



Monday, June 28, 2021
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

May City Council Meeting

When: June 28, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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One or more of the members of the City Council will be participating by telephone or other electronic means. Members of the public will not be allowed to attend the meeting in person.

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Meeting posting date: _____ initials by: _____

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Petition to consolidate two (2) lots into one lot for the development of the new North County Fire & Rescue Fire Station at 8730 and 8742 Jennings Station
2. Petition for Conditional Use Permit - NAICS code 812111 Barber Shops; and 812112 Beauty Salons, to operate a Beauty Salon for hair care needs. It is to be named The Shop Beauty and Barber Salon, LLC at 8725 Jennings Station Rd. in the C-2 Shopping and Service commercial district.
3. Petition for Condition Use Permit – NAICS code 621610 Home Health Care Services, to operate an In-Home healthcare services. It is to be named Assured Health Services, LLC at 8639 Jennings Station Road in the C-2 Shopping and Service commercial district.
4. Petition for Condition Use Permit- NAICS code 561920 Catering and 722320 Event Services, Mrs. Margie Addison, (mother) sole proprietor and former owner transferred her business, Creative Image to (daughter) Aretha Dantzson Jones, a family trust, named Legend and Lee Enterprise, LLC/Corporation, to operate an Event & Rental Hall. It is to be named Black Rose Event Hall at 6800 West Florissant Ave. in the C-2S Shopping and Service commercial district.

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 May 24, 2021

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

1. Presentation by Mayor Austin for Dr. Art McCoy
2. Presentation by Jim Maixner, Public Works Director
3. Comments by public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)
4. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 10 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)
5. Mayor's Report

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)

- 1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A REQUEST FOR LOT CONSOLIDATION AND GRANTING SAME TO THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE TWO LOTS AT 8730 AND 8742 JENNINGS STATION ROAD LEGALLY DEFINED AS PART OF LOT 5 OF THE SUBDITION OF "JENNINGS ESTATE" ALONG PART OF LOT 16 IN BLOCK 2 OF THE "SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE B. JENNINGS" IN LOT 8 OF THE JENNINGS TRACT, US SURVEY 1913, TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI.
- 2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AGREEING TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPLICATION, DEVELOPMENT, OCCUPANCY, INSPECTION, ZONING, PLANNING, LICENSING AND/OR PERMITTING ASSOCIATED WITH 8730 JENNINGS STATION ROAD, JENNINGS MISSOURI BY THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.
- 3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO TARIYA K. DYSON TO OPERATE IN-HIOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES KNOWN AS ASSURED HEALTH SERVICES, LLC AT 8639 JENNINGS STATIONS ROAD, IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.
- 4. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO ARETHA DANTZSON JONES TO OPERATE AN EVENT AND RENTAL HALL KNOWN AS BLACK ROSE EVENT HALL AT 6800 WEST FLORISSANT AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approval of the extension of the financial consultant's contract
- 2. Approval of additional speed bumps
- 3. Approval of the Senior Commission Appointment
- 4. Approval of the Construction Management Contract for the City Center project
- 5. Approval of the Geotechnical Engineering Services Contract
- 6. Approval of the purchase of a street sweeper
- 7. Approval of the line item transfers for the street sweeper purchase
- 8. Approval of a dedication tree for Beverly Roche
- 9. 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
June 28, 2021
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The two thousand four hundred and twentieth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Video.

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Petition to consolidate two (2) lots into one lot for the development of the new North County Fire & Rescue Fire Station at 8730 and 8742 Jennings Station Rd.

Mayor Austin asked if anyone was speaking for the petition. Chief Goldstein explained that North County Fire & Rescue intended to consolidate the lots for Fire station #2, for a better response time in the Jennings area. He said that the lot was a vacant property owned by the City. No one spoke against the petition.

Brennan Hartin, FGM Architects, said that they are requesting the consolidations of the lot to allow for enough square footage to begin design schematic construction.

The public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

2. Petition for Conditional Use Permit - NAICS code 812111 Barber Shops; and 812112 Beauty Salons, to operate a Beauty Salon for hair care needs. It is to be named The Shop Beauty and Barber Salon, LLC at 8725 Jennings Station Rd. in the C-2 Shopping and Service commercial district.

The petition was withdrawn by the petitioner at this time.

