



**Monday, February 28, 2022**  
**FEBRUARY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Jennings via Tele-meeting Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm**

**When: Feb 28, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)**

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**Meeting posting date: \_\_\_\_\_ initials by: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**A. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. PROPOSITION U - USE TAX PRESENTATION BY PAT KELLY

2. PETITION TO RE-SUBDIVIDE A LOT KNOWN AS LOTS 2 AND 2A OF THE PLAZA ON THE BOULEVARD ALSO KNOWN AS BUZZ WESTFALL PLAZA INTO THREE LOTS IDENTIFIED AND RE-SUBDIVIDED AS LOTS 2C, 2D AND 2E. PETITIONER: R. CORY SPENCE OF GRIMES CONSULTING, INC.

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**B. REGULAR MEETING**

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of the Agenda

5. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2022

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**C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS**

1. Presentation - Employee Recognition & Security Company by Mayor Yolanda Asutin

2. Presentation - Joell Aguirre, Republic Services - Recycling Contamination within the City of Jennings

3. Comments by public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)

4. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 10 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)

5. Mayor's Report

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**D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

1. Finance Department

2. Courts

3. Jail Report

4. Building Department

5. Sewer Lateral

6. Economic Development Report

7. Public Works Report

8. Recreation Department

9. St. Louis County Police Department

10. North County Fire & Rescue

11. Emergency Management

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**E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

1. Ways & Means and Public Safety Committee

- 2. Public Works & Building Committee
- 3. Parks & Recreation Committee
- 4. Policy and Ordinance Committee
- 5. Municipal League
- 6. Planning Commission
- 7. Economic Development Board
- 8. Youth Commission
- 9. Senior Commission

**F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)**

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1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A REQUEST TO RE-SUBDIVIDE A LOT KNOWN AS LOTS 2 AND 2A OF THE PLAZA ON THE BOULEVARD ALSO KNOWN AS BUZZ WESTFALL PLAZA IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOUR, AS RECORDED IN BOOK 22825, PAGE 275 OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY PROPERTY RECORDS INTO THREE LOTS IDENTIFIED AND RE-SUBDIVIDED AS LOTS 2C, 2D AND 2E, A RE-SUBDIVISION PLAT.

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**H. NEW BUSINESS**

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- 1. Approval of Contract Extension for Mike Vilmer
- 2. Approval of the monthly bills for payment

**I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

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**J. CLOSED SESSION - PERSONNEL (RSMO 610:021 - 3)**

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- 1. Personnel (RSMO 610:021-3)

**K. Adjournment**

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- 1. Adjournment



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting  
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video  
February 28, 2022  
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The two thousand four hundred and thirtieth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Video.

**A. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1. PETITION TO RE-SUBDIVIDE A LOT KNOWN AS LOTS 2 AND 2A OF THE PLAZA ON THE BOULEVARD ALSO KNOWN AS BUZZ WESTFALL PLAZA INTO THREE LOTS IDENTIFIED AND RE-SUBDIVIDED AS LOTS 2C, 2D, AND 2E. PETITIONER: R. CORY SPENCE OF GRIMES CONSULTING, INC.**

Cory Spence explained their client was requesting that the lot was being subdivided so they could refinance the properties separately, instead of the whole lot together. He indicated on-screen where lots 2 and 2A were and indicated where lots 2C, 2D, and 2E would be.

The public hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

**B. REGULAR MEETING**

- 1. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Council members present:** Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Gary Johnson, Rose Eichelberger, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner.

**Council member(s) absent:** none.

**Also present:** Mayor Yolanda Austin; Deletra Hudson, City Clerk; and Sam Alton, City Attorney.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the agenda for the meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

**4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2022.**

On the motion made by Councilwoman Clower, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2022. All in favor; none opposed.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson requested that a correction be made on page 4, the fifth paragraph of her report. She stated that she did not answer the questions of the constituent.

**C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS, AND REQUESTS**

- 1. Presentation – Employee Recognition & Security Company by Mayor Yolanda Austin**

Mayor Austin recognized Vinson Rhone, Public Works Foreman, for his service when the Public Works department head was out and for his assistance with the Xograph Avenue warehouse project.

Mayor Austin recognized Lt. Pervis Jones for stepping up as Public Safety Director and leading the Corrections Department. She also thanked him for working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with plans to dispose of hazardous waste in the Xograph Avenue warehouse.

