



Monday, May 23, 2022
MAY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Jennings Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Hybrid (in-person at Jennings City Hall and virtual via Zoom)

When: May 23, 2022 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
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Meeting posting date: _____ initials by: _____

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Input on the Koeneman, Lions and Sievers Park Improvements
2. Public Input on the Park Master Plan
3. Petition for a conditional use permit to house and operate Keeping the Faith Empowerment Center, a training and education, church based self-empowerment program, in the former Rent One Building located at 9000 W. Florissant Avenue. The property is currently zones as C-2 Shopping & Service. PETITIONER: Ms. LaJuana McFadden
4. Petition for a conditional use permit to operate a Child and Family Empowerment Center at 2449 Hord Avenue in the R-1 Residential, Single Family Residential home zoning district. PETITIONER: Ms. Marsha Hawkins-Hourd
5. Petition to subdivide 16 lots including lots 41 - 44 of block 22, all of lots 22-24 and lots 31-39 of block 23 of West Walnut Manor, Plat Book 10 page 40 of the St. Louis County land records. PETITIONER: Lewis McKinney

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 April 25, 2022

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

1. Presentation - Employee Recognition by Lt. Pervis Jones
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

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)

- 1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A REQUEST FOR SUBDIVISION OF LAND AND GRANTING SAME TO A CARING PLUS FOUNDATION TO SUBDIVIDE 16 LOTS IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, INCLUDING ALL OF LOTS 41 THROUGH 44 OF BLOCK 22 ALL OF LOTS 22 THROUGH 24 AND LOTS 31 THROUGH 39 OF BLOCK 23 OF WEST WALNUT MANOR, PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 40 OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY RECORDS TO DEVELOP SINGLE FAMILY HOMES.
- 2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO MARSHA HAWKINS-HOARD TO OPERATE A CHILD AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT CENTER AT 2449 HORD AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.
- 3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO LAJUANA MCFADDEN TO OPERATE A TRAINING AND EDUCATION CHURCH BASED SELF-EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM KNOWN AS KEEP THE FAITH EMPOWERMENT CENTER AT 9000 WEST FLORISSANT AVENUE IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.
- 4. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE IV, SECTION PM 302.3 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE TO PROVIDE THAT AN OCCUPANCY PERMIT SHALL NOT BE ISSUED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND/OR COMMERICAL PROPERTY UNLESS THE OWNER OF SAID PROPERTY PROVIDES PROOF OF FIRE INSURANCE FOR THE PROPERTY AND THE PROPERTY IS CURRENT ON ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES WITH THE CITY OF JENNINGS AND STATE OF MISSOURI.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approval of Disposal of Non-Operational and Obsolete Equipment
- 2. Approval of the appointment to the Planning Commission
- 3. Approval of the Revised Capital Improvement Funds Policy
- 4. Approval of a Special Event Permit - Grill to Glory
- 5. Approval of the monthly bills for payment

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

J. CLOSED SESSION

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

K. Adjournment

- 1. Adjournment



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video
May 23, 2022
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The two thousand four hundred and thirty-fourth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom Video.

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Input on the Koeneman, Lions and Sievers Park Improvements

Councilman Stichnote introduced Ken Keitel, Terraspec. Ken explained the purpose of the public input session. He stated that the intention for Koeneman Park was to install a new top lot closer to the Lake Pavilion, a small restroom, and a pavilion. Ken stated that it was also proposed to add a children's playground near the existing restroom at Koeneman Park, a fishing deck to enhance the fishing experience for the community, and a skating rink on the north side of the large pavilion.

Ken stated that Lions Park improvement will entail the installation of an unlighted tennis court at the south end of the park. He stated that the plan details moving the picnic area to install the single, unlit tennis court.

Ken stated that the improvements planned for Sievers Park were the upgrade of the existing restrooms to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.

Ken stated that the City will be applying for a construction grant in August 2022 for an estimated \$700,000. He stated that he recommended that the City look at applying this round by combining the improvements at Sievers and Lions Parks together, which could be less than \$500,000. Ken stated that the money received from the grant to the City would be increased from \$420,000 to \$465,000.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked about the function of the Sievers Park fountain. Ken stated that the City has worked with an outside contractor to maintain it and was not updated by the Parks Director about the functionality of the fountain.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked if anyone considered the desires of the residents regarding the tennis court at Lions Park. She stated that it was previously planned to be a soccer field. Ken stated that the area at Lions Park was not large enough to construct a soccer field.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked about the skating rink at Koeneman Park. Ken confirmed the plan for the construction of a skating rink, like one in the City of Dellwood that is used for roller skating and rollerblading. She asked what the minority participation in the construction would be. Ken stated that the City was in the grant application phase of the park improvements.

Councilwoman Clower asked if there would be rails along with the skating rink. Ken stated that there would be.

The public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

2. Public Input on the Park Master Plan

Ken stated the last Park Master Plan was made in the year 2000. The purpose of the plan was to act as a guide for the City to move forward with Park improvements for the next ten to fifteen years. The grant application process requires that there be an updated master plan.

Ken stated that at the last Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, the committee consulted with him about an update to the plan the primary concern is that the parks are located in the northern sector of the City. The focus was on the addition of smaller parks on the east side of the City. Council members gave suggestions for locations of satellite parks.

Councilman Wilson asked if there were any proposed locations for a larger park on the south end. Councilman Stichnote stated that it was suggested that Fairview Stadium could be developed and there has been some discussion with the Jennings School District.

Councilman Johnson stated that a park at 7020 Garesche Avenue may act as an immediate solution to the lack of park issues on the south end of the City of Jennings.

The public meeting was closed at 7:16 p.m.

