



Monday, April 26, 2021
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

April 2021 City Council Meeting

When: Apr 26, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting posting date: _____ initials by: _____

A. Swearing In

1. Newly Elected and Re-elected City Council Members Swearing In

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 March 22, 2021
6. Approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting of March 29, 2021

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

1. Presentation by Chief Goldstein, North County Fire & Rescue Protection District
2. Comments by public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)
3. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 10 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)
4. Mayor's Report

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
12. Approval of monthly reports

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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G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Election of the President Pro Tem
- 2. Appointment of Standing Committees
- 3. Approval of the Special Event Permit - Kiwanis Fishing Derby
- 4. Approval of the Special Event Permit - Norwood Country Club
- 5. Approval of the Revised 2021 Holiday Calendar
- 6. Approval of additional speed bumps
- 7. Approval of the Adopt a Street
- 8. Approval of the Fire Department property transfer
- 9. Approval of the ball field maintenance plan at Koeneman Park
- 10. Approval of the purchase of the park benches for Sievers Park
- 11. Approval of the monthly bills for payment

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

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

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

K. Adjournment

- 1. Adjournment



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video
April 26, 2021
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The two thousand four hundred and nineteenth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Video.

A. SWEARING IN

1. Newly Elected and Re-elected City Council Members Swearing In

Mayor Austin opened the floor for Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, to perform the swearing-in of the newly elected and re-elected elected officials.

Deletra led Yolonda Fountain Henderson through the Oath of Office for elected officials of the City of Jennings. Congratulations Councilwoman Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Ward 1.

Deletra led Terry Wilson through the Oath of Office for elected officials of the City of Jennings. Congratulations Councilman Terry Wilson, Ward 2.

Deletra led Gary Johnson through the Oath of Office for elected officials of the City of Jennings. Congratulations Councilman Gary Johnson, Ward 3.

Deletra led Joseph Turner through the Oath of Office for elected officials of the City of Jennings. Congratulations Councilman Joseph Turner, Ward 4.

Mayor Austin thanked all the newly elected and re-elected councilmembers. She thanked former Councilwoman Jones and former Councilwoman Owens for serving the City of Jennings with dignity for the last few years.

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council members present: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, 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 Anderson, the City Council approved the agenda for the meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2021.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 22, 2021. All in favor; none opposed.

5. Approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting of March 29, 2021.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Clower, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the minutes from the Special Meeting of March 29, 2021. All in favor; none opposed.

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

1. Presentation by Chief Goldstein, North County Fire & Rescue Protection District

Brennan Hartin, FGM Architects, architects for North County Fire & Rescue Protection District said that they are in the concept development phase of the project. He shared the site development plans and renderings on the screen for the City Council. He discussed the plans for a new firehouse at 8730 Jennings Station Road and 8732 Jennings Station Road. Brennan said that the new site will need to consolidate the plats. He presented two rough site schematics of the property.

Mayor Austin invited questions. Councilwoman Clower asked about the outdoor lighting for the building and traffic signal light for outgoing traffic. Brennan said that there would be some uplighting along the foliage and strategic downlighting for egress exits. He said that the district does not plan to put in new traffic lights, but there has been dialogue and a submission made to St. Louis County regarding the plan development of the site. Brennan explained that St. Louis County will mandate the traffic signaling needs.

Rich Tiberghien, North County Fire & Rescue District Board member, spoke on the mandates regarding the traffic signals from St. Louis County. He congratulated LaChrista Wilson on her addition to the North County Fire & Rescue District Board of Directors. Rich introduced her to the City of Jennings and congratulated her for her appointment as the teacher of the year at Westview Middle School.

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

Sharon Wilber, 9221 Cozens Avenue, expressed her concern regarding the speed bumps that were placed in front of her home. She asked why so many were placed. Mayor Austin said there were speeding drivers in front of the schools. She said that the City listened to concerns from parents about students attending school and speeding in that area. Mayor Austin said that a few had been moved after going to the Building and Public Works Committee for discussion.

Ms. Wilber said that there was a speed bump at Dorwood Drive which was moved closer, in front of her home. Councilman Wilson said that the reason that one was moved near the senior facility because there was no stop sign and the City of Jennings does not have rights to the street to place one. He said that after the speed bumps have been moved the issue got better and he understands her concern about the noise from the speed bumps. Councilman Wilson said that the point of the speed bumps being placed was all about safety first, after receiving more complaints requesting speed bumps. He said that the project had been in the works for a couple of years.

