

## REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 9th day of January, 2024 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 December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1805A – a resolution affirming support for an application to the Governor’s Office of Community Development 2023-2024 Community Water Enrichment Fund for a grant to be used for water system improvements including but not limited to water wells, water lines, pumps, and associated valves and fittings for the City of Jennings. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1805A. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the City applies for this grant each year. Mayor Guinn stated that if we obtain this grant, it will be used for water and sewer improvements. After no further questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1805A.

Resolution No. 1805B – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Granger Street Clearing and Grubbing Drainage Project as substantially complete. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1805B. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this project will enhance drainage by expediting water out of the City. Mayor Guinn explained that the project is substantially complete, however some erosion along the embankment will need to be corrected. After no other comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1805B.

Ordinance No. 1806 – an ordinance authorizing the City of Jennings to rezone the property of Acadiana CARES at 203 S. Louise St. from A-1 to A-6; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1806. City Attorney, Derek Bisig stated that the Zoning Board had met on January 9, 2024 at 4:30PM to determine if they would make a recommendation to rezone the property at 203 S. Louise St. from A-1 to A-6. Mr. Bisig explained that this property was brought to the Zoning Board and did not get a passing recommendation. Therefore, according to Mr. Bisig, the City Code requires a passing vote by 4 out of 5 councilmembers to overturn the Zoning Board’s recommended report. There was disclosure and lengthy discussion pertaining to Councilman Johnny Armentor abstaining due to his son’s employment with *The Way*. Councilman Armentor announced that his son resigned which allowed a full quorum vote. Mr. Gerard Morgan, representative from *The Way* answered questions and explained plans for this property. After much discussion and comments, it was carried by yeas of voice vote of those in

attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1806. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Johnny Armentor, Anthony LeBlanc, Clifton LeJeune, & Carolyn Simon,

Nays: Stevie VanHook      Abstained: None      Absent: None

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on January 9, 2024 of the Jennings City Council at 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council