

REGULAR MEETING

July 9, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 9th day of July, 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 Mr. LeJeune 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 June 25, 2024 Special Meeting.

Resolution No. 1813A – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Pump Houses Project as substantially complete; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1813A. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that after a lengthy delay, the generators have been installed and the project is ready for substantial completion. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1813A.

Ordinance No. 1814 – an ordinance to amend section 4.1 regulations of the comprehensive zoning ordinance of the City of Jennings, LA to add thereto a sentence under Regulations to read: “All parking must be concrete, asphalt or LaDOTD approved decorative paving.” and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1814. After several questions and comments, it was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to place Ordinance No. 1814 **ON HOLD** for ninety days to study the impact on local business and the wording of the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1815 – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Jennings to execute a contract with Waste Connections Bayou, Inc. and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1815. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the renewal offered by Republic Services was significantly higher. Mayor Guinn explained that Waste Connections has agreed to offer a contract with cost more in line with current pricing and increases based on consumer price index. Mr. Gilbert of Waste Connections stated that they have resources available to offer similar services. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1815.

Next was to elect the City Council President for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **RE-ELECT** Mr. Stephen VanHook as Jennings City Council President for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Mr. Armentor motioned and Mr. LeBlanc seconded to discuss/update the demo & cleanup of the property located at 815 N. Morton St. belonging to Barrett Leonards. The structure has been declared

unsafe and in need of condemnation. The owner of the property was not present. City inspector, Phil Arceneaux stated that certified letters have been sent to the owner. The owner has not responded or contacted the inspector's office. After much discussion and comments, it was motioned by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to refer the property at 815 N. Morton St. to the City Attorney's office for follow up.

Mr. Armentor motioned and Mr. LeBlanc seconded to discuss/update the demo & cleanup of the property located at 502 Railroad Ave. belonging to ERI-JD, LLC. The structure has been declared unsafe and in need of condemnation. The owner of the property was not present. City attorney, Wendell Miller stated that the owner has contacted his office. Mr. Miller explained that the owner has plans for this property and asked to reschedule to the August 2024 meeting so that he could be present. Mayor Guinn explained that this property has been brought to the council before. After much discussion and comments, it was motioned by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to move this property to the August 13, 2024 agenda so that the owner can be present.

President VanHook reminded everyone that a Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in order to adopt Ordinance 1815.

Resolution No. 1805C is **ON HOLD**.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on July 9, 2024 of the Jennings City Council at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council