Mayor Austin recognized Capt. Johnson from St. Louis Protection Enforcement Security Service for protecting the City parks and the Xograph Avenue warehouse.

## **2. Presentation – Joell Aguirre, Republic Services – Recycling Contamination within the City of Jennings.**

Joell Aguirre, Republic Services, explained the recycling program that the City was a part of. She stated that recycling bins are provided to the residents at no extra charge in the City of Jennings. The recycling guidelines were shown on the screen. She stated that the majority of the recycling that has been collected had been contaminated with trash materials, that needed to be deposited in a landfill.

Joell stated the City has done its due diligence to educate residents on the recycling program. She explained the cost to the MRF (Material Recovery Facility) and the fees charged per ton in addition to their increased operations cost: wages for residential drivers have increased and the increase of volume at curbside pickup, which had increased 3.5 percent since 2020. Joell explained that the City's current contract does not allow for an annual price increase but Republic Services must come to the City for the financial partnership to cover the additional cost.

Councilman Stichnote asked if recycling could be done away with completely. Joell stated no, that per St. Louis County ordinance, recycling could not be discontinued. The City can go to St. Louis County for assistance to reduce the amount of recycling contamination.

Councilwoman Brown asked how other municipalities have approached recycling contamination. Joell stated that other municipalities have begun educating residents and if a hauler notices that a bin has been contaminated, then they don't collect it. She stated that some municipalities have tags that could be placed on the bins by their street departments that notify the hauler that the recycling was contaminated. Joell stated that it was effective but can be labor-intensive.

Kellye Still asked why plastic bags were considered contaminants. Joell stated that plastic bags and plastic film were not considered recyclable materials because they get caught in the machine gears, which can shut down the plant until it gets untangled.

Mayor Austin asked if the City received the recycling guidelines earlier. Joell stated that the slide was provided to the City and placed on the website. She stated that a trifold was provided to residents to guide them at the beginning of the contract.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked what Republic Services was going to do about the contamination because it was hard to know who is violating the recycling guidelines. Joell stated that a mailing can be done at an additional cost. She stated that an idea was to sit down with St. Louis County for financial assistance to help with the cost.

## **3. Comments by the public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)**

**Marietta Beck, 5476 Hodiament Avenue**, welcomed Jim Maixner back and thanked Public Works during the last few snowstorms for their preparation beforehand and the clean-up afterward. She thanked Capt. Mann for 5426 Hodiament, she had seen some improvement but there were at least a dozen cars still parked in the back. Ms. Beck reported that the derelict BMW vehicle was finally off the street and she thanked Capt. Mann for that.

Ms. Beck requested every councilmember to please act professionally and to quit cutting each other down. She wished that councilmembers would keep things to City business.

**Shirley Hiob, 8805 Clifton Drive**, thanked Schona for helping to resolve an issue on Hord Avenue that could have hurt children coming and going to school.

**Alice Wilson, 8860 Old Lucas and Hunt Road**, of the Jennings Youth Commission. She stated some upcoming events that are in person with mask requirements and encouraging social distancing. She reported that a March Madness event will be on March 28 at Gary Gore Community Center, where the basketball games will be played on large television screens, play basketball in the gym and host a gaming truck. Ms. Wilson experienced some technical difficulty.

Ms. Wilson reported that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 at Koeneman Park from noon to 3 p.m.

**Shirley Wayne, 5828 Janet Avenue**, thanked Officer Shona Davis for conducting the Neighborhood Watch Meeting every month. She stated that although the turnout was low, she does a great job explaining the crime stats to the public. She reported the issues she experienced in her neighborhood, and Officer Davis responds promptly to help resolve them. Ms. Wayne thanked Capt. Mann for increased police presence in the City of Jennings.

She reported a problem with property owners not cleaning up their property. She asked what more the City could do about 5826 Janet Avenue and 5824 Janet Avenue, which looks like a junkyard. She contacted Councilwoman Clower and received no call back. Councilwoman Clower verified that she was contacting the correct telephone number.

Mayor Austin stated that some citations should be coming to those properties soon.

#### **4. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 10 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)**

**Councilwoman Fountain Henderson** reported that she attended the memorial for Priscilla Jones. She learned that Councilman Herman Barnes passed away.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that someone from Public Works drove into her yard more than once.

She was glad that speed bumps were removed on Cozens Avenue so students could go to school more safely.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson requested that a speed bump on Shannon Avenue be removed and placed elsewhere.

