

## REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 11, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019 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: Johnny Armentor, District B; Clifton LeJeune, District C; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Carolyn Simon, District A; Anthony LeBlanc, District D

The Prayer was led by Mr. LeJeune and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Armentor.

It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting.

There were no resolutions.

Ordinances to introduce were:

Ordinance No. 1747 – an ordinance to authorize the City of Jennings to rezone the property of Matthew & Jenny Guinn from residential (A-4) to Industrial (M-1); and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1747. Mr. LeJeune stated that he would like to approve the ordinance with a revision that 200 feet of the frontage portion of the property facing Myers Road remain A-4 Residential and the remainder of the property to be rezoned as M-1 Industrial. LeJeune had met with all residents involved, Mr. Matt Guinn & City Attorney Kevin Millican and all had agreed to the amendment. Attorney Millican stated that the Zoning Board had approved of this rezone also with the same stipulation. Mayor Henry Guinn said that there were no negative calls about the rezone of this property. With no other comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1747, **AS AMENDED**.

Ordinance No. 1749 – an ordinance of the City Council for the City of Jennings enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in Section 28, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce Ordinance No. 1749. Mayor Guinn stated that Jeff Davis Economic Development and his office have received continuous phone calls from investors who want to invest in the City for economic purposes. There was a shortage of prime properties for sale in the city, so he began the process of annexation in November 2018. The process was to attain a letter of no objection from the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development since all property in this annexation belongs to the State of Louisiana. This annexation will allow for growth north of the I-10 corridor. After a few other public comments and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1749.

Ordinance No. 1750 – an ordinance to adopt the Pay Plan and the Operating & Capital Outlay Budget for FYE 06/30/2020. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1750. The Mayor stated that a hearing for public participation of the Proposed Budget was held just prior to the Council Meeting in compliance with LRS 39:1306-07 and he had presented the proposed budget. There was no opposition and very little discussion at the hearing. Financial Consultant Gregory Marcantel presented the proposed budget. The Council thanked Mr. Marcantel for all of his hard work in putting the budget together. The floor was then

opened for any public questions or comments. After a few questions and comments about how the budget was itemized and access to the budget, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1750**.

Ordinance No. 1751 – an ordinance to adjust the water & sewer connection fees and to set the schedule of fees and charges for services for fiscal year 2019-2020; water & sewer rates will remain the same. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce Ordinance No. 1751. Mayor Guinn stated that the increase of connection fees was due to the upgrade of new electronic read meters which cost more than the old meters. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1751**.

Ordinance No. 1752 – an ordinance to set the garbage collection and disposal rates to remain unchanged for FY 2019-20. There will be no increase of the garbage and disposal rates again this year. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1752. Mayor Guinn stated that would be better rates and more services at the current level for the foreseeable future. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1752**.

Ordinance No. 1753 – an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute annual Joint Service Agreements with various public entities. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to introduce Ordinance No. 1753. After no public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1753**.

Ordinance No. 1754 – an ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Jennings to execute a contract with *Municode* and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Armentor to introduce Ordinance No. 1754. Mayor Guinn and Attorney Millican stated that our code of ordinances have been in place since 1974 and need to be updated. Many codes will be stricken or updated to new codes. The Mayor stated that the historic district will be updated also in order for investors to be able to receive tax credits. After a few other comments and questions about how this was going to be done, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE Ordinance No. 1754**.

Up for adoption was:

Ordinance No. 1748 – an ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Jennings to enter into a Joint Services Agreement with the Jefferson Davis Parish Library to promote and encourage education for the youth of the City of Jennings; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to adopt Ordinance No. 1748. Mayor Guinn stated that the City was more than happy to issue free swim tickets to those who completed the reading program. With no other comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT Ordinance No. 1748**.

Yeas: Johnny Armentor, Clifton LeJeune & Stephen VanHook

Nays: None      Abstained: None      Absent: Anthony LeBlanc & Carolyn Simon

Next was to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Marcus Cain Park Basketball Pavilion. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeJeune to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the Marcus Cain Park Basketball Pavilion. Bids were opened on May 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Architect Sherrie Lewis of *Lewis Architecture, LLC* was at the meeting. The lowest bidder was *Acadiane' Renovations, Ltd.* in the amount of \$324,600 for the total base bid.

**MARCUS CAIN PARK BASKETBALL PAVILION**

**TOTAL BASE BID**

With Alternate 1- Extra Parking

**E.L. HABETZ, INC.**  
414 E. Northern Avenue  
Crowley, LA 70526

**\$413,000.00**  
5% Bid Bond Attached  
Receipt of Addendum #1

**L.K. BREAU & ASSOCIATES, INC**  
306 N. Parkerson Avenue  
Crowley, LA 70526

**\$367,050.00**  
5% Bid Bond Attached  
Receipt of Addendum #1

**C.M. MICIOTTO & SON, INC.**  
140 Regency Square  
Lafayette, LA 70508

**\$454,814.00**  
5% Bid Bond Attached  
Receipt of Addendum #1

**THE STANFORD COMPANY OF ACADIANA**  
1232 Highway 103  
Opelousas, LA 70570

**\$430,547.00**  
5% Bid Bond Attached  
Receipt of Addendum #1

**PETRON, LLC**  
1600 Harris Street  
Alexandria, LA 71301

**\$375,000.00**  
5% Bid Bond Attached  
Receipt of Addendum #1

**ACADIANE' RENOVATIONS, LTD**  
15223 Hwy 182 West  
Franklin, LA 70538

**\$324,600.00**  
5% Bid Bond Attached  
Receipt of Addendum #1

Mayor Guinn & VanHook stated that Councilman LeBlanc & Councilwoman Simon were both in favor of this project, but both had scheduling issues and could not attend the meeting. After a few comments and discussion about where the plan could be viewed, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Marcus Cain Park Basketball Pavilion.

It is mandated each year by the State of Louisiana that the City of Jennings assigns an Official Municipal Journal. It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeJeune 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 2019-20.

President Stephen VanHook reminded everyone of the Special Meeting to be held on June 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. which was called for by the City Clerk at the request of the council members.

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 Regular Meeting on June 11, 2019 of the Jennings City Council at 6:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council