1792.

WHEREAS, the minutes of February 14, 2023 and March 14, 2023 reflect that a one cent sales tax for the purpose of recouping and maintain the lift station and utilities, and Mr. Hebert stated that he agreed to a one cent sales tax to be placed on his district. Certified minutes of each meeting attached hereto and made part thereof, and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the one cent sales tax was omitted from the original ordinance by clerical error in editing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Jennings, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened, with a quorum present and voting that the City Council of the City of Jennings amends Ordinance 1792 to include the clerical omission and adds the following language to Ordinance 1792 Section 3. Creation of Trust Fund: "The tax collector is hereby authorized to levy and collect a one cent sales tax funding the City of Jennings Economic Development District No. 1, State of Louisiana Trust Fund in addition to any other sales tax levied and collected within the Economic District."

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

INTRODUCED:

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet
Chad Crochet, City Clerk
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council

Henry Guinn, Mayor
City of Jennings

REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 14th day of February, 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: 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. LeJeune and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor.

It was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1791Q – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Hurricane Renovation – Burton J. LeBlanc Building Project as substantially complete; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791Q. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the roof damaged by Hurricane Delta has been repaired and the interior mold has been cleaned up. Mayor Guinn stated that the repairs have been finalized and the project was ready for substantial completion. After no further questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791Q.

Resolution No. 1791P – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Hurricane Renovation – Strand Theater Building Project as substantially complete; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791P. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this project involved hurricane repairs covered by the City's insurance policy. Mayor Guinn stated that the repairs have been finalized and this particular project at the Strand Theater was substantially complete. Mayor Guinn explained that this only covers the hurricane damages and not the recent flooding due to the water line bursting. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791P.

Resolution No. 1791Q – a resolution revoking the dedication of surplus equipment belonging to the City of Jennings to make available for sale, donation or for disposal. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791Q. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the city keeps a list of assets and once or twice a year the city purges unused or broken items. This resolution is necessary to discard items that are property of the city. Mayor Guinn explained that most of the items on the list had no significant value and any items with value would be sold at public auction. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791Q.

Ordinance No. 1792 – an ordinance creating the “City of Jennings Economic Development District No. 1, State of Louisiana;” defining the boundaries thereof from which area local sales tax and hotel occupancy tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1792. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this ordinance involves the future site of *Hebert’s Boudin and Cracklins*. Mayor Guinn explained the City has a lift station including water and sewer lines in the middle of the property that needs to be relocated to allow the development to take place on the property. The district proposed by this ordinance would allow the City to place a one cent sales tax on retail sales within the district to recoup the cost of moving the lift station and utilities. After no other comments or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1792.

The council unanimously voted to add Resolution No. 1791R to the agenda per request by Mayor Henry Guinn. Resolution No. 1791R – a resolution in support of legislation to create the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District comprised of various parishes in or near the Acadiana Region, including Jefferson Davis Parish; providing for the effective date thereof; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791R. Judge Daniel Stretcher was in attendance and explained that there has been increased juvenile delinquency everywhere and there is no place to put juveniles who have allegedly committed delinquent acts. Judge Stretcher explained that this creates a public safety concern and this resolution is the first step to obtaining a facility. After questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791R.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on February 14, 2023 of the Jennings City Council at 5:53 p.m.

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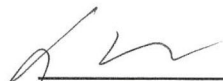


Chad Crochet, Secretary

Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President

Jennings City Council

REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 14th day of March, 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; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Clifton LeJeune, District C

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

It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1791S – a resolution to honor and congratulate the Jennings High School Jazzers Contest of Champions National Winners. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791S. Mayor Henry Guinn congratulated the Jennings High School Jazzers for their accomplishment and recognized the hard work and dedication that it takes to win a national championship. Mayor Guinn thanked the Jazzers for representing the City and wished them luck in their future endeavors. Council President, Stephen VanHook also congratulated the Jazzers and read the resolution aloud. Jazzer sponsor, Ms. Martinez thanked the community for their support. After no further questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791S.

Resolution No. 1791T – a resolution in support for a traffic impact analysis on Highway 26 resulting from economic development; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1791T. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this study involves a dangerous intersection at Highway 26 and the service road. Mayor Guinn explained that the City is also considering expanding Zigler Memorial Drive westward and intends on partnering with DOTD for funding. According to Mayor Guinn, the project already has tremendous economic development interest. Mayor Guinn explained that this study includes hiring a traffic engineer to perform the traffic analysis as required by DOTD. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1791T.

Ordinance No. 1793 – an ordinance wherein the City Council approves the levying of millage rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1793. Mayor Henry Guinn stated this was regular housekeeping the City had to do each year and the millage rates will be exactly the same as the previous year. After no other public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1793.