3. Petition for a conditional use permit to house and operate Keeping the Faith Empowerment Center, a training and education, church-based self-empowerment program, in the former Rent One Building located at 9000 W. Florissant Avenue. The property is currently zoned as C-2 Shopping & Service. PETITIONER: Ms. LaJuana McFadden

LaJuana McFadden, Keeping the Faith Empowerment Center, attended the meeting via Zoom. She stated that it was a church-based empowerment program at 9000 West Florissant Avenue. She stated that the center offered training and programs for families of single parents.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked what type of training was offered at the empowerment center. Ms. McFadden stated that they offer GED training, parenting & children training, and youth programs with the St. Louis Youth Jobs program.

Councilwoman Clower asked what the hours of the training were. Ms. McFadden stated that they are normally from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parenting training can be in the evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Councilwoman Clower asked if there was proper lighting on the property for evening training attendees. Ms. McFadden stated that there was adequate lighting in the parking lot along West Florissant Avenue and Solway Avenue.

Councilwoman Brown asked for Ms. McFadden's background in this type of work. Ms. McFadden stated that since 2005, she has been in the Community Works program. Councilwoman Brown asked if it was similar to what she was proposing now. She stated that Keeping the Faith was more in-depth by providing parenting training and helping youth with job placement.

The public hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m.

4. Petition for a conditional use permit to operate a Child and Family Empowerment Center at 2449 Hord Avenue in the R-1 Residential, Single Family Residential home zoning district. PETITIONER: Ms. Marsha Hawkins-Hourd

Marsha Hawkins-Hourd stated that the program has been operating since 2018. She stated that the organization houses 46 women who have gone through hard times in life. Ms. Hawkins-Hourd stated that they have been working with these women through training, life skills, providing job resources, and helping them reconnect with their children. She stated that she intends to utilize the property at 2449 Hord Avenue to house them and will be performing training in the St. Louis City by busing them to and from the house.

Sam Alton, City Attorney, asked if the home is located near any residential homes. He asked if anyone was dealing with substance abuse issues. She stated that some of the women may have struggled with substance abuse. Sam explained that the reason why the organization applied for a conditional use permit was that it differs from the typical zoning for the area.

Councilman Johnson asked if there was an ordinance prohibiting short-term renting or living. Sam stated that there was no one was paying to live at the residence short-term. He stated that the City could not prohibit the time someone lived somewhere. He stated that he would research the code of ordinances about short-term living. Councilman Johnson asked if there was an ordinance prohibiting rental homes like Airbnb situations. Sam confirmed so. Councilman Johnson did not see the difference in the situations. Sam stated that Airbnb homes are businesses and 2449 Hord Avenue would be used for a nonprofit organization.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked if Ms. Hawkins-Hourd had spoken to the residents nearby the property to ask them how they would feel about the program being so close to them. Ms. Hawkins-Hourd stated that she had not, and she never thought to do that. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked how many people would be living in the facility. Ms. Hawkins-Hourd stated that there would be as many as the City would permit per City ordinance. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked how many bedrooms were in the house. Ms. Hawkins-Hourd stated that there are 6 bedrooms in the house.

Councilman Johnson stated that he could not believe that the Planning Commission would not have asked some of the questions that were voiced. He stated that if there were two people per bedroom in the 6 bedroom house, that was 12 people with different personalities that could potentially impact the area. He stated that he could not believe that the Planning Commission did not recommend that Ms. Hawkins-Hourd contact the neighboring residents.

Councilman Johnson asked what the maximum amount of people for each housing facility was that is a part of the program. She stated that there are 10 women in a 6 bedroom on Maffitt Avenue, 8 bedrooms with 16 women at another facility on Belt, and she also has a property in Houston, Missouri. Councilman Johnson asked what the effectiveness of her program was. She stated that 9 out of 10 women complete the program. He asked if there had been any issues in the immediate area near those other properties. Ms. Hawkins-Hourd stated that the women do not have any issues beyond what other people experience. Councilman Johnson stated that the areas in which those houses are located are nothing like Hord Avenue in Jennings. She asked if he was trying to say that people who live in certain areas are different and she was trying to understand his point. He stated that the activity in those areas is different than in Jennings because of his experience. Ms. Hawkins-Hourd stated that it was the responsibility of people to improve their lives, not to expect them to continue in the same mode. She stated that someone should not be condemned for their past.

Sam asked if there were any complaints filed against the organization regarding the other locations. Ms. Hawkins-Hourd stated they had none. She stated that they were investing their time, money, and energy into the people benefitting from the program. She stated that there is staff onsite, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Councilwoman Clower suggested that she go out and speak to residents because some residents in the area have children living in that area and councilmembers do have concerns about property values. Ms. Hawkins-Hourd stated that it was their goal to domesticate the women and make the women a part of the community. She stated that she would speak to the residents and neighbors. Councilwoman Clower stated her intention not to be judgmental and expressed her concern for no other issues as they work on improving the City.

Councilwoman Brown asked if Jennings had experience with a similar facility. Sam stated that he was not aware of any in the City of Jennings. He stated that it does not mean that they have never existed in the City. He stated that facilities like Ms. Hawkins-Hourd's are wonderful at what they

do, necessary and that he had seen them in a lot of places. Sam stated that in most cases, there is no problem at all. He stated that he wanted to make it clear that it was located in a residential area. Councilwoman Brown asked if he could look into any resources on the success of programs like Ms. Hawkins-Hourd's. Sam stated that he could look into it and he was sure that Ms. Hawkins-Hourd could provide some statistics to the City Council.

Councilman Johnson foresaw issues and asked Sam to speak to any legal concerns about the facility. Sam stated there may be code violations but there were no liability issues for the City.

Councilwoman Morton stated that some of these questions were asked in the Planning Commission. She suggested that there could be a town hall held to answer any questions from residents regarding the facility.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson corrected Sam that there was a similar facility in Jennings.

