

REGULAR MEETING

June 9, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 9th day of June 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. Benoit.

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 May 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1827J – a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Jennings, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, May 16, 2026, to authorize the renewal of special taxes therein. It was motioned by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1827J. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that both millages were defeated. Mayor Guinn explained that the Library millage expired December 31, 2025 and the Street millage does not expire until December 31, 2026. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1827J.

Ordinance No. 1828 – an ordinance to adopt the Pay Plan and the Operating & Capital Outlay Budget for FYE 06/30/2027. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Benoit to introduce Ordinance No. 1828. Mayor Guinn stated that a hearing for public participation of the Proposed Budget was held just prior to the Council Meeting at 5:00 pm in compliance with LRS 39:1306-07 and the proposed budget was presented. There were a few questions and comments at the Public Hearing regarding the cemeteries and parks. The floor was then opened for any public questions or comments. After no other questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1828.

Ordinance No. 1829 – an ordinance to adjust the water & sewer rates and connections and to set the schedule of fees and charges for services for FY 2026-27. It was motioned by Mr. Ledbetter and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce Ordinance No. 1829. Mayor Guinn stated that a two percent price increase is being proposed for water and sewer. After no questions or comments, it was carried by voice vote of 4 yeas and 1 nay from Councilwoman Carolyn Simon to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1829.

Ordinance No. 1830 – an ordinance to adjust the solid waste collection and disposal rates to the CPI Index for FY 2026-27. It was motioned by Mr. Benoit and seconded by Mr. Ledbetter to introduce Ordinance No. 1830. Mayor Guinn stated that the contract with our provider for curb side trash pickup allows an increase based on the consumer price index. The mayor explained that a 2% increase is being proposed based on the contract in place. After no other comments and questions, it was carried by voice vote of 4 yeas and 1 nay from Councilwoman Carolyn Simon to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1830.

Ordinance No. 1831 – an ordinance to authorize the mayor to adopt the annual Joint Service Agreements for FY 2026-27. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1831. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that passage of this ordinance allows him to enter into agreements each year with a variety of agencies for a variety of different purposes. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1831.

Ordinance No. 1832 – an ordinance to adopt budget amendments for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Benoit to introduce Ordinance No. 1832. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that an amendment to the budget for the 1994 1% Sales Tax fund and Economic Development District #1 for fiscal year end June 30, 2026 is required because there is a variance greater than five percent. Mayor Guinn stated that the variances involved the timing of work related to the Street Improvement Program and Zigler Memorial Expansion. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1832.

Ordinance No. 1833 – an ordinance wherein the City Council approves the levying of millage rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. It was motioned by Mr. Ledbetter and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1833. Mayor Henry Guinn stated this is done annually to levy millages with rates that will be the same as the previous year. After no other public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1833.

It is mandated each year by the State of Louisiana that the City of Jennings assigns an Official Municipal Journal. It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance **TO NAME** the *Jennings Daily News* as the City's Official Municipal Journal for the year 2026-27.

President VanHook reminded everyone of the Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. which was called for by the City Clerk at the request of the council members.

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 June 9, 2026, of the Jennings City Council at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council