Ms. Wilber asked if the City had considered speed bumps that were less harsh on vehicles. Jim said the City researched different speed bumps that are used in surrounding municipalities, that must be placed with asphalt, which was deemed very expensive and time-consuming. He said that the current speed bumps are not as aggressive as other speed bumps he looked at and they were designed for use in parking lots. He said that the speed bumps are low profile and seemed to be doing their job. Capt. Law said that the City of Jennings has done a great job with the holistic approach to speeding. He pointed out that the speed bumps could be moved since they are not permanent and will be moved to necessary areas. Jim said that he has been using a spreadsheet to note areas of concern so traffic studies can be conducted to help decide on the placement of speed bumps. Councilwoman Anderson said that in the recent Building and Public Works Committee meeting, they discussed where some adjustment could be made to the placement of speed bumps, and as a result, some on Cozens Avenue have already been moved.

Justin Perkins, Chief Executive Officer of Large Chocolate Shake LLC, introduced himself and explained that Large Chocolate Shake was a multimedia solutions company for Black-owned

businesses. Mr. Perkins said he was from North County and had never celebrated Juneteenth Day in the past. He said that up until this past year, he had not known what it meant.

Mr. Perkins said they selected the City of Jennings to host the event because the municipality holds 14,000 residents and approximately 12,000 are African American residents. He shared the upcoming Black Freedom Fest event which was created to educate young people about Juneteenth Day, and it will last two days. Mr. Perkins said that the event will be hosted on June 19, 2022, and June 20, 2022, from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Koeneman Park and Lions Park. He said that the event may host two hundred vendors with music, games, and food vendors. He shared some Black Freedom Fest event flyers on the screen for the City Council.

Lakesha Nelson, Riverview Gardens School District, asked if she wanted to share updates on Proposition E, who should she send that information. Mayor Austin said that if she sent it to Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, that she would ensure that the information gets distributed.

Alice Wilson, Old Lucas Hunt, said that she was a part of the One West Florissant Strategic Initiative. She said that the organization's goal was to work with businesses in Dellwood, Ferguson, Country Club Hills, Flordell Hills, and Jennings. She said that they are asking for input from those communities, and she shared the survey link with those at the virtual City Council meeting.

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

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson thanked all who supported her campaign. She conducted her survey regarding the placement of the speed bumps and found that residents are complaining are about the number of the speed bumps. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson said that the Jennings School District did not request them, though it was said that they requested them. She asked Jim if he had any statistics showing a correlation between speed bump performance and speeding drivers.

Jim said that he consulted the Police Department for information and the City insurance company for guidance. He said regarding the issue, the City must be proactive. Councilman Wilson said that the City did get an official request from the former Jennings School District Superintendent, Dr. Art McCoy.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked Jim if he has been going around fixing streetlights and potholes on Cozens Avenue. Jim said the pothole truck makes its rounds every day since winter has ended. He said that he checks streetlights every morning before going into work and calls in any lights that are out to Ameren.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked why there were speed bumps placed at stop signs. Jim said that it was placed there to help stop people from driving through stop signs. He said it was observed that it was creating a hazardous situation because of drivers going around the speed bumps, so there will be an adjustment made to remedy the issue. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson said that the school district will be closing and locking the gate at Ada Wortley Avenue.

Councilman Stichnote congratulated all those newly elected and re-elected councilmembers. He asked how many speed bumps the Public Works Department had already moved. Jim shared the adjustments to the speed bumps that were moved and some that were completely removed. Councilman Stichnote gave a reminder of the continuing Senior Bingo coming on Thursday, April 29, 2021. He encouraged senior residents to sign up since there was no waiting list.

Councilman Stichnote said that since January 2021, there were 88 derelict cars tagged and 81 were removed or resolved. He suggested that a trashcan be placed at the bus stop in front of the Police Department. Jim said that the trash can was removed because there was some confusion as to who was maintaining the trash can. Mayor Austin suggested finding someone to adopt that stop to help solve the issue.

Councilman Stichnote said that the Building Department had not answered their phones and voicemail boxes were full. He asked that Meadowlark Avenue be added to the list of streets being considered for speed bump placement. Jim said that though it did not make the Building and Public

Works Committee meeting, he would make sure it made it on the list to be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Brown welcomed the newly elected and re-elected officials and welcomed Sgt. Brinkman, who was taking the place of Sgt. Perez, who has moved to another post. She was thankful for the progress made thus far in the City of Jennings and looked forward to their contributions to keep the momentum going.