Ordinance No. 1792 – an ordinance creating the “City of Jennings Economic Development District No. 1, State of Louisiana;” defining the boundaries thereof from which area local sales tax and hotel occupancy tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance No. 1792. Mayor Henry

Guinn stated that the City has worked closely with Mr. Lynwood Hebert of *Hebert's Boudin & Cracklins, LLC* to relocate a lift station and water lines to accommodate the development of his new business on the property. Mr. Hebert was very understanding of the costs associated with this project and agreed to allow the City to place an additional one cent sales tax on retail sales within his specific parcel of land. Mayor Guinn explained that this would only affect the *Hebert's Boudin & Cracklins, LLC*. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1792.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Anthony LeBlanc, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook
Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Clifton LeJeune

Mr. LeBlanc motioned and Ms. Simon seconded to discuss whether to approve and confirm a beer & liquor permit to Taqueria DF2, LLC (Francisco Campuzano), d/b/a Restaurant Mexicano DF & Monterrey for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 203 E. Nezapique St., Ste. 105. Mayor Guinn stated that all the paperwork was in order with a clear background check. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this location already had a permit and this was a change in ownership. After no other comment or discussion, it was carried by yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to approve and confirm the beer/liquor permit to Taqueria DF2, LLC d/b/a Restaurant Mexicano DF & Monterrey for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 203 E. Nezapique St., Ste 105. Mayor Guinn thanked them for starting a business in the City of Jennings. Yeas: Anthony LeBlanc, Carolyn Simon & Stephen VanHook Nays: Johnny Armentor Abstained: None Absent: Clifton LeJeune

Mr. LeBlanc motioned and Ms. Simon seconded to discuss whether to approve and confirm a beer & liquor permit to Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC, (d/b/a Family Dollar #29102) for retail sales – Class B – no drinking on premises – located at 414 W. Plaquemine Street. Mayor Guinn stated that Family Dollar has not sold alcohol in the past at this location and this is a new permit. Mayor Guinn explained that all the paperwork was in order with a clear background check. After no other comment or discussion, it was carried by yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to approve and confirm the beer/liquor permit to Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC, (d/b/a Family Dollar #29102) – Class B – no drinking on premises – located at 414 W. Plaquemine Street. Yeas: Anthony LeBlanc, Carolyn Simon, Johnny Armentor, & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Clifton LeJeune

Mr. LeBlanc motioned and Mr. Armentor seconded to discuss whether to approve and confirm a beer & liquor permit to Daiqs of Jennings, LLC, (d/b/a Daiquiris Supreme) for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 103 W. Fred & Ruth Zigler Memorial Dr. Mayor Guinn stated that all the paperwork was in order with a clear background check. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this location already had a permit and this was a change in ownership. After no other comment or discussion, it was carried by yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to approve and confirm the beer/liquor permit to Daiqs of Jennings, LLC, (d/b/a Daiquiris Supreme) for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 103 W. Fred & Ruth Zigler Memorial Dr. Mayor Guinn thanked them for starting a business in the City of Jennings. Yeas: Anthony LeBlanc, Carolyn Simon, Johnny Armentor & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Clifton LeJeune

It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the Street Scape Project. Bids were opened on March 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. *Womack and Sons Construction Group, LLC* had the low bid of \$768,055. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the project would be an enhancement to downtown and consists of removing &

replacing the sidewalk, LED lanterns, concrete planter boxes with irrigation and electrical boxes. Mayor Guinn stated that this includes the east and west sides of Main Street from Plaquemine Street to Nezpique Street. After a few comments and 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 Street Scape project.

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 litigation with insurance regarding Hurricane Damage.

It was motioned by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to move back into regular session.

It was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon to add to the agenda the request by Mayor Henry Guinn to accept a contract with Stutes & Lavergne, LLC for ongoing litigation pertaining to property damages sustained from Hurricanes Laura and Delta. After no comments or questions, the council unanimously voted to add Mayor Guinn's item to the agenda. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to authorize the Mayor to accept a contract with Stutes & Lavergne, LLC for litigation with insurance in regards to hurricane damage. Mayor Guinn explained that this contract would assist in recovery of property damage. City Attorney Derek Bisig explained that this contract is based off of how much is recovered. After no further comments and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to **ACCEPT** a contract with Stutes & Lavergne, LLC for litigation with insurance regarding hurricane damage.

It was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to add to the agenda the request by Rosalyn Ardoin to receive an engineer update on drainage issues. After no comments or questions, the council unanimously voted to add Ms. Ardoin's item to the agenda. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce discussion regarding drainage updates. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that he had met with the engineer and contractors to look at clearing drainage laterals and the City may seek additional servitudes to better enable maintenance of the drainage.

It was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon to add to the agenda the request by Carolyn Barker to discuss the issue with the rice drier. After no comments or questions, the council unanimously voted to add Ms. Barker's item to the agenda. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce discussion regarding the rice drier. Ms. Barker expressed concern for public safety at the location. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that he would have the City Inspector go out to the location and ask the owner to secure the property. Mayor Guinn stated that there is potential development at this site.

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 March 14, 2023 of the Jennings City Council at 6:46 p.m.

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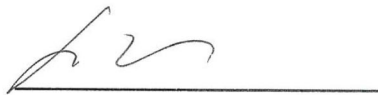


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Stephen VanHock, President

Jennings City Council



**BID SUMMATION 223007
JENNINGS DRAINAGE CLEARING AND GRUBBING
CITY OF JENNINGS
JENNINGS, LOUISIANA**

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