3. Petition for Conditional Use Permit - NAICS code 621610 Home Health Care Services, to operate In-Home healthcare services. It is to be named Assured Health Services, LLC at 8639 Jennings Station Road in the C-2 Shopping and Service commercial district.

Taria Dyson, owner, said that Assured Health Services had been in operation for eight (8) years. She said that they were located in the Central West End of St. Louis City, and they are requesting space to operate in the City of Jennings. No one spoke against the petition.

The public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

4. Petition for Conditional Use Permit - NAICS code 561920 Catering and 722320 Event Services, Mrs. Margie Addison, (mother) sole proprietor and former owner transferred her business, Creative Image to (daughter) Aretha Dantzson Jones, a family trust, named Legend and Lee Enterprise, LLC/Corporation, to operate an Event & Rental Hall. It is to be named Black Rose Event Hall at 6800 West Florissant Ave. in the C-2S Shopping and Service commercial district.

Aretha Dantzson Jones, owner, explained that the space had to close due to recession and due to experiencing health issues in the past, she intends to build clientele and her business for her children. No one spoke against the petition.

The public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

1. REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the agenda for the meeting with the removal of legal business items #3 and #4. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2021.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2021. All in favor; none opposed.

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

1. Presentation to Dr. Art McCoy

Mayor Austin said that there was a presentation made to Dr. Art McCoy on June 9, 2021, to celebrate his retirement on June 30, 2021. Deletra showed the slideshow presentation celebrating Dr. McCoy. Mayor Austin honored Dr. McCoy by reading the proclamation that was presented to him.

2. Presentation from Jim Maixner, Public Works Director

Jim Maixner, Public Works Director, reported that John Ball retired on June 18, 2021. Mayor Austin proclaimed that in recognition of his service to the City for 14 years, June 29th would be John Ball Day. Jim said that he was given a written proclamation and that he may return to work with the City part-time in the future.

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

Marietta Beck, 5476 Hodiament Avenue, commented that the park dedication was nice for Councilman Rodney Epps. She said that she saw the Ward 4 council members at the dedication event and wanted to speak with them regarding the ordinance concerning forestry and telephone lines that beginning to get grown over by the trees in that area. Ms. Beck reported that there was a streetlight that she paid for that was being blocked and about a month ago, someone cut a tree on a vacant lot that fell into a neighboring lot, which in turn that property owner just threw the tree debris into the vacant yard, and it was left there. She suggested that the City check with Webster Groves and Ferguson regarding an ordinance on forestry because they have a lot of similar growth that they maintain with telephone lines that run along lots without alleyways or easements. Ms. Beck said that she did get a visit from Councilwoman Clower when she was not home to see what she was referring to. Ms. Beck said that she felt that Councilman Turner dismissed her when she attempted to speak with him about the issue at the dedication event as a complaint about high grass.

Dr. Kimberly Morton, 8338 Osborn Avenue, reported that there was trash by the train tracks, speeding drivers and asked about any future plans for other parks in other wards. Mayor Austin said the City was working on a park master plan and asked where the trash near the tracks was. Dr. Morton said that it was near McLaran Avenue and Main Street. Mayor Austin asked if Jim could address that issue. Jim said that the trash dumping near that area was reported that morning and they picked up tires, with the assistance of police presence to approach the suspect.

Barbara Barnes, 5611 Helen Avenue, greeted the City Council. She reported that she had a fence erected and she wanted to plead her case because she was told by a City Code Enforcement Inspector that the fence was not up to code. Ms. Barnes said that she did not know that the fence was out of code before the contractor installed it. Mayor Austin asked Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, to contact Ms. Barnes.

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

Councilman Turner greeted everyone. He thanked everyone for their kindness and reported that he often received phone calls about high grass. He said that he has enjoyed meeting new people in his role as a councilman for Ward 4. He was surprised when he met a barber on Hodiament Avenue, who reported a complaint about the tall grass on lots and the demolitions happening in the City. Councilman Turner explained that he has discovered since he has been elected, that the process to address issues may take more time than we expect for things to happen.

Councilman Turner reported that he received a phone call from a mother living at 8335 Eton Place, who had a complaint about buildings on either side of her. He said that the concern she expressed was that she had relatives coming from out of town and she felt embarrassed by the high grass lots on either side of her home. He promised that it would be passed along to Councilwoman Brown.