The public hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

5. Petition to subdivide 16 lots including lots 41-44 of block 22, all of lots 22-24, and lots 31-39 of block 23 of West Walnut Manor, Plat Book 10 page 40 of the St. Louis County land records. PETITIONER: Lewis McKinney

Cory Spence, Grimes Consulting, and Alice Logan spoke on the petition. Mr. Spence stated that the intention was to subdivide the lots to create larger lots to accommodate building larger residential homes.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked where the lots would be located. Mr. Spence stated that it would be in Ward 4, off Wilborn Drive, Helen Avenue, and Hodiament Avenue. He stated that the City approved A Caring Plus to build 34 homes in the City of Jennings. He stated that the lots must be enlarged to accommodate the housing space.

Councilman Wilson asked how soon they intend to complete the project. Ms. Logan stated that they hoped to complete the homes in one year.

Councilwoman Clower asked where were some of the lots on Helen Avenue. Mr. Spence stated near Hodiament Avenue and Garesche Avenue.

Councilman Wilson if all the homes would be rentals. Ms. Logan stated that they would be for rent, with the option to buy.

Marietta Beck asked if the homes would be similar to the house A Caring Plus had constructed at 5401 Wilborn Drive and another on Garesche Avenue. Ms. Logan stated yes, they would be but only one level.

Councilwoman Clower asked if the homes would have garages. Ms. Logan stated that the homes would have garages.

The public hearing was closed at 7:52 p.m.

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council members present: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Dr. Kimberly Morton, 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 Councilman Turner, the City Council approved the agenda for the meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2022.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2022. Councilman Johnson opposed. Roll call: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Dr. Kimberly Morton, Lorraine Clower, Joseph Turner; Yolonda Fountain Henderson and Gary Johnson opposed.

Councilman Johnson asked that a correction be made to the April 2022 City Council meeting minutes. He had stated at the April meeting that another \$96,000 was allocated for broadband. Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, asked him to state the page of the correction. He also stated that he had questioned the activity of nonprofits in Jennings on page 10 of 20.

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

1. Presentation – Employee Recognition by Lt. Pervis Jones

Lt. Jones, Correction Department, stated that he wanted to recognize two employees.

Lt. Jones stated that Sgt. Terrell Shumpert has been a big help, was willing to take on extra duties and help train Corrections Department staff. He presented Sgt. Shumpert with a certificate of appreciation.

Lt. Jones stated that Sgt. Todd Forti celebrated 15 years of service with the City of Jennings and helped to fill any voids in the department. He presented Sgt. Forti with a certificate of appreciation.

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

Marietta Beck, 5476 Hodiamont Avenue, stated that she was very disappointed, disillusioned, and disgusted with at least half of the City Council at the April 2022 City Council. She stated that Councilman Johnson allowed two people to be signed in as him, so there were three people signed into the meeting as “Gary Johnson”. She stated those people were not identified.

Ms. Beck stated that there were comments made about relatives serving on the City Council. She stated there were no objections made in the past when a husband and wife served on the City Council. She also stated that there were no objections when a former Jennings mayor who was impeached has been serving on the City Council and is now running for Missouri State Senator. Ms. Beck stated that City Council members were voted in to serve the residents of Jennings, not themselves. It is not for their politicking and campaigning. She stated that the City Council was there to get the City business done. It should not take this long. She stated that the meetings were way too long.

Ms. Beck stated that the City Council receives their packets on the Thursday before the City Council meeting and by Monday, there are all kinds of questions being asked. She stated that all the reports from departments and committees are all open meetings, they could be attended by anybody as stated in the Sunshine Law. She stated that there seems to be another meeting that goes on with outsiders, between Thursday and Monday, then on Monday, there are all those questions.

Ms. Beck stated that there was too much bickering amongst the City Council, some of which sounds like a personal vendetta. She stated that it was irritating and grates on the nerves, just like nails on a chalkboard.

Ms. Beck stated that each council member is given 10 minutes for their reports, which is 80 minutes or an hour and twenty minutes. She stated that she would like to see the councilmember reports kept to five minutes.

Councilman Johnson stated he worked on the behalf of the residents of the City.

Clarence Britton, no address provided, stated that he met with some of the council members on April 26, 2022. He stated that he did not curse out any City employees and asked why he was escorted out of City Hall.

Mr. Britton stated that he would give Jennings two more years before it will no longer be Jennings, but unincorporated St. Louis County. He stated that the City was trying to sell Jennings out. He stated that it was important for more than 12 residents to be allowed to attend the City Council meeting, yet the City hosted a reception at City Hall with many attendees for the 75th Anniversary and Groundbreaking event during the pandemic. Mr. Britton stated that it was a problem.

Mr. Britton asked Councilman Turner if he was the chair of the Policy and Ordinance Committee, and how many ordinances have been updated since he had begun chairing the committee. Sam began to answer Mr. Britton, Mr. Britton stopped him and stated that he was there to answer legal questions. Mr. Britton stated that his question was directed at Councilman Turner.

Councilwoman Clower stated that Mr. Britton had every right to ask about the revised ordinances. She stated to Sam that it was not a legal question, and Councilman Turner should respond to Mr. Britton's question. She stated that it was the resident's right to go to anyone representing the City of Jennings to ask a question. Councilwoman Clower stated that if Councilman Turner was unable to answer that question, then Mayor Austin could attempt to answer it. She stated that residents are so upset because they are unable to get their questions answered. She remarked that Sam should allow council members time to respond to residents.

Councilman Turner stated if anyone had a question for him, he provided his telephone number to contact him. He stated that he has not received a phone call from Mr. Britton.

Anthony Green, 9228 Waldorf Drive, commended the Building Department for assisting in the process to get potholes filled on Lewis and Clark Boulevard.

Mr. Green reminded the City Council and others listening, that businesses like Autozone are corporate businesses to make sure that businesses like that keep their area clean, taken care of and tenable. He stated that seeing trash and debris on those properties affects curb appeal and businesses should be compliant immediately. Mr. Green stated that areas like the ExxonMobil near Jennings Station Road and West Florissant Avenue should be asked to comply through enforcement.