She reported that on 2535 Center Avenue someone made extra parking space on his property to park his trailers and seemed to be going into the neighbor's yard.

She stated that last month she reported that there was debris left at Glendale Avenue and Huiskamp Avenue.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson witnessed an eviction and there was debris left on the property. She asked how long the debris was allowed to stay there.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson was disturbed to see Alexandria Place was being plowed and salted in response to inclement weather. She stated that she could not get out of her driveway. She asked what policy states that Alexandria Place was a part of Jennings. Sam stated that Alexandria Place was a part of the City of Jennings, and the streets were adopted by ordinance in 2010. Jim stated that it was. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson requested that she see the information in writing.

**Councilman Stichnote** welcomed Jim Maixner, Public Works Director, back. Councilman Stichnote requested that Public Works assist at the parks where lights need to be replaced, signs that need to be made about the feeding of the ducks, and speed bumps installed by April 1, 2022, when the park opens up.

Councilman Stichnote asked when the door at the Anpaul Hall building would be replaced. Jim stated the contracting company was called twice but he would follow up.

Councilman Stichnote reported that at the 8800 block of Sharidge Drive the road had gotten bad and should be on the list for repaving. He reported that there was a pothole at 8824 Sharidge Drive that was getting worse.

Councilman Stichnote reported that he received requests that the street sweeper starts rotation again. Jim stated it does not get used often in the wintertime.

He reported that at 8811 Scottsdale Avenue grass needed to be cut and boards put up. Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, stated that the addresses have been added to MyGov.

Councilman Stichnote asked Willie Brandon, Parks and Recreation Director, if he knew when trout season ends. Willie will find out and it was posted in the garage at Koeneman Park.

Councilman Stichnote reminded everyone not to leave their cars running, unattended. He asked Capt. Mann if he had a report for 2621 Eltarose Drive, regarding the dog there. Capt. Mann stated that the resident was contacted but did not call for emergency service, she just called to speak to the officer about the dog being let out and the dog urinated in her yard again. Animal control has been notified previously about that address. He stated that they will follow up.

Councilman Stichnote reported that the Jennings sign in front of City Hall was still not working.

Councilman Stichnote asked to add to the Public Works and Building Committee agenda, a request for a speed bump on Dever Drive, Solway Avenue, and Ellison Drive.

Councilman Stichnote asked Willie about the repair to the entrance at Lions Park and if the City was pursuing legal action against the person who caused the damage. Willie stated that he had not heard back from the prosecuting attorney yet. He will follow up with him the following day.

**Councilwoman Brown** welcomed Jim back. She stated that Vince and the Public Works Department did their part while he was out. She thanked the Public Works Department for their service to the City. She reported that she did notice their trucks out, putting treatment down in response to inclement weather. Their diligent work was much appreciated.

Councilwoman Brown reported that she received the Ward 3 newsletter and thanked Councilwoman Eichelberger for that.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Capt. Mann for his prompt, clear, and thorough answers to her questions.

Councilwoman Brown reported that the community garden was advertised in the newsletter. She requested that it be advertised in the next newsletter, there are still plots available. For meeting time and information, contact David Kuchenmeister or Carol Wuesthoff.

Councilwoman Brown enjoyed meeting with neighbors. She received feedback that they enjoyed living in the City of Jennings and they looked forward to coming developments in the City.

Councilwoman Brown stated that there was a shortage in blood donation and encouraged people to donate because supplies are critically low level.

**Councilman Wilson** in the spirit of Black History Month and the eve of Women's History month, he announced the election of LaTonia Collins Smith as President of Harris-Stowe State University. He stated that she was the twenty-first president and the first female to serve as president. He recognized that both Mayor Austin and Councilman Johnson were Harris-Stowe alumni.

Councilman Wilson stated that he attended the Missouri Municipal League Legislative Conference with Mayor Austin and Councilman Johnson. Governor Parson spoke at the



conference regarding partnership with municipalities with State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Governor Parson was looking for feedback for the use of the funds.

Councilman Wilson attended the Mayor's Business Watch Meeting. There was a great presentation by the St. Louis Police Department, which was actively recruiting officers for non-officer positions. He encouraged the councilmembers and the public to attend the Business Watch meetings. Councilman Wilson reported that he also gave a presentation on the Use Tax at the meeting, which will be coming up on the April 2022 General Municipal Election. He appreciated Pat Kelly, who gave a presentation to inform the community that evening at 6 p.m. on Proposition U regarding the Use Tax.