Councilman Turner reported that Ward 4 was creating a plan to approach the issues within the ward. He thanked Councilman Stichnote for allowing him to learn about being an elected official from him and anyone he asked questions about City processes, he appreciated them lending a hand.

He attended the park dedication events and was glad to participate in those events. Councilman Turner repeated that he was glad to be on the team and appreciates the rest of the City Council members for their service and help.

Councilwoman Clower greeted everyone. She reported that she took part in the Monument of Faith Church event on Friday, June 18, 2021, where they passed out pamphlets regarding the Justice system pipeline and how to keep children out of adult detention centers. Councilwoman Clower helped by canvassing feedback from residents.

She reported that additional speed bumps are being placed in Ward 4. Councilwoman Clower reported that the homes to be demolition were 9 homes in 2021; in Ward 1 there were four homes demolished, in Ward 2, there was one home torn down, in Ward 3, there were two homes torn down, and in Ward 4, there were two homes torn down. She commented that Ward 4 was the oldest in the City of Jennings, and many derelict homes were not brought to the City Council for approval for demolition. Councilwoman Clower asked for a motion to discuss the issue at this City Council meeting that evening.

Sam Alton, City Attorney, advised that this discussion was better saved for the August 2021 meeting. Councilman Johnson suggested that the issue also be discussed at the next Public Works and Building Committee meeting for a more open-ended dialogue.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson made a motion to discuss the issue of home demolition at the City Council meeting that evening, Sam informed her that there was not a motion.

Councilwoman Anderson greeted everyone. She asked Jim about the progress of the issues she brought to his attention at the May City Council meeting regarding the parks and if they were addressed. Jim said that the park pavilion fans have been turned on, dog waste bags have been stocked, the basketball hoops have been installed, the park staff has been picking up any excess trash, and the park bathrooms are being cleaned twice, daily. He said that picnic tables that were purchased for Sievers Park had just arrived and were being assembled.

Councilwoman Anderson asked if the water fountains at the parks were operational. Jim reported that he had received two bids from companies and due to the cost, the water fountain repair will be discussed at the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. He said that the fountain at Sievers Park was up and running. Councilwoman Anderson asked if Jim had collected bids for grass-cutting services and blacktopping. Jim said that he did receive bids and some companies refused to bid, due to labor shortage and grass put together. Councilwoman Anderson asked

Councilman Wilson when he asked for bids on the grass-cutting services. Councilman Wilson said that he could not remember when he proposed going out for bid, but he knew that it was some time ago.

Councilman Johnson commented that Ward 3 will look like Ward 1 one day. He reported that he was appointed to the Municipal League Committee for Economic Development and Human Resources. He said that his first meeting was Thursday, June 24, 2021, in Columbia, MO, he said that the meeting was excellent, and they revised and added policies. Councilman Johnson reported that he was able to network with economic development specialists.

Councilman Johnson reported that he attended the Councilman Allan Stichnote's Island dedication which was a remarkable event, and most deserving of Councilman Stichnote's devotion to the parks. He reported that he also attended the Councilman Rodney Epps' Park dedication. Councilman Johnson commented that there was nothing more fitting within his ward and the event created an opportunity for an awesome connection. He reported that he attended the Goodwill store grand opening. He commented that there were many good bargains.

He reported that on Jennings Station Road, on the sidewalks around Shannon Avenue, and that St. Louis County had only spot cleaned the sidewalks, which makes the sidewalks look horrible. He asked when St. Louis County would continue fixing Jennings Station Road. He said that the bushes at the entrance of Jennings on Jennings Station Road and Garesche Avenue looked bad.

Councilman Johnson said that registration for the zoom meetings was bad. He asked that the access to the City Council meetings via Zoom be more smooth and easier to access. Councilman Johnson noted that he would not recommend any committee meetings being held on the evening of a City Council meeting. He felt that joint committee meetings were not a positive way to get issues accomplished.

Councilman Johnson asked Kellie Shelton, Economic Development Coordinator, for an update on the Garesche Avenue Improvements Project. Kellie said it was a request for qualifications and proposals for the Garesche Improvement Project. She explained the project process and the intended plan to move forward with other CDBG or other grant funds. Councilman Johnson said that he intended to let Ward 4 know what was coming to them.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Mayor Austin. She reported that she had asked for the grass to be cut at Ada Wortley Avenue and Berkay Avenue. She reported it was cut promptly. Councilwoman Brown reported that Ward 2 was thankful for the placement of additional speed bumps.