Councilwoman Brown also expressed her concern about the trashcan at the bus stop in front of the Police Department. She reported that the Adopt-A-Stop program was moving forward slowly. She asked that people let her know if there was someone interested in becoming a part of the program. Councilwoman Brown said that initiative will truly be the beginning to beautify the City of Jennings.

She thanked Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, and the Building Department staff for allowing her to understand what their daily operations looked like. Councilwoman Brown announced that there was no date for the upcoming City-wide clean-up and wanted to include the new members of the City Council in the initiative. Jim said that the Public Works Department could assist in the cleaning while managing the rest of their duties.

Councilwoman Brown said that she had the opportunity to sit in on the monthly briefing made by Representative Cori Bush. Councilwoman Brown thanked Councilman Stichnote for ensuring the maintenance of the grounds at Koeneman Park. Mayor Austin noted that Alice Wilson was interested in the Adopt-A-Stop program.

Councilman Wilson greeted everyone and congratulated those newly elected and re-elected officials. He acknowledged outgoing Councilwomen Jones and Owens. He thanked them for their service. He congratulated Ward 2 constituent, Rosemary Johnson, for being the inspiration for the newly renamed Johnson Jennings Junior High School.

Councilman Wilson thanked Schona for her assistance to a Ward 2 resident who lived on Coleridge Drive. He said that the resident was grateful. He remarked that phone calls like that were nice to receive and to hear an issue had been resolved.

Councilwoman Anderson congratulated the new electees and returning officials. She reported that there was an issue at Long Nails, that had a sign stating that the restroom was out of order when people came in to use the restroom. Councilwoman Anderson asked Schona if she could investigate the issue. She asked Sam Alton, City Attorney, about adopting the FEMA standard regarding public restrooms. Sam said according to the state of Missouri code of regulations, all cosmetology establishments must provide adequate restrooms for customers and employees. He said that the City could adopt the FEMA standard. Schona told Councilwoman Anderson that Long Nails took the sign down, they understood the issue and she shared with them the rules from the Missouri Department of Commerce for the Board of Cosmetology and Barbers. Councilwoman Anderson thanked her for her quick response and thanked Sam for his input.

Councilwoman Anderson reported that a resident at 7109 Idlewild Avenue and 7121 West Florissant wanted to work on the fence splitting their property with their neighbors and want to know who owned the fence. Schona said she would have someone follow up. Councilwoman Anderson asked Jim if the restrooms at Lions Park were locked. Jim said that Lions Park gate was closed because of the low park staff.

Councilwoman Anderson asked how many speed bumps were removed. Jim said that about five were eliminated. She remarked that there were still about fifteen (15) on Cozens Avenue.

Councilman Johnson congratulated the newly elected officials, Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, and Councilman Turner. He congratulated Councilman Wilson on his re-election and thanked the residents of Ward 3 for a second term. He remarked that he did not take the office lightly and promised to try to represent Ward 3.

Councilman Johnson reported that on April 10, 2021, there was an Earth Day event at the North County Agricultural Education Center. He represented the City of Jennings in participating in forming garden beds and planting potatoes. Councilman Johnson reported that he represented

the City of Jennings at the Food and Justice pane. The event was hosted by A Red Circle, a nonprofit organization on April 14, 2021, that gave perspective on racial inequities and creating laws that benefit food and agriculture.

Councilman Johnson said he could not find the pole number for a streetlight that was out on Marge Avenue. Jim said that he did call Ameren regarding that streetlight, but he would follow up. Councilman Johnson said that he had not gotten any complaints on the speed bumps and he believed that they were strategically placed. He said that Ward 3 residents were happy with them, especially where the streets descend. He said that they would gladly accept any Ward 2 speed bumps that are being removed and suggested that they be placed in Ward 3.

Councilman Johnson observed that sometimes after a vehicle accident occurs, the debris from vehicle wreckage can sit on the street after a police report is made. He asked who normally cleaned up the area to prevent another incident. Councilman Johnson said that he used some ward funds to make a flyer of where the Ward 3 councilmembers could be reached, keeping residents up to date on things happening in the City of Jennings, and it was mailed out to Ward 3 constituents.

Councilwoman Clower greeted everyone. She congratulated the newly elected and re-elected officials.

Councilwoman Clower reported that at 5400 Janet Avenue, Monument of Faith Church of God will be hosting a food drive every Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. until August 2021. She said that the Monument of Faith Church has been reaching out and working with the community. Councilwoman Clower reported that at 5300 Helen Avenue, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church will also be hosting a food drive, May 5th to May 9th, 2021. She encouraged people needing assistance to contact them.