Councilman Wilson welcomed Jim back and thanked Vince for stepping in. He stated that Public Works did a great job with clearing snow and ice.

Councilman Wilson asked Jim if there was a pothole schedule. Jim stated that there were trucks out filling potholes after each snow event and will be out until all potholes have been addressed.

Councilman Wilson stated he has received complaints of trash off Highway 367 and St. Cyr Road. He recommended with the help of Councilwoman Brown that they coordinate with councilmembers of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Moline Acres, and St. Louis County to get the area looking cleaner.

Councilman Wilson reminded the community of the General Municipal Election on April 5, 2022. Absentee voting was currently open, and March 23, 2022, was the last day to request an absentee ballot. March 9, 2022, was the last day to register to vote in the April election. The Board of Elections was looking for election judges and encouraged the public to apply by calling 314-615-1865.

Councilman Wilson encouraged the public to continue supporting the Youth Commission and Recreation Department for putting events together. The events could be supported by sharing the information with others.

**Councilwoman Eichelberger** welcomed Jim back. She stated that last month she mentioned the strip malls along the West Florissant corridor, she found out that some of the strip malls she mentioned were a part of Flordell Hills and not a part of the City of Jennings. She thanked Kellie Shelton, Economic Development Coordinator, and Councilman Johnson for clarifying that for her. She stated that the other strip mall she also mentioned was already being addressed along the West Florissant corridor.

Councilwoman Eichelberger interacted with Hawaiian Grill regarding running a car sales lot on their property and excessive trash that was piling up. She stated that the trash was addressed but the car sales are still occurring.

Councilwoman Eichelberger received calls regarding the Family Dollar that was not located in Ward 3, yet affected the ward due to trash that had blown about. She reported that she reached out to the corporate offices for resolution.

Councilwoman Eichelberger reported a call regarding 7341 Harney Avenue, where they reported a squatter there. The resident called the police because of a small fire there two or three weeks ago. Councilwoman Eichelberger stated that the squatter was back at the property and requested that someone investigate. After some research into the property, she found that it was owned by a group called Chicago Equities out of Beverly Hills, CA which owned 17 properties in North St. Louis County. She will forward those addresses for the properties located in Wards 1 and 4. She found out that there were no property taxes paid on those properties and suggested something be mailed to the owner to heighten their awareness. Councilwoman Eichelberger had also sent emails to other municipalities to find out how they are addressing the situation and perhaps the City of Jennings could collaborate with them.

Councilwoman Eichelberger attended the High-Cost Lending Summit for the Consumer Federation of America, whose goal was to pass the Veterans and Consumer Fair Credit Act, Senate Bill 2508, and HR Bill 5974. She stated that Missouri was one state that did not have a

cap for interest rates, which leaves the public open to predatory lending more than others. The Act would ask all states to adopt the usury limit of 36 percent.

Councilwoman Eichelberger asked the Economic Development Department when the housing auction is, could the City could be selective with winning bids. Kellie stated the highest and most responsible bidder was accepted.

Councilwoman Eichelberger asked what it meant that the City was seeking funds through the State of Missouri regarding the City Center project and Missouri Sewer District (MSD). Mayor Austin stated that the City was trying to tie the MSD line across Ada Wortley Avenue to Berkay Avenue which would cost approximately \$200,000. The City is trying to work with Senator Williams to see if the City could use some of the State ARPA funds for this part of the project. If not, the City did have some contingency funds within its budget. The City will meet with Senator Williams on March 1.

Schona stated that an inspector had been out to visit Hawaiian Grill and Family Dollar. She also spoke with the Family Dollar District Manager the Friday previous to know what their plan was to abate the trash.

**Councilman Johnson** attended the Legislative Conference in Jefferson City. He stated that Governor Parson did give a promising speech. He stated that it was a great conference, which allowed him to meet with people across that state.

Councilman Johnson appreciated Councilman Wilson acknowledging Ms. Collins at Harris-Stowe State University, as it was his alma mater.

Councilman Johnson stated that he had complained in the past about the Family Dollar on Jennings Station Road in Ward 3. He witnessed a truck drive over the grass from the Family Dollar to the street, so the trash behind the building was back again. This had been a great concern for that part of the ward for a couple of years. Councilman Johnson recalled the owner had made a petition for a liquor license even though they had this trash issue. He stated that it was attributed to the ordinance not being enforced. He asked when would the City start enforcing the ordinances and what was the process for enforcing the ordinance.

