

## REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 10, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018 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 Mr. LeJeune and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Simon.

It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the March 13, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1735A – a resolution to amend and ratify Resolution No. 1733A revoking the dedication of surplus equipment belonging to the City of Jennings to make available for sale or disposal. It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1735A. After no comments or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1735A.

Resolution No. 1735B – a resolution to approve the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery Project. It was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1735B. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that this is a great project for the City. It will expand the Veteran's home, as well as, make available the hiring of 6 to 7 full time employees. After no further comment or discussion, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1735B.

Ordinance No. 1735 – an ordinance wherein the City Council adopts & sets the levy of the General Alimony millage rate, Street millage rate and Library millage rate, not to exceed the prior year's maximum. It was motioned by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Armentor to adopt Ordinance No. 1735. The ordinance was read and opened for public comment, discussion or questions. After no public comment or discussion, it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1735**. Published: March 20, 2018.

Yeas: Johnny Armentor, Anthony LeBlanc, Clifton LeJeune, Carolyn Simon & Stephen VanHook

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Next was to approve and confirm a beer and liquor permit to *Arie Kotter, CEO, Eyal Nuchamovitz, EVP, Manager Ashley Marceaux – (GPM Southeast, LLC) - d/b/a E-Z Mart #4300* for retail sales – Class B – no drinking on premises – located at 519 Shankland Avenue. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that all the paperwork was in order with a clear background check. Ms. Marceaux introduced herself to the council. After no other comment or discussion, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried to **approve and confirm** the beer/liquor permit to *E-Z Mart #4300* for retail sales – Class B – no drinking on premises – located at 519 Shankland Avenue. Yeas were from Mr. Armentor, Mr. LeBlanc, Ms. Simon and Mr. VanHook; Mr. LeJeune abstained

Then was to approve and confirm a beer permit to *John B. Gielen, Manager Cassandra Powell - (Gielen Development) - d/b/a Gatti's Pizza* for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 1320 Elton Road. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that all the paperwork was in order with no discrepancies. Mr. Gielen spoke to the council stating that 30 to 35 employees will be hired, with most being students. After no other comment or discussion, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried to **approve and confirm** the beer permit to *Gatti's Pizza* for retail sales –

Class A – drinking on premises – located at 1320 Elton Road. Yeas were from Mr. Armentor, Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. VanHook; Mr. LeJeune & Ms. Simon abstained

Next was to approve and confirm a beer and liquor permit to *Shane, Shawn & Nicky Nichols and David Bullock, Manager Lisa Carlin Landry – (24 /7 Xpress Associates, LLC) - d/b/a Jennings Truckstop* for retail sales – Class B – no drinking on premises – located at 1919 Evangeline Road. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that all the paperwork was in order. Ms. Landry introduced herself to the council. After no other comment or discussion, it was moved by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried to **approve and confirm** the beer/liquor permit to *Jennings Truckstop* for retail sales – Class B – no drinking on premises – located at 1919 Evangeline Road. Yeas were from Mr. Armentor, Mr. LeBlanc, Ms. Simon and Mr. VanHook; Mr. LeJeune abstained

Then was to discuss demolition and cleanup of the home at 1423 Garage Alley belonging to Toni Jenkins, ETAL. The structure was burned and has been declared unsafe and falling down. Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Riggs were in attendance and stated that they had been having family conferences to agree on a plan and a price of the demo and cleanup of the home. After discussion it was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **allow the family 60 days** to make progress on the demo and clean up and then to **follow up** with the Mayor.

Next was to discuss demolition and cleanup of the home at 806 Bryan Street belonging to Jennifer Varnado. The structure has been declared unsafe and falling down. Since no owners were in attendance, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **REFER** this matter to the Mayor's office to appoint Attorney David Marcantel to contact the property owners.

Next was to discuss the demolition and cleanup of the home at 206 Anna Street belonging to MINIC, LLC. The structure has been declared unsafe and falling down. Since no owners were in attendance, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to **REFER** this matter to the Mayor's office to appoint Attorney David Marcantel to contact the property owners. Mr. Armentor stated that he had turned this in to the previous mayor about 9 years ago. The owner has done nothing to clean up the property and when it rains, debris from the property floats down the street. Mr. Armentor stated that he would like this property to be cleaned up as soon as possible.

Next was to authorize the Mayor to sign to accept the Main Street Sidewalk Streetscaping Project (Elliot Construction, LLC) as substantially complete. Mr. David Hidalgo with Aucoin & Associates stated that they had conducted a final inspection and found that the project was completed within the specifications. Mayor Guinn also stated that he had walked through the project and saw no reason not to sign the project as substantially complete. It was moved by Mr. LeJeune, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to authorize the Mayor to sign to accept the Main Street Sidewalk Streetscaping Project as substantially complete.

With no further business, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeJeune and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on April 10, 2018 of the Jennings City Council at 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

Barbara Lantz  
Barbara Lantz, Secretary  
Jennings City Council

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Stephen VanHook, President  
Jennings City Council