

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 12th day of February, 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: Carolyn Simon, District A; Johnny Armentor, District B; Clifton LeJeune, 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. Armentor.

It was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1743A – a resolution by the City of Jennings City Council supporting legislation amending the qualifications for the position of Deputy Chief for the City of Jennings Police Department to be not less than five (5) years of full-time law enforcement experience. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1743A. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this legislation would allow the city to broaden the pool of applicants for the position of deputy chief. City Attorney Kevin Millican explained that Senator Dan Morrish had introduced the deputy chief legislation for the City of Jennings many years ago and this would amend that particular state ordinance; if it is approved by the legislature. Millican stated that this amendment is very much in line with other cities. Mr. LeJeune asked who the deputy chief for the city was now. Guinn stated that Chief Danny Semmes was the last deputy chief and the position was vacant. After no other comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1743A.

There were no ordinances.

In other business Mr. Aaron Cooper, CPA presented the City of Jennings' Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/18. Mr. Cooper stated that he had given the City an Unqualified Opinion which is the best audit that a city can have. The auditor went over highlights of the revenues, expenditures and depreciation for the year which can be found at www.la.state.la.us – the LA Legislative Auditor's website. There were no findings for the city. Cooper stated that LA Legislative Auditor's Agreed Upon Procedures were audited and there was nothing of concern because other controls were in place to mitigate any discrepancies with the AUP. Mayor Guinn took the opportunity to thank the Mr. Cooper, Mr. Chad Crochet who performed the audit and especially the city's finance department for the tedious record keeping which led to the clean audit. Mr. Cooper thanked the mayor and city's financial staff for working so well with the auditor. The council also thanked all for the clean audit. There were no other comments or discussion.

Next was to authorize the mayor to sign to accept the Highline Drive Drainage Structure Replacement Project (Guillotte Brothers, Inc.) as substantially complete. It was motioned by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon to accept the Highline Drive Drainage Structure Project as substantially complete. The mayor stated that the punch list was complete with no erosion. With no further comments or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **ACCEPT** the Highline Drive Drainage Structure Project as substantially complete.

Next was to approve and confirm a beer permit to Adam Diamond & David Tetens CEO's & Manager, Tyler Hebert, (*ADT Louisiana LLC*) - *d/b/a Pizza Hut #35482* for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 1602 N. Lake Arthur Avenue. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that all the paperwork was in order with a clear background check and this was just a change of ownership. The council recognized Manager, Tyler Hebert. After no comment or discussion, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried to **APPROVE and CONFIRM** the beer permit to *Pizza Hut #35482* for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 1602 N Lake Arthur Avenue. Yeas were from Mr. Armentor, Mr. LeBlanc, Ms. Simon and Mr. VanHook; Mr. LeJeune abstained

Next was to discuss the demo and cleanup of the home at 822 McKinley Street belonging to Jack Porter. The home/structure had been declared unsafe and falling down and needed to be condemned. The council had allowed the owners 60 days at the July 10, 2018 meeting to make progress on the demo and cleanup and to report the status with the mayor by September 8. At the September 11, 2018 meeting Ms. Monica Fontenot asked the council to extend them another 60 days to finish the demo and cleanup which the council granted. Ms. Fontenot was due to come back before the council on November 13, 2018, but Mayor Guinn allowed another 90 days to finish the demo and clean up. At this meeting Ms. Fontenot came before the council again and asked for another extension. After discussion motion was made by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon to **AUTHORIZE the MAYOR to PROCEED with DEMOLITION and CLEAN UP** of the home at 822 McKinley **after April 9, 2019** if demo and clean up was not completed at that time and to pass the cost of the demolition and clean up to the property owner. Yeas were from Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. LeJeune, Ms. Simon and Mr. VanHook; Nay from Mr. Armentor.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on February 12, 2019 of the Jennings City Council at 5:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz
Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council