Ms. Westfall, via Zoom, stated that for those residents that have been able to attend the City Council meetings, it was obvious that there was a divide amongst the City Council. She stated that as a resident of Jennings, she would like to see all the wards sync together and work for the betterment of the City of Jennings. She stated that there are four wards in the City of Jennings, and it seems that there has been a focus on only a couple of wards. Ms. Westfall asked that the council members come together and find a way to become a strong, united City and City Council for all of Jennings.

Ms. Westfall addressed Mayor Austin stating that some people would like to see her fail but others want to see her succeed. She stated that there was a desire for residents to see the mayor focus on all four wards, not just two. Ms. Westfall stated that residents want to hear positive things about Jennings and its mayor. She stated that there were enough negative things said in the media about black neighborhoods, why could Jennings not be the exception. She asked why Jennings could not be the change to that narrative. She asked what Mayor Austin was planning to do to promote a more positive view of the City of Jennings.

Ms. Westfall stated that at the last City Council meeting, the distribution of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds was discussed as well as the addition of a "gang officer". She asked if that was code for a drug enforcement officer because she has not seen any gangs and she has resided in the City of Jennings for twenty-seven years.

Ms. Westfall asked about plans being made for the City and if there was a person from each ward represented on the committee to vote on agenda items.

Mayor Austin asked Ms. Westfall to leave her contact information with Deletra Hudson, City Clerk.

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

Councilman Turner stated that he attended the Municipal League meeting. He stated that there was great information provided and it was a great organization to be a part of. Councilman Turner stated that at the meeting he heard that the greatest strength of the council was unity. He stated that as a City, the City Council can operate as one, although there are 4 wards. Councilman Turner stated the mission statement and purpose of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis. He stated that he found the organization to be great for resources.

Councilman Turner stated that he attended the North County Incorporated 45th Annual Leadership Breakfast on May 6, 2022, where his granddaughter received recognition as a business owner. He stated that a lot of school districts were also present at the meeting.

Councilman Turner stated that he has heard concern as the weather has been warming up concerning the growing grass. He stated that he appreciated the Public Works Department for keeping the grass cut near where he lives.

Councilwoman Clower stated that there was division in the City and anytime you see one ward looking better than another, there will be division.

Councilwoman Clower reported that at 5443 Hodiament Avenue there are cars parked on the front lawn, at 5474 Hodiament Avenue there is trash in the driveway, and at 5458 Hodiament Avenue, there are cars parked on the property. She stated that those issues should be escalated to the City Attorney because she has not seen any resolution, beyond a citation that was issued.

Councilwoman Clower asked for the status of the following properties that she had reported last month that has grass that needs to be cut at 6360, 6350, and 6373 McLaran Avenue.

Councilwoman Clower stated that a resident had reported an issue at 5474 Helen Avenue but was unable to sign up for public comments. She stated that the resident had sent a letter to Mayor Austin and made a phone call where the porch has been detached from the house and has yet to be responded to. She stated that 5474 Helen Avenue was a home that she had requested to be demolished. Councilwoman Clower yielded her time to the resident to speak.

The resident stated that her family lived next door to 5474 Helen Avenue and asked for the house to be demolished due to its poor condition. Councilwoman Clower stated that the resident called for Mayor Austin and was told by Verna Charles, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, that she would get a call back from Mayor Austin. She has yet to receive a response from the mayor. Councilwoman Clower stated that it seemed as though Ward 4 has continually been left behind. She stated that she was fighting for Ward 4. She stated that all wards should look to be in the same condition, and Wards 3 and 4 seemed to continually be left behind. Councilwoman Clower asked that someone follow up with the resident.

Councilwoman Clower stated that she will provide addresses to Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, for certain properties on Hodiament Avenue that need their grass cut.

Councilwoman Clower stated that there was a Town Hall meeting, where the concerns about ARPA fund allocation, demolition, and high grass were discussed. She stated that there should be no one reason why a resident should have to live next to a vacant house and high grass. She stated that she would continue to address those concerns. Councilwoman Clower stated that it was unacceptable and the City should be held accountable. She stated that the City does have the funds to demolish the vacant houses. She stated to Sam that he should be busy with all the concerns in the City of Jennings. She requested that 5458 Hodiament Avenue, 5443 Hodiament Avenue, and 5474 Hodiament Avenue be looked at. She stated that there was a blue house but

did not have an address to report at that time with trash behind the house. Councilwoman Clower stated that the City must fix the issues going on and the City was not doing its part.

Councilman Johnson stated that Councilwoman Morton would be reporting on Ward 3 news and he would not repeat that. He asked for a response to his questions after his report or emailed a response.

Councilman Johnson had heard by word-of-mouth that the last Planning Commission meeting was a total wreck. He asked why the Planning Commission has not been transferred to the Economic Development Department rather than the Building Department. He stated that planning and economic development go hand-in-hand.

Councilman Johnson stated that trash and debris were reported to the Building Department. He stated that it seemed as though when Public Works sees trash, they may not collect it because they might think that it has been reported by someone else. He asked why it would not be reported and entered into the MyGov system by the Public Works Department and not the Building Department. Councilman Johnson stated that from his understanding there was no difference in the entry process. He stated that the Public Works Director, Public Works Foreman, and Code Enforcement Inspectors can perform the same functions within the MyGov system.

Councilman Johnson stated that he heard a recording from someone buying a property at City Hall, in which he heard a commercial business owner say, "Did you guys get those donuts I sent you?". He warned the City of the recording.

Councilman Johnson asked why the City has a Mechanic on staff with Public Works if fleet vehicle work was being outsourced to STS Car Care and Bommarito.

Councilman Johnson stated that at the last City Council meeting, Sam stated that he would look into the Vacant Property Registration process. Councilman Johnson stated that someone had bid on fourteen houses and is shopping around on Facebook. He stated that he had suggested putting specific stipulations in place to avoid a situation like that. He stated that not only is this person not going to buy them, but they also intended to bid at the next City property auction.

