

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 14th day of February, 2017 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; Trey Myers, 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. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous voice vote to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting.

There were no resolutions.

Introduce Ordinance No. 1723 – an ordinance granting CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a *CenterPoint Energy Louisiana Gas*, the right to construct, install, operate and maintain facilities for the transportation, distribution and sale of gas in the municipality and, for such purposes, to use and excavate in the public highways, street, sidewalks, alleys, squares, commons, grounds and other publicly owned areas and levying a franchise (privilege) tax for that purpose. It was motioned by Mr. Armentor and seconded by Mr. Myers to introduce Ordinance No. 1723. Mayor Terry Duhon explained that there was a “favored nations clause” in the agreement that if the franchise fee increased that the City would have the option not to implement the increased fee. Mr. Lindy Broussard from CenterPoint was at the meeting to answer any questions. After no other discussion it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1723.

Introduce Ordinance No. 1724 – an ordinance wherein the City Council desires to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with *Building Code Inspection Services, LLC* and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. It was motioned by Mr. Myers and seconded by Ms. Simon to introduce Ordinance No. 1724. Mayor Duhon explained that this was a one year agreement. After a question from Mr. Myers, Mr. Rodney Richard explained how the contractor requests for inspections would be addressed. Richard also stated that a Power Point presentation for contractors would be set up shortly to explain the details and to answer any questions of the contractors. After discussion it was carried by unanimous voice vote to **INTRODUCE** Ordinance No. 1724.

There were no ordinances to adopt.

Under *Other Business* was to approve and confirm a beer and liquor permit to *Alfred & Vickie Broussard – d/b/a Couzan Joe’s Crawfish, Dranks & Stuff LLC* for retail sales – Class A – drinking on premises – located at 103 W. Fred & Ruth Zigler Memorial Drive. The Mayor stated that the request from last month’s Council approval was changed from no drinking on premises to drinking on premises because the state required an establishment serving in containers not directly from the factory, such as daiquiris, to have a drinking on premises license. After no other comment or discussion, it was moved by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to **approve and confirm** the amended beer/liquor permit to *Couzan Joe’s Crawfish, Dranks & Stuff LLC* at 103 W. Fred & Ruth Zigler Memorial Drive.

Next Attorney David Marcantel was called to discuss the status of the home located at 1114 Orange Street belonging to Darrell Craven, ET AL. The house was declared unsafe and was falling down and needed to be condemned. Marcantel explained that he had sent a certified letter to the addresses given to him by the Assessor’s office. One letter was returned and one was signed but he had no response

from either addressee. After publishing an ad in the newspaper with no response, he had exhausted all avenues to contact the owners of the property. Motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Armentor and carried by unanimous voice vote **to turn this property** over to the Mayor's office for demolition and cleanup.

Attorney David Marcantel also discussed the status of the home located at 810 N. Cutting Avenue belonging to Aldon & Charlotte St. Germain. The home was declared unsafe and was falling down. Mr. Marcantel spoke to the owner and the owner indicated that he would like to be given the opportunity to continue the work he had started on the house. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Simon and carried by unanimous voice vote **to review and reevaluate** the progress made on the house at the end of the permit period.

Next, Karl Aucoin from *Aucoin & Associates, Inc.* stated that the Asphalt Street Project by *Coastal Bridge Company, LLC* was recently completed and found to be in conformance with plans and specifications subject to the provisions of the punch list. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to authorize the Mayor to sign **to accept** the Asphalt Street Project as constructed by *Coastal Bridge Company, LLC, Inc* as being substantially complete.

Next President Stephen VanHook read the Notice of the Public Meeting of the Proposed Street Millage 2017 Levy. He stated that notice is hereby given pursuant to R.S. 42:19.1 of the Louisiana Constitution that a public meeting of the Jennings City Council will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers at 154 North Main Street, Jennings, Louisiana. The purpose of this meeting is to consider levying the Street Millage above the prior year's millage rate up to the adjusted maximum millage for the 2017 year. All citizens of Jennings are invited to attend this meeting and to present questions or comments concerning the proposed Street Millage 2017 Levy Ordinance. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give oral comments. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend and comment. Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact the City at least 24 hours prior to the hearing by calling 337-821-5500. Mayor Duhon explained that this was the same millage rate that was voted on by the citizens in 2016. This notice will also be published in the newspaper next month.

With no further business, it was moved by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous voice vote to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on February 14, 2017 of the Jennings City Council at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Barbara Lantz

Barbara Lantz, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council