

REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 10th day of February 2026, 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; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Anthony LeBlanc, District D

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

It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Ledbetter and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting.

The City of Jennings audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, was presented by Ms. Sarah Werner of Langley, Williams, & Company, LLC. Ms. Werner stated that they issued an Unmodified Opinion which is the best opinion a governmental entity can receive. There were no internal control or compliance findings reported. The auditor highlighted the assets, liabilities, net position, changes in net position for the year. The entire audit can be found on the LA Legislative Auditor's website: (www.la.state.la.us). After no other comments or questions, Mayor Guinn thanked the auditor and the financial staff.

Mr. Benoit motioned, and Mr. Ledbetter seconded to discuss whether to approve and confirm a beer & liquor permit to Braykenn Enterprises, LLC (d/b/a The Bulldog Gridiron Grill), for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 1231 N. Cutting Ave. Mayor Guinn stated that all the paperwork submitted was in order with a clear background check. Mr. Strickland addressed the Council explaining his business plan. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to approve and confirm the beer/liquor permit to Braykenn Enterprises, LLC (d/b/a The Bulldog Gridiron Grill), for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 1231 N. Cutting Ave. Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Carl Benoit, Wayne Ledbetter & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Anthony LeBlanc

Resolution No. 1827A – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Waterworks Admin Building Project as substantially complete; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Ledbetter to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1827A. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the building is a critical part of the new water plant expansion and substantial completion should be accepted. After no questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1827A.

Resolution No. 1827B – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Street Improvement Project as substantially complete; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Ledbetter to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1827B. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this was a large asphalt project and it is substantially complete. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1827B.

Resolution No. 1827C – a resolution declaring the City of Jennings Historic District Sign Project as substantially complete; and repealing all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Ledbetter, seconded by Mr. Benoit to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1827C. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that there are a few minor punch list items to complete and substantial completion should be accepted. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1827C.

Resolution No. 1827D – a resolution affirming support for an application to the Governor’s Office of Community Development, 2025-2026 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) for a grant to be used for water system improvements, including but not limited to water wells, pumps, and waterlines and hydrants for the City of Jennings. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Ledbetter to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1827D. Mayor Guinn stated that this is a state issued grant that the City applies for every year. Mayor Guinn explained that the maximum grant is \$50,000 and would be used toward water system improvements. After no other questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1827D.

Resolution No. 1827E – a resolution affirming support for application to the Governor’s Office of Community Development, 2025-2026 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for a grant to be used for sewer system improvements including but not limited to manhole rehabilitation. It was motioned by Mr. Benoit and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1827E. Mayor Guinn explained that every year the city applies to the Governor’s Office for the LGAP grant. Mayor Guinn stated that this is a state issued grant with a maximum of \$50,000 to be used for sewer improvements. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1827E.

Resolution No. 1827F – a resolution declaring certain property belonging to the City of Jennings as surplus and to make available for sale, donation or for disposal. It was motioned by Mr. Ledbetter and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1827F. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this is done periodically to declare non-working equipment as surplus and send to public auction or to be disposed. After no comments and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1827F.

It was motioned by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **POSTPONE** Resolution No. 1827G.

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

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADJOURN** this Regular Meeting on February 10, 2026, of the Jennings City Council at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council