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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Posted: 2/07/2025 at 1:00pm

Date: 2/11/2025 Time: 5:30pm Jennings City Council Chambers @ 154 N. Main Street, Jennings, LA

### AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING

**FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

- I. Call to Order
- II. The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approve Minutes for the following Meeting
  - A. Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025
- IV. Resolutions
  - A. Resolution No. **1817D** – a resolution of condolences to the family of Clarence Levy, Jr, former City Councilman, who passed away on January 11, 2025
  - B. Resolution No. **1817E** – a resolution affirming support for an application to the Governor’s Office of Community Development, 2024-2025 Community Water Enrichment Fund for a grant to be used for water system improvements including but not limited to water wells, pumps, and water lines and hydrants for the City of Jennings
  - C. Resolution No. **1817F** – a resolution affirming support for application to the Governor’s Office of Community Development, 2024-2025 Local Government Assistance Program for a grant to be used for sewer system improvements including but not limited to manhole rehabilitation
- V. Ordinances
  - A. Ordinance No. **1818** – an ordinance to approve the amendment to the charter of the Jefferson Davis Parish Economic Development Commission relative to adding the Town of Lake Arthur and the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury as members, and removing the Jefferson Davis Parish Tourist Commission from membership in the Jefferson Davis Parish Economic Development Commission, and providing authority for the Mayor to sign such on behalf of the City of Jennings and otherwise providing with respect thereto
- VI. Other Business
  - A. Reject bid for the Water Plant Upgrade Project
  - B. Discuss charter provisions for selecting City of Jennings City Attorney
  - C. Discuss damage to city property from snow storm including but not limited to the Pavilion at Marcus Cain Park
  - D. Presentation of City of Jennings Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2024
- VII. Items to Add to Agenda
- VIII. Items on Hold
  - A. Resolution No. **1805C** – a resolution to adopt procedures for placing items on the City Council Agenda and the length of time for presentation to the council; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith

Adjournment

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 1817D**

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF CLARENCE LEVY, JR, FORMER CITY COUNCILMAN, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 11, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, it is with profound sorrow that the Mayor and City Council of Jennings acknowledges the recent passing of Clarence Levy, Jr, former City Councilman, who passed away on January 11, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence will be deeply missed by his family, his friends, colleagues and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is aware of Clarence's dedication and commitment to improving the City of Jennings through his public service on the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence unselfishly devoted many hours of his time, knowledge and expertise serving as Councilman for sixteen years with the City of Jennings

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jennings, Louisiana, does hereby express their sincere condolences to the family of Clarence Levy, Jr., former City Councilman, who passed away on January 11, 2025, and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his life.

INTRODUCED:

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

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

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council

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Henry Guinn, Mayor  
City of Jennings

**RESOLUTION 1817E**

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 2024-2025 COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND FOR A GRANT TO BE USED FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WATER WELLS, PUMPS, AND WATER LINES AND HYDRANTS FOR THE CITY OF JENNINGS.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jennings, duly convened and acting as governing authority of said City, that;

**WHEREAS** the City of Jennings strives wherever possible to improve its facilities and infrastructure to better meet the needs of the public it serves; and,

**WHEREAS**, as in conjunction with that effort, the City hopes to improve its water system and,

**WHEREAS**, the City is at present in need of outside grant funding to help make this improvement;

**WHEREAS**, the project and grant funding amount being requested are officially stated as follows—

\$50,000 to provide funding toward all water system improvements for the City of Jennings.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Jennings by way of this resolution do hereby express their support for and hereby request the aforementioned funding from the Office of Community Development's Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF).

The above resolution was unanimously approved and adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jennings held on February 11, 2025.

INTRODUCED:

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

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

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council

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Henry Guinn  
Mayor

**RESOLUTION 1817F**

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 2024-2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR A GRANT TO BE USED FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MANHOLE REHABILITATION.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Jennings, Louisiana, duly convened in regular session with a quorum present and voting that:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jennings strives wherever possible to improve its facilities, buildings and infrastructure to better meet of the public it serves; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jennings needs the financial assistance of the State of Louisiana through the Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program to achieve these measures;

\$50,000.00 to fund costs for sewer system improvements for the City of Jennings.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council that the City of Jennings, does hereby request and affirm their support for application of the Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, for a grant for sewer system improvements for the City of Jennings.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Henry Guinn, be authorized to enter and empowered as the administrator for any grant monies received.

The above resolution was unanimously approved and adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jennings held on February 11, 2025.

INTRODUCED:

ADOPTED:

ATTEST:

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

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council

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Henry Guinn  
Mayor

**ORDINANCE NO. 1818**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RELATIVE TO ADDING THE TOWN OF LAKE ARTHUR AND THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH POLICE JURY AS MEMBERS, AND REMOVING THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN SUCH ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of the Jefferson Davis Parish Economic Development Commission adopted by the City Council of the City of Jennings on January 9, 2007, the City of Jennings became a member of the Commission;

**WHEREAS**, a proposed amendment to the Charter of the Jefferson Davis Parish Economic Development Commission has been submitted to the Council whereby the Town of Lake Arthur and the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury would join as additional members of the Commission, and the Jefferson Davis Parish Tourist Commission is removed from membership in the Commission, and providing for number, term and selection of officers, their duties and funding of the Commission;

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Jennings, State of Louisiana, that pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S.33:1321 et seq, does hereby approve the Amended Charter of the Jefferson Davis Parish Economic Development Commission, as presented this day to the Council, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Amended Charter thereto on behalf of the City of Jennings, Louisiana;

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed;

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

Introduced:

Adopted:

Attest:

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

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council

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Henry Guinn  
Mayor