Councilman Johnson stated reported that a black car parks backward on Florence Avenue every day, one house away from the Jennings Precinct. He stated that he counted twenty-six cars parked backward in Ward 3.

Councilman Johnson stated that there was no way to come back from 80 percent contamination of recyclable materials with Republic Services. He suggested that the City look into getting rid of the recycling program and those who choose to recycle keep the service.

Councilman Johnson stated that the City must look into the forgivable loan program because the Country Inn Donut shop was not operating as a donut shop anymore. He stated that the City loaned out \$47,000 to the owner for repairs to the property.

Councilman Johnson stated that he had received some calls about three new houses in Alexandria Place. He wondered why those houses had not come through the Planning Commission and the Architectural Review Board.

Councilman Johnson stated that of the ARPA Funds only 13 percent was allocated to the residents. He stated that there was a security service used by the City that was not voted on by the City Council and no Request for Proposal (RFP) went out, yet he sees the security vehicles patrolling and parked at the old mechanic shop. He asked who approved that contract.

Councilman Johnson made a motion that the City Council mandate the ARPA spending, by the City Council approving all payouts and RFPs for any services provided. Sam asked Councilman Johnson if he had requested for the item to be added to the City Council meeting agenda. Councilman Johnson stated that he did not and he was making the motion at that moment. Sam stated that Councilman Johnson also did not ask that the agenda be amended, so the item was not on the agenda to be discussed. He stated that the item was exactly the type of topic to be voted on, and the public should be made aware of it before the start of the meeting. Sam asked if there was any reason why Councilman Johnson did not do that. Councilman Johnson stated

that yes, because the ARPA funds do not have to be allocated until December 31, 2024, and do not have to be exhausted until December 31, 2026. He also stated that other reasons why he did not ask that the item be placed on the agenda is that the City did not have 25 nonprofit organizations centered in the City of Jennings, the fund distribution did not get approved by the City Council, the new U.S. Treasury decision that up to \$10 million could be moved to a government entity's general revenue fund had not been discussed, and the phantom committee had no quorum and there were no minutes. Councilman Johnson asked how a committee makes decisions on City funds with no quorum and no minutes. He also added that the public input was insufficient, the security service with no Request for Proposal, and there were no checks and balances for the allocation and distribution of the ARPA funds.

Councilwoman Clower stated that she was under the impression that councilmembers could make a motion on the floor, so she was confused as to what the issue was about the motion that Councilman Johnson made.

Sam clarified that council members are entitled to make a motion. He stated according to the Sunshine Law, that if councilmembers make a motion for something that was not on the agenda, even with proper time given to amend the agenda, it was a violation of the Sunshine Law. Councilman Johnson asked Sam to elaborate on the reason for the Sunshine Law. Sam stated that there was no notice provided to the public. Councilman Johnson asked what the penalty was for violating the Sunshine Law. Sam stated that the City could be fined, the councilmember or violator could be fined, the City could be censored, and the councilmember could also be censored. Councilman Johnson stated that he has yet to receive answers to his questions.

Councilwoman Morton reiterated what Ms. Westfall stated, the City Council must come together.

Councilwoman Morton thanked Schona and the Building Department staff for working with Ms. Moore on Switzer Avenue, regarding trash in the yard.

Councilwoman Morton reported that there is a vacant home across from 2412 Switzer Avenue, and it looks as though the whole roof caved in.

Councilwoman Morton reported that there was a community barbeque hosted in Ward 3 that Councilwoman Clower attended.

Councilwoman Morton reported that she attended the Policy and Ordinance Committee meeting, where the committee has set up monthly meetings each second Tuesday.

Councilwoman Morton stated that she will no longer be Chair of the Planning Commission since she has been elected to office and stated that the new chair of the commission is Mea Hampton.

Councilwoman Morton stated that she attended Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee meeting and reported that it was a good meeting. She stated that she agreed with Councilman Johnson that the trash and recycling service from Republic Services should not be increased to \$0.65 for Jennings residents. It was her opinion that it was best to work on educating residents or remove the recycling program. Councilwoman Morton stated that Joell Aguirre, Republic Services, will do her best to not have a charge passed along to residents to remove the recycling bins if they discontinue recycling services.

Councilwoman Morton asked who to report high grass to for a citation to be issued. Mayor Austin directed her to the Building Department to report high grass.

Councilwoman Morton reported that a lot of residents are upset about ARPA funding and suggested holding a meeting to allow residents to be heard.

Councilman Wilson stated that he attended a memorial for fallen police servicemen on May 18, 2022, with police chiefs held at the St. Charles Convention Center. He stated that there was a special presentation for Detective Antonio Valentine and Missouri Supreme Court Judge, Miriam Russell was a keynote speaker. Councilman Wilson stated that it was moving to hear all the names of the fallen servicemen in the metropolitan area listed. He stated that it was also

attended by County Executives from St. Louis County and St. Charles County, and the Prosecuting Attorneys of both counties.

Councilman Wilson asked Schona for an update on the issue regarding the fallen fence behind Walgreens on the corner of Jennings Station Road and New Halls Ferry Road. Schona stated that she spoke to the resident and went to the property to take pictures. She stated that it has taken several attempts to get in touch with the property owner. She stated that the property owner called from Florida, who stated that he will be in Jennings in two weeks and the meantime, he would send someone over to do repairs. Schona stated that she did send him the pictures that could describe the overhanging issue as well as possible. Councilman Wilson asked if she had updated the resident who made the complaint about the fence to the City. She stated that she had been in touch with the tenants of the property owner who owned the fence. Councilman Wilson asked for her to reach out to the residents who made the complaint.

Councilman Wilson announced the employment opportunities with the City of Jennings. He recommended that they visit the City of Jennings website. He stated that the City had a cellphone application that could be downloaded.

Councilman Wilson reported that at 9432 Pickford Place, the property needed its grass cut. He stated that he believed that the property was vacant.

Councilman Wilson stated that summer was here and wanted to promote the food truck opportunities. He stated that the ordinance passed last year, with two locations to set up but an application must be completed.

