

REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 8th day of September 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. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the August 11, 2026, Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1834A – 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 Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1834A. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this is done periodically to dispose of or sale equipment that is no longer in use by the City. After no comments and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1834A.

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 Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Benoit to adopt Ordinance No. 1835. Mayor Henry Guinn asked that the Council would consider modifying the ordinance to include the Fire Department. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote to modify Ordinance No. 1835 to include the Fire Department. Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Carl Benoit, Anthony LeBlanc, Wayne Ledbetter, & Stephen VanHook

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Mayor Guinn explained that this ordinance will allow an incentive program to be created to incentivize good behavior and economic efficiency for Police and Fire Department employees. After a few public questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1835 as amended.

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

It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to authorize the mayor to enter into engagement with Langley, Williams & Company, LLC, for the June 30, 2026, audit. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that the Legislative Auditor requires the City to engage a firm to perform the annual audit. After no questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **AUTHORIZE** the mayor to enter into engagement with Langley, Williams & Company, LLC for the June 30, 2026 audit.

Mr. LeBlanc motioned and Mr. Ledbetter seconded to authorize the mayor to accept donation of property located at 1303 W. D. Rochelle. Mayor Guinn explained that the owner appealed the original condemnation and demolition order and approached the City to accept the property as a donation

pending clear title. After several questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to accept the donation of property located at 1303 W. D. Rochelle pending clear title.

It was motioned by Mr. Benoit, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to remove Resolution 1805C from items on hold on the agenda.

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 September 8, 2026, of the Jennings City Council at 6:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council