Councilman Johnson asked if the City had an ordinance against overweight trucks or service work trucks being parked in residential areas. He stated that service work trucks should not be allowed to park in residential areas because they caused damage to power lines, roads, sidewalks, and grass.

Councilman Johnson reported that the junkyard on Carl Avenue and West Florissant Avenue was still an issue, with cars overflowing the lot. He stated that there were at least fifty to sixty cars parked there.

Councilman Johnson asked what happened to the petition for a food truck that was tabled and parked at the Country Inn Donuts lot. He would like to continue the discussion for the food truck.

Councilman Johnson suggested a tree limb service for residents, and it would be discussed at the next Public Works and Building Committee meeting. He also suggested getting ahead of the grass and contracting the grass cutting out.

Councilman Johnson suggested that the bid selection process for the City's auction be put in writing to help guide it.

Councilman Johnson stated that the City needed a Human Resources Department to focus on recruitment, professional development, complaints, and investigations, and could develop aggressive and progressive hiring practices. He suggested in the budget season, that the City consider adding a part-time HR position to help.

Councilman Johnson stated a list of issues he reported in the past that were resolved.

Schona stated that she went with an inspector to the lot on Carl Avenue and West Florissant Avenue two months ago, which had a truckload of tires that were moved. The cars were moved



from the front of the lot and the street, but his report was new and the Building Department will follow up.

Schona stated that regarding the food truck, the petition was tabled, and the petitioner was notified.

**Councilwoman Clower** thanked Jim for the speed bump removal on Helen Avenue. She also thanked the Public Works Department for snow plowing in Ward 4. She thanked the Building Department for its professionalism.

Councilwoman Clower asked Kellie about auctioned houses that were purchased, yet no work had been done to them. She reported three houses in the past and nothing has been done. She asked Sam what more the City could do to hold the property owners to the terms of their purchase. Sam stated that he would get with Kellie to start addressing those houses. Kellie stated that some property owners did pay their vacant registry fees, yet many others have not paid the fee. Per the ordinance, the property owners receive notifications every six months from the City until a third letter is sent, which the City can then pursue legal action in the form of a lien against the property.

Councilwoman Clower asked the status of a burned house on Helen Avenue and Harney Avenue. Kellie stated that she would follow up and get back to her.

Councilwoman Clower reported that at 5504 Helen Avenue there was a dog leashed to a tree in the front yard. She asked what the ordinance was concerning. Sam stated that he would answer her before the meeting was over. Mayor Austin asked that Councilwoman Clower report the address to Schona so the property could be investigated for a registered dog and if not, then a letter could be sent. Sam stated that he checked an ordinance that required a leash for dogs but does not require that the dog be in the backyard.

Councilwoman Clower asked Jim to follow up on the metal plate on Hodiament Avenue that she had reported in the past. Jim stated that it was found to be due to a sewer lateral issue at 5455 Hodiament Avenue which was a private residence. He discussed this with Schona to have it added to the system so the owner can apply for the sewer lateral assistance program.

Councilwoman Clower reported last month that the Jennings lot on Helen Avenue and Harney Avenue had trash that had not been removed from the alley. Jim spoke with Schona about the area, and he needed addresses for both sides to add to the MyGov system.

**Councilman Turner** thanked everyone for the condolences he received and the proclamation he received from Mayor Austin. He read a quote by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

He thanked Public Works and Jim for taking care of the issues that he reports. He reported that on Switzer Avenue the speed limit sign was placed before the stop sign which was being ignored by speeding drivers. He also noticed large trucks using Switzer Avenue going down towards Louisa Foods and potholes are forming.

Councilman Turner received a request near 8724 Wescott Avenue for speed bumps because of the speeding taking place on that street. Jim stated that Wescott Avenue was on the list for speed bump placement and speed bumps were placed on the 1900-2000 blocks of Switzer Avenue. Jim stated that he could follow up with Sgt. Brinkman and Capt. Mann to see if some patrols could be in the area to slow drivers down.