Councilwoman Clower reported that the placement of speed bumps in Ward 4 has been approved on Helen Avenue, Emma Avenue, and Garesche Avenue. Jim corrected her, saying that Garesche Avenue would not be included at this time.

Councilwoman Clower reported that there was a cleanup event scheduled on April 24, 2021, but it was unfortunately canceled due to the rain. She thanked the YMCA Men's Service Club for their engagement in the cleanup, which was rescheduled for May 22, 2021. She said that the cleanup event will meet at 6350 Garesche Avenue at 9:30 a.m. and begin at 10 a.m., which includes a snack or lunch. Councilwoman Clower said that they would need no less than fifty (50) volunteers for the cleanup event. She encouraged the public to get involved because it was an opportunity to beautify the community. She said that there will be balloons to mark the locations and posters will go out around the Jennings area as a reminder. Councilwoman Clower gave thanks to Deletra Hudson, for her assistance with the posters.

Councilwoman Clower reminded residents that if they see someone dumping trash, they should call and report it. She encouraged people to let offenders know that they are being seen dumping the trash. She thanked Alison with the A Caring Plus Foundation, Officer Bakula, and Officer McCrary for their commitment to cleaning up the City of Jennings. She said that Alison has spoken with Mayor Austin regarding the application for the Adopt-A-Street sign which was coming to the City Council that evening for approval.

Councilwoman Clower thanked Schona for looking into the issue and resolving the issue regarding a Code Enforcement Inspector at City Hall. She reported that she received a call from a resident that was upset about speeding drivers on Hamilton Avenue, she told him that there will be speed bumps placed on that street.

Councilman Turner reported that a lot on Eldredge Avenue has not had the grass cut for more than a year. He said that he spoke with Ms. Williams who explained the Adopt-A-Stop program to him. He was also given a list of bus stops in Ward 4.

Councilman Turner reported that a lady was living at the Jennings Senior Apartments near the old school off Switzer Avenue that has broken windows. He asked who the building was owned by and who's responsibility was it to manage its upkeep. Jim said that there was a cleanup behind the property done. He said that they now have a contact person for that property. He said that

the window with the catwalk was causing an issue because no person could egress into the building.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin welcomed Sgt. Dan Brinkman, who has been promoted to the post that was once occupied by Sgt. Perez, who has been promoted to the Community Engagement Unit. Sgt. Brinkman introduced himself and said that he had big shoes to fill. Councilwoman Anderson asked what his telephone number was. Mayor Austin said that she would share it with the City Councilmembers.

Mayor Austin said that on Saturday, April 24, 2021, the Police Department hosted a Drug Take Back. She thanked the residents that participated in the Take-Back. She reported that the vaccination clinic at the Jennings Tharp Civic Center on April 15, 2021, had a low turnout. She said that the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis and the Missouri National Guard would continue to be vaccinating at the Dellwood Recreation Center located on West Florissant from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will continue in the John Murphy Health Center in Berkeley from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mayor Austin congratulated Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, for her nomination by Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., Alpha Zeta Chapter, who presented their 10th annual business of the month award to her. She said that Deletra is the proud owner of Deletra Hudson LLC. Deletra will also be representing the chapter at their national convention. Mayor Austin said that she is grateful for Deletra's background in finance and her assistance with supervising the Finance Department.

Mayor Austin announced that on June 21, 2021, the City of Jennings will be recognizing former Councilman Rodney Epps, by dedicating Hamilton Park as Councilman Rodney Epps's Park. She also announced on June 26, 2021, there will be a dedication event for Councilman Allan Stichnote Island at 4 p.m. at Koeneman Park.

She said that the City of Jennings was fortunate to have the PGA Tour Golf Tournament at the Norwood Hills Country Club from September 6th to September 12th. Mayor Austin recognized the new manager of the Buzz Westfall location of Schnucks. She reported that Schnucks was given a proclamation in celebration of the upper market employee day, which now hangs in the Schnucks store.

Mayor Austin said that there is a Juneteenth essay contest for the Jennings School District middle schoolers, which will run from May 1st to May 31st. She said that there will be a first-place prize for each middle school grade, for their essay titled, "What Juneteenth Means To Me." Mayor Austin said that winners will be announced on Friday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m., essay winners will read their essays at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Austin reported that the City of Jennings had multiple job positions open. She said that the City would like to fill the positions of Public Works Laborers, Code Enforcement Inspectors in the Building Department, Finance Director, Accounting Clerk, Administrative Assistant in the Recreation Department, Court Clerk for the Jennings Municipal Court, and Corrections Officers in the Corrections Department. She encouraged the public to apply on the City of Jennings website or pick up an application from City Hall.

