

REGULAR MEETING

August 11, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 11th day of August 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 Ms. Simon.

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 July 14, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1833A – a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Jennings, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Ledbetter, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1833A. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this is to place the continuation of existing property tax millages for street maintenance on the December 12, 2026, ballot. After no other comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1833A.

Ordinance No. 1835 – an ordinance establishing an incentive-based compensation plan for eligible city employees; setting forth the purpose, legal authority, compliance criteria, eligibility, administration, and budgetary restrictions for said plan; and providing for related matters. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Ledbetter to introduce Ordinance No. 1835. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this was to allow an incentive program for Police Department employees. After a few public questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1835.

Ordinance No. 1834 – an ordinance to adopt budget amendments for fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance No. 1834. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this was to itemize funding for Leroy Davis Park. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1834.

It was motioned by Mr. Benoit and seconded by Ms. Simon to authorize the Mayor to sign contracts related to service road improvements. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this would allow him to sign the necessary contract for service road improvements. Mayor Guinn explained that there is \$600,000 budgeted for the project, however, the Louisiana Department of Transportation is considering revisions that would decrease the cost of the project. 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 contracts related to service road improvements.

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. Benoit and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADJOURN** this Regular Meeting on August 11, 2026, of the Jennings City Council at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council