Councilman Wilson reported that grass-cutting bids due on June 7, 2022, at 11 a.m. He invited interested parties to bid on the grass-cutting contract.

Councilman Wilson announced that the Parks & Recreation Department was looking for Redbird Rookie players and coaches. He stated that the Redbird Rookie program is sponsored by Cardinals Care, and the City of Jennings has a league. He stated that those who would like to participate or sign up their child should visit www.redbirdrookies.org.

Councilman Wilson asked Mayor Austin if the City will be hosting a Juneteenth Day contest. Mayor Austin stated that there will be a Juneteenth Day Writing Essay Contest for 6th to 8th graders. She stated that there will be a \$100 gift card prize for each winning essay per grade. Councilman Wilson stated that it will be presented at the concert at Koeneman Park on Friday, June 17, 2022.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Dianna Drake, Special Services Coordinator, for the excellent training she received on the MyGov system. She learned that it was an easy way to link services online to track code violations and enforcement of regulations. She recommended the training to Councilmembers who are interested in following the status of resident concerns.

Councilwoman Brown stated that if anyone missed the quiet sounds of the street sweeper, the sweeper had an oil leak that was being repaired. She reported that it should be back in operation soon, according to Jim Maixner, Public Works Director.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Capt. Mann and Sgt. Brinkman for their timely response and follow-through regarding notification from a resident of a presumed unsecured dog. She was happy with the quick resolution from that.

Councilwoman Brown recommended that the Urban League website be checked for updates on the food giveaway. She stated that it is not often that the Urban League Logistics Coordinator does not often receive advance notice. She recommended keeping an eye out for the curbside signs that are posted and checking the website.

Councilwoman Brown reminded residents to take advantage of the resources through Walgreens like the Senior Discount Day, which is the first Tuesday of each month. She stated that the 20 percent discount can make a noticeable difference when cashing out.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Schona for following through on an action plan for helping the City respond to the unsightly yard debris on the Bishop Willie Ellis Jr Court. She hoped that there will be a quick resolution for the residents who have made complaints about the debris.

Councilman Wilson stated that there will be a Ward 2 Town Hall meeting on June 11, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at Jennings Place. He stated that they intend to visit all the senior buildings in Jennings.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that she attended the North County Incorporated Annual Breakfast hosted at the Marriott Hotel.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that she participated in the cleanup at Castle Point, where Councilwoman Shalonda Webb was involved, and the event was well attended. She stated that it sparked an idea for a cleanup in the City of Jennings, in the largest ward, Ward 4.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson also attended the first concert at Koeneman Park. She asked that Willie Brandon, Parks & Recreation Director, advertise the concerts more. She asked that the marquees be checked after observing that the wording was cut off and the colors used are hard to read. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson thanked Willie for the band that was booked for the concert and reported that the concert was well attended.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson thanked Schona for 2535 Center Avenue, for her assistance in the removal of the flatbed trucks and clearing of the area.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that at 9109 St. Cyr Drive there was high grass on the vacant property. She also stated that she has been waiting for the following address to be responded to, 2525 Hord Avenue the backyard had high grass.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that three- and one-half weeks ago, she and Councilman Johnson walked to the resident's house in Ward 1 because there paper trash dumped on the property. She stated that instead of reporting the property owner, they decided to meet with him one-on-one. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that the property owner met them and was very respectful towards them. They asked him if he had trash service to which he replied that he did not, and they informed him that what he was doing was illegal.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reminded residents that the last day of school for the Jennings School District is on May 20, 2022. She stated that on May 27, 2022, is the Jennings Senior High School graduation at Chaifetz Arena at 10 a.m.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked for the status of the marquee repair at Sievers Park because it had been out of operation for many months.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson thanked Jim for addressing the tree that fell on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that there was a Town Hall meeting where they discussed the distribution of ARPA funds and resident trash concerns. She stated that she was sent pictures from a resident where trash was dumped on the ground by Republic Services. Once it was reported to Republic Services, the service attendants came back to clean it up.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson addressed Ms. Marietta Beck, that when Ms. Beck attends the City Council meetings, she attacks the City Council and she did not know what her problem with her was. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that if Ms. Beck had any concerns, she always talked to Councilwoman Clower. She stated that it seemed at Ms. Beck just complains and that if she had any problems to give her a call. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson provided her telephone number to Ms. Beck.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that following the last City Council meeting, she made a complaint to Mayor Austin and Sam, and all that was done was that the councilmember seats had been changed. She stated that she had been disrespected at the last council meeting. She did not see what the issue was with what she had said.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that children are on the streets, so please drive carefully. She stated that she was starting to see trash on the streets and encouraged those who see trash on the ground to get a glove and throw it away. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that her telephone number is 314-868-2761. She thanked those in attendance in person and on Zoom.

Councilman Stichnote asked Schona if 8917 Boyce Place was checked out because of the tall grass and trash. Schona stated that an inspector went out and it was reported. He also reported that at 8921 St. Cyr Drive the vacant property had tall grass.

Councilman Stichnote asked Willie when the next concert at Koeneman Park was. Willie stated the next concert was on June 3, 2022. Councilman Stichnote announced that there will be Senior Bingo on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 12 p.m.

Councilman Stichnote asked everyone to look at the flower bed at Sievers Park, where Trenton McClellan, Parks and Recreation Crew Leader, was doing a great job.

Councilman Stichnote asked Capt. Mann to give a report. Capt. Mann reported that crime statistics stated that the City was still seeing an uptick in assaults, mostly driven by domestic assaults. He stated that the St. Louis County Police Town Hall meeting scheduled for May 26, 2022, was canceled due to the rise of COVID-19 cases.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin thanked department heads for what they have done and what their staff has done. She reported that there are a couple of new people in the Building Department. She stated that she had received some compliments for the department, especially Brandy Stonecipher, Permit Clerk, for their professionalism.

