

REGULAR MEETING

September 9, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 9th day of September 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; Carl Benoit, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Wayne Ledbetter, District B

The Prayer was led by Mr. LeBlanc and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Benoit.

It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the August 12, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1826A – a resolution to adopt a compliance questionnaire for fiscal year 2024-2025 audit per request by the Legislative Auditor. It was motioned by Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1826A. 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. 1826A.

It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Benoit to authorize the mayor to enter into engagement with Langley, Williams & Company, LLC, for the June 30, 2025, audit. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the Legislative Auditor requires the City to engage a firm to perform 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 engagement with Langley, Williams & Company, LLC for the June 30, 2025 audit.

Next, Council President Stephen VanHook read the following Public Notice Announcement: Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Council Chambers, 154 N. Main Street, Jennings, Louisiana, the City Council plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the City of Jennings, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of ad valorem taxes therein. Public Notice will be published in *Jennings Daily News* on September 12, 2025.

Council President Stephen VanHook announced the retirement of Library Director, Harriet Shultz & promotion of Crystal Dickinson as the new Library Director. Mayor Guinn and members of the City Council thanked Ms. Shultz for service and congratulated Ms. Dickinson.

It was motioned by Mr. Leblanc, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to receive an update on a professional football game involving Travis and Trevor Etienne from Jennings competing against each other. Ms. Simon, who attended the game, gave a few words about the game, the Etienne family and being able to witness such a unique and special event.

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

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on September 9, 2025, of the Jennings City Council at 5:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council