

REGULAR MEETING

May 12, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 12th day of May 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; 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. Ledbetter.

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 April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1827I – a resolution declaring certain property belonging to the City of Jennings Police Department as surplus and for disposal in accordance with LA R.S. 40:1798. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Ledbetter and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1827I. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this would surplus old firearms and allow the Police Department to trade them for new equipment. It was motioned by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Ledbetter and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1827I. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1827I.

It was motioned by Mr. Benoit and seconded by Ms. Simon to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for Chlorine Gas for fiscal year 2026-2027. Bids were opened on May 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Guinn stated this product is purchased throughout the fiscal year and the aggregate amount exceeds the bid law threshold requiring it to be publicly bid. The low bidder was *Hawkins, Inc.*, of Sulphur. The bid amount was \$349.50/cylinder (\$2.32/pound) with a fuel charge of \$27.50 per delivery, a \$4.50 per delivery handling fee, and \$10.00 rental per cylinder. Mayor Guinn recommended accepting the low bid. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to **ACCEPT** the lowest responsible bidder for Chlorine Gas for FY 2026-27.

It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Ledbetter to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for #610 and #57 Grey Limestone for FY 2026-27. Bids were opened on May 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. *Port Aggregates, Inc.* had the low bid for #610 Grey Limestone and #57 Grey Limestone to be **picked up** at \$47.20 and \$49.20 per ton respectively. *Port Aggregates, Inc.* had the low bid for #610 and #57 Grey Limestone to be **delivered** at \$53.20 and \$55.20 respectively. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to **ACCEPT** the lowest responsible bidder for #610 and #57 Grey Limestone for FY 2026-27.

It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Ledbetter to authorize the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for Fuel for FY 2026-2027. Bids were opened on May 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The Mayor stated that the low bid was received from Shop Rite/Fleet Rite. After no other

public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for Fuel for FY 2026-2027.

It was motioned by Mr. Ledbetter and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to authorize the Mayor to sign a change order for the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project. Mayor Guinn explained that after the original bids for the Water Plant Upgrade Project came in too high, the project was value engineered down thereby removing the purchase of a new generator and other aesthetic items. When the project began, the generator broke. This change order is to include the purchase of a new generator along with backwash piping, and fence. The Mayor stated that the total cost of the change order was \$858,243. After a few questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to sign the change order for the Water Plant Upgrade Project.

It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Benoit to discuss participation by the City in Land Bank Pilot Program. Mike Hollier, director of the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission explained that this is a pilot program attempting to put adjudicated property back into production at no cost to the local government. Mr. Hollier explained that an ordinance would need to be adopted in the future for the city to participate. After a lengthy discussion and comments, no action was taken.

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

Resolution No. 1827G 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 May 12, 2026, of the Jennings City Council at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council