Mayor Austin congratulated Jennings Senior High School graduates, class of 2022. She stated that there are approximately 167 graduates and an additional 20 more graduating on Friday, May 27, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Chaifetz Arena.

Mayor Austin announced that the Jennings Historical Society meeting will be held at the Civic Center on June 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. and the society was asking for new members to attend the meeting.

Mayor Austin thanked the owner of the Halls Ferry Road McDonald's, Mr. Williams, for the Essential Workers Celebration that she attended on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 10 am, along with some Jennings City Council members. She stated that Officer Robert Alnado was recognized for his service and the North County Fire & Rescue Protection District for their actions and service in response to the fire at the 8709 Xograph Avenue warehouse at the celebration.

Mayor Austin reported that the labeling of chemicals at the 8709 Xograph Avenue warehouse was finished and the City will be moving into the next phase of the cleanup.

Mayor Austin reported that there was a Business Watch meeting on April 29, 2022, where the Director of Operations for the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office spoke on theft and shoplifting prevention. She stated that Capt. Mann spoke to businesses about the Special Investigation Unit and trafficking. Mayor Austin spoke to business owners about funds that are available for distribution from ARPA funds and the monthly crime trends were discussed with the businesses in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Austin thanked A Caring Plus for the additional 31 homes in Ward 4. The homes will be three-bedroom and two bathrooms.

Mayor Austin reported that the City had a successful property auction, where a total of 37 houses were auctioned.

Mayor Austin stated that she received a letter that was read at the meeting. It expressed concern about trash in the City of Jennings, especially when exiting I-70 along Jennings Station Road. The letter requested that those who cut grass pick up the trash. The letter compared the City of Jennings

to other municipalities in the St. Louis County area. Mayor Austin stated that the Public Works Director is often called about the intersection of I-70 and Jennings Station Road, she informed the public that it was maintained by St. Louis County. She stated that Jim does make calls to St. Louis County about the area to be cleaned up and it does take the County much longer to address the concern.

Mayor Austin addressed the concern of Councilman Johnson that Public Works staff should take photos of high grass. She reiterated the process of high grass being reported to the Building Department so that Code Enforcement Inspectors can go to the site to take photos documenting the violation before a letter is sent to the property owner after seven (7) days. After which the information is sent to Public Works for grass cutting and a lien is placed on the property to recoup some funds for the cost of staff cutting the property's grass.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the monthly departmental reports. Councilman Johnson opposed. The City Council approved the monthly departmental reports by the following roll call vote of councilmembers voting in favor: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Morton, Clower, Turner; Johnson opposed.

Councilman Johnson inquired about the Economic Development report. He inquired about the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) report and the Forgivable Loan program. He stated that Country Inn Donuts received funds from the City through the program for remodeling. Councilman Johnson asked what the conditions of the donut shop's forgivable loan were if the business was no longer operating under that name.

Councilman Johnson asked what the plans for the construction of three new houses are being built in Alexandria Place. He stated that he did not recall the plans coming to the Planning Commission.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee – Councilman Wilson stated that there was a Joint Committee meeting on May 11, 2022, and there was no quorum for the Public Works and Building Committee to discuss their agenda items.

Councilman Wilson stated that the committee met with Joell Aguirre, Republic Services. The committee reviewed a section of the trash services contract. The committee took no action at that time. He stated that if residents do not want to recycle, they need to be informed that they are not obligated to recycle. Councilman Wilson stated that no participation from those who do not want to recycle may help with the rate of contamination. The committee discussed other education options.

Councilman Wilson stated that Councilwoman Fountain Henderson had shared that University City had a recycling education campaign throughout the city with photos. He stated that as a committee it would be good to come together to come up with creative ways to educate residents about recycling.

Councilman Wilson reported that there was an informational presentation from Deletra Hudson, City Clerk. He also reported that there was action taken on the disposition of non-operational and obsolete computer equipment to the City Council for approval.

Councilman Wilson reported that Willie Brandon, Parks and Recreation Director, provided information on the purchase of AED equipment for the Parks that will be stored in the Park Office. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

2. Public Works & Building Committee – Councilman Brown reported that there was no meeting.

3. Parks & Recreation Committee – Councilman Stichnote stated that there was a meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at City Hall at 5 p.m. He stated that the committee appointed a Vice-Chair, Councilman Johnson.

The committee discussed the satellite parks for the Park Comprehensive Plan and the construction grant application. He stated that the committee took action on the tree limb removal at Koeneman and Lions Parks. The committee also approved the park improvements to Sievers and Lions Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked how many satellite parks will be in Ward 1. Councilman Stichnote stated that there will be one in Ward 1 on Glade Avenue.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked Councilwoman Brown when the next Public Works and Building Committee meeting will be. Councilwoman Brown stated that it be on June 8, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

4. Policy and Ordinance Committee – Councilman Turner reported that there was a meeting on May 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. He stated that the committee reviewed the purpose of the committee. He stated that the committee approved the recommendation of Councilwoman Morton as Vice-Chair.

Councilman Turner stated that the committee approved the recommendation of the Revised Capital Improvement Funds Policy to the City Council. He stated that the committee also discussed the Occupancy Permit Ordinance amendment. The committee approved the recommendation of the amendment to the ordinance to the City Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

5. Municipal League – Councilman Wilson stated that there was a meeting on April 25, 2022, the Nominating Committee of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis nominated new officers to the board. He stated the new slate of officers: President, Alderwoman Darlene Bell of Moline Acres; Vice President, Mayor Michelle Harris of Clayton; and Finance Chair, Mayor Tim Lowery of Florissant. He stated that three Executive Board positions must be appointed for three years: Mayor Robert Hoffman, Creve Coeur; Mayor Mike Clement, Manchester; and Councilman Terry Wilson, Jennings. Councilman Wilson stated that the Board of Directors and Executive Board will be installed at the Annual League Installation Dinner, which will be held at the Renaissance Airport Hotel at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022. He stated that Councilwoman Fountain Henderson and Councilman Johnson have confirmed attendance.