Councilman Turner stated that he had a problem where his carbon monoxide detector kept going off. He called the Fire Department, who came out to check his property. They then referred him to Spire Energy which came out to check on his property. They were not able to locate the source of the issue. Then the detector issue returned after one month, the detector kept going off. The Fire Department returned and called the gas company again, who sent out a technician. The technician found that the issue was coming from the oven, where they changed some parts going to the oven. Councilman Turner reported that there has not been an issue since the parts have been changed. He appreciated the Fire Department's assistance with the issue.

Councilman Turner reported that the vacant house across the street from Rodney Epps' Park had its door open, which may need to be boarded up. Jim stated that he checked the Jennings property and did not see any issue. Mayor Austin reminded Councilman Turner that complaints regarding vacant houses must be reported to the Building Department first to be added to the MyGov system.

Councilman Turner thanked Kellie for clarifying some processes with the City for him. He thanked the City administration and staff for all the help they give, he appreciated that.

## **5. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Austin thanked the City department directors for the work that they are doing, between dealing with staff being out sick and for doing their best while being short-staffed. She stated that the City Clerk, HR, and Deputy City Clerk do a good job with posting employment opportunities, yet they could use the help by spreading the word about those opportunities.

Mayor Austin thanked the councilmembers for letting department heads do their jobs. She had asked on numerous occasions that they communicate with department heads not with the staff directly, so that helps to keep the staff on the tasks delegated to them.

Mayor Austin reminded councilmembers and directors that newsletter submissions are due March 15, 2022, for December, January, and February. She also reminded them that submissions are to be sent to the designated email address not to Dianna Drake, Special Services Coordinator, directly.

Mayor Austin thanked Verna Charles, Mayor's Assistant, and Kellie for sending emails to residents and compiling a list to get the word out.

Mayor Austin reported that the Business Watch meeting was February 18, 2022, where valuable information was presented by Councilman Wilson; St. Louis Community Credit Union Director of Partnerships, Lizette Moore; and St. Louis County Police Department Recruiter, Micah Shelton.

Mayor Austin reported that the City budget meetings would begin Monday, March 7, 2022, at 5 p.m. On the agenda would be the following departments: Court, Public Safety, Police, Corrections, and Economic Development.

Mayor Austin stated that the ARPA Stimulus Advisory Committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 10 a.m. via Zoom. The members on the committee are Mayor Austin; Deletra Hudson, City Clerk; Kellie Shelton; Lt. Pervis Jones, Public Safety Director; Lola Nash, Senior Commission; Steve Pokorney, STS Car Care; Councilwoman Brown; Karen Gazette, St. Louis Community Credit Union; Shaunice Johnson, Youth Commission; Karen Harvey, New Northside Church; and Linda Mackey, a non-profit family resources community center. A survey was posted to the City website for feedback and will be sent out via email to residents who are on the contact list.

Mayor Austin received a request from the Riverview Gardens School District Communications Committee for feedback from municipalities surrounding the school district. If anyone was interested in serving on the committee, they should contact the City Hall receptionist, Lolita Thomas, to fill out the volunteer form.

Mayor Austin reported that beginning next week, the Civic Center, 8720 Jennings Station Road, will be hosting COVID-19 testing Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Testing will end Wednesday, March 30, 2022. Services will be provided by Visionary Vaccination and Health Services.

## **D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the monthly departmental reports. All in favor; none opposed.

## **E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee** – Councilman Wilson stated that there will be the first City budget meeting Monday, March 7, 2022, at 5 p.m. He welcomed any councilmembers to attend and to email any items they would like to be added to the agenda.

**2. Public Works & Building Committee** – Councilman Johnson reported that there was a meeting on February 2, 2022. The committee had a presentation from Joell Aguirre, Republic Services. The committee discussed a report from the Beautification Committee by Councilwoman Brown. The committee discussed the speed bumps on Shannon Avenue and Ada Wortley Avenue.

**3. Parks & Recreation Committee** – Councilman Stichnote reported that there was no meeting. He reported that Mayor Austin and Kellie were working on locating sites for satellite parks.

**4. Policy and Ordinance Committee** – Councilman Turner reported that there was no meeting.

**5. Municipal League** – Councilman Wilson stated there was a meeting on February 24, 2022. The upcoming meeting had not been announced.

**6. Planning Commission** – Councilman Johnson stated that the Planning Commission had a meeting. The commission heard a petition from Cory Spence of Grimes Consulting to re-subdivide lots 2 and 2A. The petition was approved and sent to the City Council.