Councilwoman Brown attended the dedication events for Councilman Rodney Epps and Councilman Stichnote. She reported that the events were outstanding and that everyone who spoke, was speaking from their hearts about both the council members. Councilwoman Brown commented that recommendations for dedications for Councilmen Epps and Stichnote could not be more fitting.

Councilwoman Brown reported that the Goodwill store grand opening was on Thursday, June 17, 2021, and the event hosted a great turnout. She said that the building was simply beautiful, and it was a great experience. Councilwoman Brown said that she listened to the winners of the Juneteenth Essay Contest share their feelings and understanding of the holiday by reading their essays while educating others about Juneteenth. She reported that the turnout was quite something. She commented that it was a wonderful month of celebration. Councilwoman Brown reported that she also attended Senior Bingo at the Civic Center, which was a good social event.

Councilwoman Brown commented to Capt. Law that the crime statistics that were being identified now were different than how they were previously reported. She asked how she could correlate the information concerning her ward. Capt. Law said that each sector had a similar number of calls, and he will check with the Jennings Precinct analyst for a more exact crime count per ward. Councilwoman Brown mentioned that she noticed a high number of expired tags on vehicles. He said the Jennings Precinct will be conducting normal traffic stops soon and will begin citing offenders. She asked what the follow-up process was once someone was cited. Capt. Law said that it would then go to the Jennings Municipal Court.

Councilwoman Brown congratulated Capt. Law on the downturn on the high-crime statistics and thanked him for this service.

Councilman Wilson greeted everyone. He reported that the new superintendent of Jennings School District, Dr. Knight, was in the audience. Councilman Wilson reported that there was a great weekend full of activities. He said that he attended the Juneteenth event at Koeneman Park. Councilman Wilson said that it was good to see Prosecuting Attorney Wesley Bell distribute the awards to the essay winners. He commented that he was glad to see the Pan-Afrikan flag flying at City Hall for Juneteenth as well.

Councilman Wilson joined the Youth Commission at the Jennings Block Party event, Saturday, June 26, 2021, at Lions Park. Councilman Wilson attended the Black Wall Street event in the City of Wellston. He said that it was important and good to support your neighboring cities.

Councilman Wilson was in Columbia, MO, serving on the Finance and Taxation Committee where they updated approximately five (5) policy items for the Missouri Municipal League. He reported that the revised Missouri Municipal League policies were passed. Councilman Wilson mentioned that he would like to discuss Use Tax at the next committee meeting.

He reported that he attended a meeting at St. Louis Community College to discuss the bond issue to upgrade the facilities. Councilman Wilson said that there have not been any bonds issued since 1984. He reported that the presenter would come to the City of Jennings for a presentation to keep the community informed of the upcoming bond issue in August 2021.

Councilman Wilson reported that on Monday, July 5, 2021, the Mix 99.5 would be at the Ambassador Hotel from 11 a.m. to 6pm. distributing free food for children. He hoped that everyone would enjoy their July 4th weekends.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson greeted everyone. She thanked the Public Works staff for clearing a tree that was in a street in a professional manner. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported to Jim that near Glendale Avenue and Huiskamp Avenue there was a very large pothole in the street, near the curb. She also reported that at 2537 Shannon Avenue there was graffiti on a nearby building.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that there will be a back-to-school giveaway on August 5, 2021, at the North County Recreation Complex, which will include the Jennings, Ferguson, and Hazelwood school districts.

