

SPECIAL MEETING

June 23, 2020

The Special Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 23th day of June, 2020 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; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: Clifton LeJeune, District C

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

It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting.

There were no resolutions.

Ordinance No. 1758 – an ordinance to adopt the Pay Plan and the Operating & Capital Outlay Budget for FYE 06/30/2021. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Armentor to adopt Ordinance No. 1758. The Mayor stated that the budget was compiled at the time when the city was in the midst of the COVID-19 outbreak, so there was no good picture of what our revenue would be in the next year. With the help of CPA Gregory Marcantel, we came up with a 15% reduction of revenues and based our budget on that reduction. After no questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1758.

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Clifton LeJeune

Ordinance No. 1759 – an ordinance to adjust the water & sewer connection fees and to set the schedule of fees and charges for services for fiscal year 2020-2021. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to adopt Ordinance No. 1759. Mayor Guinn stated that the operations of the Water Plant continue to increase each year and the 5% increase was necessary. This increase amounts to \$1.00 per month or about 3 cents per day for the average customer. 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. 1759. Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Clifton LeJeune

Ordinance No. 1760 – an ordinance to adjust the garbage collection and disposal rates to the CPI Index for FY 2020-21. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Ms. Simon to adopt Ordinance No. 1760. Mayor Guinn stated that Republic Services is allowed under our contract a 2% increase based on the Consumer Price Index. 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. 1760.

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Clifton LeJeune

Ordinance No. 1761 – an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute and adopt the annual Joint Service Agreements with various public entities. It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Armentor to adopt Ordinance No. 1761. Mayor Guinn stated that the city was able to continue multiple Joint Service Agreements with various entities to enhance the quality of life of the citizens. The City has a healthy reserve attributed to previous mayors and councils in order to continue to adopt these agreements. 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. 1761. Nays: None Abstained: None
Absent: Clifton LeJeune

Ordinance No. 1762 – an ordinance to increase the salary of the Mayor of the City of Jennings, Louisiana and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Ms. Simon to adopt Ordinance No. 1762. This increase does not apply to the current mayor, it applies to the next mayor to be voted in by the people in the next term. Mr. Cyril Charles asked two questions: Does the city have any employees making minimum wage and does the city take surveys of other cities to see what they pay employees? Mayor Guinn said that the city does have several hourly employees making minimum wage and the city does survey other cities to determine employee wages. After no other public comment or questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1762.

Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: Clifton LeJeune

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas voice vote of those in attendance to **ADJOURN** this Special Meeting on June 23, 2020 of the Jennings City Council at 5:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council