Mayor Austin said that the City has implemented additional security patrols to ride around to ten hotspots and the Family Dollar on West Florissant to help with the trash dumping problem. She said that the patrols take place from Wednesday through Sunday.

Mayor Austin announced that the City of Jennings was expecting half of the American Rescue Plan stimulus funds to arrive sometime in June 2021, in the amount of \$2,586,000. She said that there will be an advisory panel formed to assist in the decision-making of the funds' use and the Comprehensive Plan review. Mayor Austin said that there will be an email address created, where suggestions can be made for the use of the stimulus funds.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the City Council approved the monthly department reports. All in favor; none opposed.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee – Councilman Wilson reported that there was no meeting.

2. Public Works & Building Committee – Councilwoman Anderson reported that there was a meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2021, to discuss the speed bumps and complaints received regarding the placement of the speed bumps. She said that the public safety initiative was a learning experience and some of the speed bumps will be removed or moved.

3. Parks & Recreation Committee – Councilman Stichnote reported that there was a meeting on April 8, 2021. He said that the committee discussed the maintenance of the ball fields at Koeneman Park and the contract was awarded to Green Choice LLC for \$16,440. He reported that the committee also discussed the repair cost of the sprinkler system for the baseball fields at Koeneman Park. The committee awarded the sprinkler repair contract to O'Hara Outdoors LLC for \$125 for the first hour of repair and \$85 per hour thereafter. He said that the committee also discussed the purchase of the park benches for Sievers Park, with bids from Global Equipment and School Outfitters. The committee approved the purchase recommendation from School Outfitters for 16 ADA-compliant park benches totaling \$18,709.84 plus shipping.

4. Policy and Ordinance Committee – Mayor Austin reported that there was no meeting.

5. Municipal League – Councilman Wilson reported that there was an Executive Board meeting for the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis, where Darlene Bell was elected as Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee. He said that Councilwoman Brown was nominated as a board member but was not elected because the Municipal League traditionally did not have members from the same municipality serving on the board.

Councilman Wilson reported that there will be an installation of officers event for the Municipal League, he will keep the City Council members updated, and send the information to Deletra. Councilman Wilson reported that House Bill 920 had a third reading on the House Calendar of House Bills and could be brought up for a vote. If the bill is passed, it would send this measure to the Senate for their consideration, which will change municipal elections from April to November. He urged the public to email whom to vote on HB 920. He advised that the Municipal League was in opposition to the bill.

6. Planning Commission – Councilman Johnson reported that there was a meeting on April 1, 2021, where the committee heard a petition for a Conditional Use Permit to consolidate a car sales business lots 2,3,4 and for Speedway gas station and convenience store to consolidate their lots. He said that the petition was passed by the Planning Commission.

He said the committee also discussed the number of Conditional Use Permits in the C2-S Shopping District of the West Florissant Business Corridor. Councilman Johnson reported that it was determined that the business corridor had forty-two (42) buildings, which housed fifty-nine (59) businesses. The Planning Commission discussed setting a cap on the number of Conditional Use Permits in the corridor to continue to align with the zone's overall goal. He said that of the fifty-nine (59) current businesses and the potential of nineteen (19) businesses coming to the area, there are thirty-nine (39) more businesses that could be opened in the zone.

7. Economic Development Board – Report provided.

8. Youth Commission – There was no meeting.

9. Senior Commission – Report provided.

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A REQUEST FOR LOT CONSOLIDATION AND GRANTING THE SAME TO SPEEDWAY, LLC, TO CONSOLIDATE 4 PARCELS- LOTS 1, 2, 3, JENNINGS STATION CROSSING AND THE “COMMON AREA AND EASEMENT OF JENNINGS STATION ROAD”, PLAT BOOK 356, PAGE 691 (PARCELS 14G211938, 14G211929 AND 14G222561) – INTO A SINGLE PARCEL TO OPERATE A CONVENIENCE STORE AND GAS STATION AT 5224 JENNINGS STATION ROAD IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2642. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2642 became Ordinance #2580 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Gary Johnson, Phyllis Anderson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of the President Pro Tem

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the election of Councilman Terry Wilson as President Pro Tem. By the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Gary Johnson, Phyllis Anderson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; Yolonda Fountain Henderson opposed.