She agreed with what Councilman Johnson said about the amount of debris on the Jennings Station Road median and suggested that the St. Louis County Councilperson, Rita Heard Days, be contacted to maintain the median. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that she received a complaint about the flag at White Castle on Jennings Station Road. She said that the flag was dirty and torn, and after she made a call to the fast-food restaurant, the flag is being replaced.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson said that there was a pothole exiting Northview Elementary School and it was getting larger. She reported that she received a phone call about 9141 Ranch Meadows Drive that had a backyard that was not being cut at all.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson said that she would like to discuss that her dog ran off and her son followed in pursuit of her dog. Her son had passed out and she called St. Louis County EMS, which took a while for them to respond. She reported that it took them a while to arrive because of the speed bumps and she had to sustain him in the meantime to prevent him from seizure. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson requested that a discussion of the removal of some of the speed bumps on Cozens Avenue be revisited. She was tired of receiving phone complaints about the speed bumps and they have only helped to divert traffic away from Cozens Avenue. She asked if it would take someone to die for them to be removed. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that she heard about ten rounds of gunshots near her home, and when officers arrived at her home, it took eleven (11) minutes for them to respond because of the speed bumps.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that on Friday, June 25, 2021, there was a summer graduation which brought tears to her eyes from the number of parents that were present to

support their children. She commented that the concerts in the parks are outstanding, and the parks look good, the residents are very happy and clean up behind themselves. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that Friday, she noticed a couple of pieces of trash on the ground and pulled out a trash bag to help collect it.

She reported to Jim that at 8924 Dever Drive that the property owner seemed to only be cutting the front of the lot but not the backyard. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that at 3032 Ellison Drive, residents there are parking on the grass on the side of the property. She also reported that at 2357 Meadowlark Avenue, the backyard looks like a jungle because they are not maintaining it. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson commented that there are a lot of property owners that are cutting the grass in the front of their properties but not cutting their backyards. She said that there have been complaints for approximately five (5) years, that the property owner will not maintain their backyard and it looked like a jungle.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked who owned the property at 2436 Sharidge Drive. She said that the former resident of the property was now deceased.

She invited Dr. Paula Knight, Jennings School District Superintendent, to greet the City Council. Dr. Knight greeted the City Council and she looked forward to meeting everyone in a much more intimate, formal setting. She was grateful for the opportunity to join the meeting, and she was taking a lot of notes and she intended to join the City Council meetings in the future to continue to learn about her school district. Dr. Knight was looking forward to continuing to work in the Jennings community and getting to know the City Council members. She looked forward to a dynamic next school year.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reminded everyone that fireworks are prohibited in the City of Jennings.

Councilman Stichnote thanked everyone for the Koeneman Park island dedication event on Saturday, June 26, 2021. He reported that Mayor Austin, councilmembers, Prosecuting Attorney, Wesley Bell, attended and retired Senator Gina Walsh, who was an old friend of his, made a surprise appearance.

Councilman Stichnote reported that he, along with Mayor Austin and the councilmembers, attended the Goodwill store ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 17, 2021. He said that they were given a tour of the facility and commented that it was fascinating how Goodwill operated. Councilman Stichnote attended the Councilman Rodney Epps Park dedication event on Monday, June 21, 2021, and commented that it was amazing how many people showed up.

Councilman Stichnote said that he attended the Senior Bingo event at the Civic Center on June 24, 2021, which hosted approximately thirty (30) people. He reported that the upcoming Senior Bingo event would be on Thursday, July 22, 2021. Councilman Stichnote also attended the Youth Commission-sponsored Block Party at Lions Park on June 26, 2021, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. He asked if the July 2nd concert at Koeneman Park was still scheduled to occur. Willie Brandon, Recreation Director, confirmed that it would still be taking place.

Councilman Stichnote asked Jim to pick up trash that was dumped in the Scottsdale Avenue cul-de-sac. Jim said that the camera was up and running again in that area and he would send the video to the Police Department.

Councilman Stichnote asked Capt. Law if he could give a brief report and if the report could be reverted to how it was done in the past to make it easier for the City Council to understand the crime statistics concerning their wards. Capt. Law said that the Jennings Precinct had adopted a targeted approach to speeding, which has been effective thus far. He said that he would make sure the reports are tailored to the crime that is occurring within specific wards. Capt. Law promised to continue to make headway on crime occurring in Jennings.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin gave a spotlight for Dr. Art McCoy who was leaving the Jennings School District. She thanked the school district for their selection of the new Jennings School District

Superintendent, Dr. Paula Knight. Mayor Austin said that she had experience working with Dr. Knight for sixteen (16) years. She provided highlights of Dr. Knight's career.

