

SPECIAL MEETING

June 23, 2026

The Special Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 23rd 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 Mr. Benoit and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. LeBlanc.

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 June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting.

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. Ledbetter and seconded by Ms. Simon to adopt Ordinance No. 1828. Mayor Guinn stated that a hearing for public participation of the Proposed Budget was held at 5:00 pm on June 9 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 a few comments and questions regarding cemeteries and parks, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1828.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Carl Benoit, Anthony LeBlanc, Wayne Ledbetter & Stephen VanHook
Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

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. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Ledbetter to adopt Ordinance No. 1829. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that the user rates would increase by 2%. After no public questions or comments, it was carried by roll call voice vote of 4 yeas and 1 abstain from Councilwoman Carolyn Simon to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1829.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carl Benoit, Anthony LeBlanc, Wayne Ledbetter & Stephen VanHook

Nays: None Abstained: Carolyn Simon Absent: None

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. LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance No. 1830. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the contract with our provider for curb side trash pickup allows an increase of roughly 3% based on the consumer price index, however this would increase user fees by 2%. After no public questions or comments, it was carried by roll call voice vote of 4 yeas and 1 abstain from Councilwoman Carolyn Simon to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1830.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Wayne Ledbetter, Anthony LeBlanc, Carl Benoit & Stephen VanHook

Nays: None Abstained: Carolyn Simon Absent: None

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 Mr. Ledbetter to adopt 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 operating day to day. Mayor Guinn read aloud

the agencies involved and explained that the Jefferson Davis Parish Tourist Commission was omitted for ongoing discussions. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1831.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Wayne Ledbetter, Anthony LeBlanc, Carl Benoit, Carolyn Simon & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Ordinance No. 1832 – an ordinance to adopt budget amendments for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. It was motioned by Mr. Ledbetter and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc 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 roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1832.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Carl Benoit, Anthony LeBlanc, Wayne Ledbetter & Stephen VanHook Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

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 Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Benoit to adopt 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 comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1833. Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Carl Benoit, Anthony LeBlanc, Wayne Ledbetter, & Stephen VanHook
Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

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

Resolution No. 1827G is **ON HOLD**.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Special Meeting on June 23, 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