

REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 8th day of July, 2025 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; Wayne Ledbetter, District B; Carl Benoit, 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. LeBlanc.

It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the June 24, 2025, Special Meeting.

Ordinance No. 1826 – an ordinance to adopt International Property Maintenance Codes. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1826. Mayor Guinn stated that this code contained many helpful definitions for code enforcement. City Inspector Mack Hessifer explained that this was bare minimal guidelines to be used as a reference. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1826.

Ordinance No. 1824 – an ordinance to amend Appendix A (Zoning) Part 2, Schedule of District Regulations, Section 2.5 (A-3 Single – Family Residential) and Section 2.6 (A-4 Multifamily Residential) of the Comprehensive Code of Ordinances of the City of Jennings, Louisiana. It was motioned by Mr. Benoit and seconded by Mr. Ledbetter to adopt Ordinance No. 1824. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that passage of this ordinance would help preserve the integrity of neighborhoods throughout the city by defining what could be built on property in those zones. According to Mayor Guinn, this would allow mobile homes and travel trailers on property in zone A-5 only. Mayor Guinn explained that this would not be retroactive. It was motioned by Mr. Leblanc and seconded by Ms. Simon to postpone consideration of Ordinance 1824 until August meeting. After a few comments and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **POSTPONE** consideration of Ordinance No. 1824 until the August 2025 meeting.

Ordinance No. 1825 – an ordinance to establish minimum requirements and regulations for placement, construction, and modification of solar power plants. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance No. 1825. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that passage of this ordinance would keep the City of Jennings regulations in sync with the Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury. Mayor Guinn explained that this would help maintain unity between the Parish and the City. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1825. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Carl Benoit, Anthony LeBlanc, Wayne Ledbetter, & Stephen VanHook

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Next was to elect the City Council President for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. It was motioned by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by 4 yeas of voice vote of those in attendance with Stephen VanHook abstaining to **RE-ELECT** Mr. Stephen VanHook as Jennings City Council President for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Ledbetter to authorize the mayor to create a clearing account for employee insurance benefits. Mayor Guinn explained that it is beneficial for the City to be self-insured for health insurance due to the historical gap between premiums and claims. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to **CREATE** a clearing account for employee insurance benefits.

Mr. Benoit motioned, and Mr. LeBlanc seconded to discuss whether to approve and confirm a beer & liquor permit to Amalfi, LLC (d/b/a Amalfi), for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 203 E. Nezpique St, Suite 105. Mayor Guinn stated that all the paperwork submitted was in order with a clear background check. Mr. Arsim “Tito” Makolli was in attendance to answer any questions. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to approve and confirm the beer/liquor permit to Amalfi, LLC (d/b/a Amalfi), for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 203 E. Nezpique St. Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Carl Benoit, Anthony LeBlanc, Wayne Ledbetter & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

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

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 July 8, 2025, of the Jennings City Council at 5:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council