**7. Economic Development Board** – There was no meeting.

**8. Youth Commission** – Report provided.

**9. Senior Commission** – Report provided.

#### **F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)**

**1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A REQUEST TO RE-SUBDIVIDE A LOT KNOWN AS LOTS 2 AND 2A OF THE PLAZA ON THE BOULEVARD ALSO KNOWN AS BUZZ WESTFALL PLAZA IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AS RECORDED IN BOOK 22825, PAGE 275 OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY PROPERTY RECORDS INTO THREE LOTS IDENTIFIED AND RE-SUBDIVIDED AS LOTS 2C, 2D, AND 2E, A RE-SUBDIVISION PLAT.**

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson for Bill #2677. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading. Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2677 became Ordinance #2613 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Rose Eichelberger, Gary Johnson, Joseph Turner, and Lorraine Clower; none absent nor opposing.

#### **G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. Approval of the Contract Extension for Mike Vilmer**

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the contract extension for Mike Vilmer until December 31, 2022. All in favor; Johnson opposed. By the following roll call voting in favor: Stichnote, Wilson, Brown, and Turner; Eichelberger and Clower abstained; Fountain Henderson and Johnson opposed. The motion passed.

Councilman Johnson stated that he foresaw an extension of the contract. He asked what he trained the current inspector on. Schona stated that he trained the current inspector on the ICC codes and inspection procedures.

Councilman Johnson stated that the money being spent on the contractor could be spent on sending an inspector to receive assessed training.

## ***2. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.***

On the motion made by Councilman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Turner, the City Council approved the monthly bills for payment. All in favor; none opposed.

## **I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Mayor Austin stated that the March 28 City Council meeting will be in person and Zoom. Mask wearing will be optional for the public, but City staff will continue to wear masks.

## **J. CLOSED SESSION, LEGAL AND PERSONNEL (RSMO 610:021-3)**

On February 28, 2022, on the motion made by Councilwoman Eichelberger, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved a closed session for Personnel (RSMO 610:021-3) by the following roll call vote of councilmembers voting in favor: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Johnson, Eichelberger, Turner, and Clower; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

Also, present were Mayor Yolanda Austin; Sam Alton, City Attorney; and City Clerk, Deletra Hudson.

### **1. PERSONNEL - The following actions were taken:**

#### **a. Hire Full Time Code Enforcement Inspectors**

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the recommendation from Schona McClellan, Director of Housing, to hire Mr. Leslie Johnson for the full-time code enforcement inspector, pending the outcome of all pre-employment screening. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Clower, and Turner; abstaining: Eichelberger, Johnson, none absent nor opposing.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Schona McClellan, Director of Housing, to hire Mr. De'Ondre Ross for the full-time code enforcement inspector, pending the outcome of all pre-employment screening. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Clower, and Turner; abstaining: Johnson; none absent nor opposing.

#### **b. Hire Full Time Administrative Assistant I**

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Eichelberger, the City Council approved the recommendation from Schona McClellan, Director of Housing, to hire Gretchen Murray as the full-time Administrative Assistant I, pending the outcome of all pre-employment screening. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent, opposing nor abstaining.

#### **c. Hire Full Time Administrative Assistant II**

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the recommendation from Schona McClellan, Director of Housing, to hire Kwanshae Lowman as the full-time Administrative Assistant II, pending the outcome of all pre-employment screening. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent, opposing nor abstaining.

#### **d. Internal Transfers – Full Time Parks Crew Leader**

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Willie Brandon, Parks and Recreations Director, to transfer Trenton McClellan to the full-time Parks and Recreations Crew Leader. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent, opposing nor abstaining.

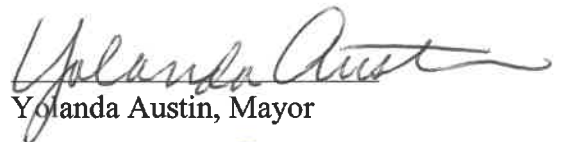
e. Terminate Full Time Corrections Officer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the recommendation from Lt. Pervis Jones, Corrections Department, to terminate Nicole Tiller from the full-time Corrections Officer position. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Wilson, Brown, Eichelberger, Clower, and Turner; opposing: Fountain Henderson, Johnson; none absent nor abstaining.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council voted by roll call votes of the following council members to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m.: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Rose Eichelberger, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none absent; none opposed nor abstained.

Approved:

  
Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:

  
Deletra Hudson, City Clerk