

## REGULAR MEETING

September 10, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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 Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1815A – a resolution to adopt a compliance questionnaire for fiscal year 2023-2024 audit per request by the Legislative Auditor. 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. 1815A. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the city is subject to an audit annually and this was a questionnaire required for the audit 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. 1815A.

Ordinance No. 1816 – an ordinance wherein the City Council approves and adopts the adjusted millage rates and repeals all ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1816. Mayor Guinn stated that every four years property values are reassessed. This year a small increase of property values was noted, therefore the adjusted millage fell slightly for the General Alimony, Street Maintenance and Library from the prior year. After a period with a few comments, questions and discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1816.

Ordinance No. 1817 – an ordinance wherein the City Council sets forth the adjusted millage rates and rolls forward to millage rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum authorized rates and repeals all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce Ordinance No. 1817. Mayor Guinn stated that every four years property values are reassessed. This year a small increase of property values was noted, therefore the adjusted millage fell slightly for the General Alimony, Street Maintenance and Library from the prior year. The City would like to roll forward to the prior year's maximum rate which would allow a small increase in each millage. A public hearing has been scheduled for October 8, 2024 at 5:15 pm. It will be advertised in the official journal and posted on our website and on Council Chambers. After a period with a few comments, questions and discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1817.

It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Ms. Simon to authorize the mayor to enter into engagements with Langley, Williams & Company, LLC for the June 30, 2024 audit and state agreed upon procedures. Mayor Henry Guinn stated the engagements allow for the beginning of work on the annual audit. After no questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those

in attendance to **AUTHORIZE** the mayor to enter into engagements with Langley, Williams & Company, LLC for the June 30, 2024 audit and state agreed upon procedures.

It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Armentor to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with Brossett Architects to provide planning and designing of parks. The mayor explained that this engagement with Brossett Architects would focus on War Memorial Park and I10 Park. Mayor Guinn explained that most of the previous park beautification was done in house. Because of the scope of these projects, a professional is necessary. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **AUTHORIZE** the mayor to enter into an agreement with Brossett Architects to provide planning and designing of parks.

It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury for disaster debris monitoring and removal. Mayor Guinn explained that the Police Jury has solicited bids for debris monitoring and removal. This agreement would allow the city to utilize the Police Jury's contractors for debris monitoring and removal. After no questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **AUTHORIZE** the mayor to enter into an agreement with Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury for disaster debris monitoring and removal.

Mr. Armentor motioned and Ms. Simon seconded to discuss/update on the property located at 403 W. D. Rochelle belonging to Dale Hughes II. Mayor Guinn explained that Mr. Hughes was busy with storm preparations due to the potential tropical storm and was unable to attend the meeting. After a lengthy discussion and comments, the council requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the October 8, 2024 meeting with a request of receipts and plan for the property by Mr. Hughes II.

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

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 Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance that Ordinance No. 1814 remain **ON HOLD** and be placed on the November 12, 2024 agenda.

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 September 10, 2024 of the Jennings City Council at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council