6. Planning Commission – Councilwoman Morton stated that there was a meeting on May 5, 2022. She stated that the commission meets every first Thursday of each month. She requested that the meeting time and date be posted on the City website. Councilwoman Morton stated that Mea Hampton was now the Chair of the Planning Commission.

The committee discussed two Conditional Use Permit petitions, one for an empowerment center at 2449 Hord Avenue and a church-based family empowerment center at 9000 West Florissant Avenue.

7. Economic Development Board – There was no meeting.

8. Youth Commission – There was no meeting.

9. Senior Commission – There was a meeting.

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A REQUEST FOR SUBDIVISION OF LAND AND GRANTING SAME TO A CARING PLUS FOUNDATION TO SUBDIVIDE 16 LOTS IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, INCLUDING ALL OF LOTS 41 THROUGH 44 OF BLOCK 22 ALL OF LOTS 22 THROUGH 24 AND LOTS 31 THROUGH 39 OF BLOCK 23 OF WEST WALNUT MANOR, PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 40 OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY RECORDS TO DEVELOP SINGLE FAMILY HOMES.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2681. 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 #2681 became Ordinance #2617 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolanda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Kimberly Morton, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none opposed nor abstained.

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAMES TO MARSHA HAWKINS-HOUD TO OPERATE A CHILD AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT CENTER AT 2449 HORD AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Turner for Bill #2682. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance.

Councilman Wilson asked if it was possible if the ordinance could be tabled for more information to be gathered and call another meeting to decide. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson requested that the petitioner speaks to the residents around the property location. Councilwoman Morton suggested that it be tabled and there be a town hall meeting hosted where residents can be heard.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Morton, for the City Council to table Bill #2682. Councilwoman Clower opposed. By the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Dr. Kimberly Morton, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none opposed nor abstained.

Mayor Austin requested from Schona that the council members receive reports from the Planning Commission.

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO LAJUANA MCFADDEN TO OPERATE A TRAINING AND EDUCATION CHURCH BASED SELF-EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM KNOWN AS KEEP THE FAITH EMPOWERMENT CENTER AT 9000 WEST FLORISSANT AVENUE IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2683. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Turner, for the second reading. Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Councilman Wilson asked if the self-empowerment center was a church. Schona stated that it was a non-profit, church-based self-empowerment center. Councilman Johnson asked if the church-based self-empowerment center would be tax-exempt. Sam stated that it could be interpreted that way. Councilman Johnson pointed out that the self-empowerment center would be located in the West Florissant Business Corridor, which is a commercial zone.

Bill #2683 became Ordinance #2619 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Jane Brown, Dr. Kimberly Morton Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; Terry Wilson abstained; Gary Johnson opposed.

4. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE IV, SECTION PM 302.3 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE TO PROVIDE THAT AN OCCUPANCY PERMIT SHALL NOT BE ISSUED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY UNLESS THE OWNER OF SAID PROPERTY PROVIDES PROOF OF FIRE INSURANCE FOR THE PROPERTY AND THE PROPERTY IS CURRENT ON ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES WITH THE CITY OF JENNINGS AND STATE OF MISSOURI.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2684. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Morton, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, for the second reading. Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2684 became Ordinance #2620 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Dr. Kimberly Morton, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none abstaining nor opposed.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Disposal of Non-Operational and Obsolete Equipment

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the recommendation to dispose of non-operational and obsolete equipment. All in favor; none opposed.

Councilman Johnson asked who assesses that the equipment is non-operational. Deletra stated that the City has an IT team who determines that the equipment was non-operational and cannot be fixed or that the repair costs more than replacing the equipment.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked how often the disposition of computer equipment will come to the City Council because some had recently come to the City Council for disposal. Deletra stated that she was correct, and the disposition orders will continue to come to the City Council as it is being determined.

2. Approval of the appointment to the Planning Commission

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Morton, the City Council approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission appointment of Nikita Jamerson for an unexpired term due to expire April 2023. All in favor; none opposed.

3. Approval of the Revised Capital Improvement Funds Policy

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the Revised Capital Improvement Funds Policy. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of a Special Event Permit – Grill to Glory

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the Special Event Permit for New Community Fellowship Baptist Church, every Saturday beginning June 5, 2022, at 6616 West Florissant Avenue. All in favor; none opposed.

5. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.

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

Councilman Johnson asked why fleet maintenance work was being delegated out to STS Car Care and the Bommarito dealership.

Vinson Rhone, Public Works Foreman, explained that some of the work could not be done by the Building Maintenance and Fleet Mechanic because the work was not within his scope and the Mechanic has been out on leave.

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Austin thanked the two residents who stayed for the City Council meeting in person until the end and three department heads that were present in person.

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

On May 23, 2022, on the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved a closed session for Legal and Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3) by the following roll call vote of councilmembers voting in favor: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Brown, Morton, Wilson, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

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

PERSONNEL - The following actions were taken:

a. Various Personnel Hires

On the motion made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council voted to approve the following hiring recommendations pending all pre-employment screening tests:

1. Timothy Borders – PT Park Laborer; recommended by Willie Brandon, Parks and Recreation Director.
2. Rochelle Burley – PT Bus Driver; recommended by Willie Brandon, Parks and Recreation Director.
3. Evan Byington – PT Public Works Laborer; recommended by James Maixner, Public Works Director.

The motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Morton, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

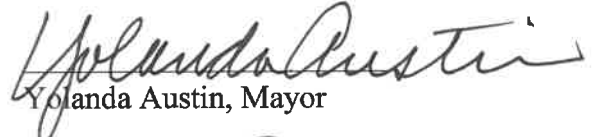
b. Terminate Corrections Officer

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

K. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the City Council voted by roll call votes of the following council members to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 p.m.: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Dr. Kimberly Morton, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none absent; none opposed nor abstained.

Approved:


Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:


Deletra Hudson, City Clerk