2. Appointment of Standing Committees

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the appointments to the following Standing Committees: Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee: Chairperson Terry Wilson, Allan Stichnote, Phyllis Anderson and Joseph Turner; Public Works and Building Committee: Chairperson Gary Johnson, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Jane Brown and Lorraine Clower; Parks and Recreation Committee: Chairperson Allan Stichnote, Jane Brown, Gary Johnson, and Lorraine Clower; Policy and Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Phyllis Anderson, Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson and Joseph Turner; Municipal League Representative: Councilman Terry Wilson and to the Planning Commission, Councilman Gary Johnson. All in favor; none opposed.

3. Approval of the Special Event Permit – Kiwanis Fishing Derby

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the special event permit for the Kiwanis Club of Jennings to host its annual fishing derby at Koeneman Park on June 12, 2021. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of the Special Event Permit – Norwood Country Club

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the City Council approved the special event permit for Norwood Hills Country Club to host a firework display on July 4, 2021. All in favor; none opposed.

5. Approval of the Revised 2021 Holiday Calendar

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the revised 2021 holiday calendar to include Juneteenth Day, to be observed on June 18, 2021. All in favor; none opposed.

6. Approval of additional speed bumps

On the motion made by Councilwoman Clower, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the City Council approved the recommendation for additional speed bumps on Janet Avenue, Helen Avenue, Hodiament Avenue, Hamilton Avenue, Emma Avenue, Sunbury Avenue, Kinamore Drive, Blewett Avenue, St. Cyr Drive, Solway Avenue, and Shannon Avenue. All in favor; none opposed.

7. Approval of the Adopt a Street

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the Adopt-A-Street application from A Caring Plus Inc. All in favor; none opposed.

8. Approval of the Fire Department property transfer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the City Council approved the property transfer between North County Fire & Rescue Protection District and the City of Jennings. All in favor; none opposed.

9. Approval of the ball field maintenance plan at Koeneman Park

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the maintenance contract for the ball fields at Koeneman Park from Green Choice LLC for \$16,440. All in favor; none opposed.

10. Approval of the purchase of the park benches for Sievers Park

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the purchase of park benches for Sievers Park from School Outfitters for \$18,709.84. All in favor; none opposed.

11. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the monthly bills for payment. All in favor; none opposed.

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Austin thanked everyone still on the call. She reported attending the University of Missouri - St. Louis class on the fundamentals of economic development, was Kellie Shelton, Economic Development Coordinator, Councilman Terry Wilson, and herself, Mayor Austin. She said that they meet every Wednesday, until May 19th via Zoom.

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

On April 26, 2021, on the motion made by Councilwoman Clower, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, 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, Anderson, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

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

PERSONNEL - The following actions were taken:

a. Hiring Full Time Correctional Officer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council voted to table the action on the proposed recommendation from Lt. Pervis Jones, Corrections Department, to hire Corey Jones for full time correctional officer pending the receipt of his resume.

The motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; Fountain-Henderson opposing; none abstaining.

b. Hiring Full Time Public Works Laborer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the City Council approved the recommendation from James Maixner, Public Works Director, to hire Lawrence Rush for the full time Public Works Laborer position, pending background screening. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Fountain-Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

c. Hiring Full Time Public Works Laborer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the recommendation from James Maixner, Public Works Director, to hire Brandon Kent for the full time Public Works Laborer position. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Fountain-Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; Anderson opposing; none abstaining.

d. Hiring Part Time Public Works Laborer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain-Henderson, the City Council approved the recommendation from James Maixner, Public Works Director, to hire Cohl Dodds-Arrington for the part time Public Works Laborer position, pending background screening. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Fountain-Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

e. Rescind Motion to Table Hiring Full Time Correctional Officer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain-Henderson, the City Council approved the recommendation to rescind the motion to table the hiring of the full time Correctional Officer. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Owens, Clower; none abstained; none were absent nor opposed.

f. Hiring Full Time Correctional Officer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain-Henderson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Lt. Pervis Jones, Corrections Department, to hire Corey Jones for the full time Correctional Officer position. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Fountain-Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the recommendation from Lt. Pervis Jones, Corrections Department, to hire Donte Fisher as the alternate full time Correctional Officer position. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Fountain-Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council voted by the following roll call of councilmembers in favor of adjourning at 9:44 p.m.: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain-Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

Approved: Yolanda Austin
Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest: Deletra Hudson
Deletra Hudson, City Clerk