Mayor Austin reported that the Juneteenth event on June 18, 2021, was a success. There were flags, pins, and bookmarks distributed to attendees. She said that middle schoolers wrote essays for a contest on the theme, "What Does Juneteenth Mean To Me?". Mayor Austin reported that the first-place winners were Shovana Taylor, Mackenzie Allen, and Shamar Price. She thanked Personal Touch for the balloons and gift certificate that they provided for a spa day for the winners and three of the winners' friends. Mayor Austin gave a special shout-out to the junior high for promoting the contest.

Mayor Austin thanked City department heads for working as hard as they can to get things carried out as soon as they can with their limited staff, and she thanked them for the work they are doing.

Mayor Austin was pleased to announce that from September 6, 2021, to September 12, 2021, the Ascension Classic PGA tournament will be held at Norwood Hills Country Club. She said they are expecting approximately 7,000 to 10,000 people in the City of Jennings to attend the event. She commented that it was positive for the City and is scheduled to be a continuing location for the PGA tour for the next four years to come at Norwood Hills Country Club. Mayor Austin thanked those who attended the park dedication events and for participating.

Mayor Austin said that she had been hearing complaints about speed bumps and addressing them as much they can, but the City has heard requests for more speed bumps. She said that the City Council members have asked about when City and committee meetings will resume in-person and she has been evaluating the Delta variant of COVID-19. She saw that less than 50 percent of the population in St. Louis County were vaccinated, in the 63136 area there have been 71 new positive cases of COVID-19, and 163 new positive Delta variant cases per 100,000 people that continues to spread within the state of Missouri. Mayor Austin said that the City does hear their requests, but they would like to wait a few more weeks to resume in-person meetings because the City Council chambers were a small space. She said that she was not ignoring those requests but has been considering the safety of the public.

Mayor Austin asked for residents to visit the website and check the City newsletters for updates. She said that any resident complaints help the City to do better in service to the public. Mayor Austin recommended the use of the website to submit complaints or to call to make a complaint. She spoke with Jennings Precinct detectives, and they have reported that gunshots have reduced in the Jennings community. Mayor Austin said that she has seen that on social media websites that gang activity has warned members to stay out of the City of Jennings.

Mayor Austin reported that she participated in the Kiwanis fishing derby on Saturday, June 12, 2021. She said that young people and parents participated in the fishing derby for prizes.

Mayor Austin asked Capt. Law for input on Department of Justice grant. Capt. Law said that the St. Louis County Police is continuing to work with the City of Jennings and Jennings School District. He explained that each year, a budget was set to assist with youth programs and beautify the City of Jennings. Capt. Law has been working with Dr. Knight to help with an after-school program and reported that the Department of Justice grant application will be submitted by Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Mayor Austin reported about the new developments coming to the City of Jennings like the North County Fire & Rescue Protection District fire station, the new City Center, Speedway gas station and convenience store, and a KFC drive-thru restaurant by the end of the 2021 year.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked why on the sewer lateral report, some lines had an amount while some did not. Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, said that there was one set amount for all sewer later projects, which was \$5,000, and the amount depends on the cost of the job. She said that the property owner was responsible for any amount over that \$5,000. Mayor

Austin said that when the amount reported had not been changed was because only the camera work had been conducted with no price to report without an invoice provided. Mayor Austin asked Schona to follow up regarding the Sewer Lateral program the following day.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee – Councilman Wilson reported that there was a joint committee with the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss four items. The committee discussed the Parks and Recreation Department restructuring, the second agenda item was tabled, the committee also discussed the approval of the extension of the financial consultant's contract, and the RFQ with a fee proposal for the Garesche Street Improvements.

Councilman Wilson reported that there was a second meeting conducted before the June City Council meeting, and the first two were tabled. The committee discussed the approval of the Construction Management contract and the approval of the Geotechnical Engineering contract.

2. Public Works & Building Committee – Councilman Johnson reported that there was a meeting on June 17, 2021. The committee discussed three agenda items. The contracting of grass cutting services and the need for those services. He said that it was explained that in the past, the contracting of grass cutting services hurt the City and was only halfway caught up, that it could be caught up with the assistance of two more Public Works staff members.

Councilwoman Anderson asked why the use of the MyGov system was not pushing along the process after being added to the system correctly. Councilman Johnson reported that there were not enough Code Enforcement Inspectors to push along the process.

Councilman Johnson reported that the second agenda item was the discussion of markers of speed bumps to get ahead of the winter and know where the speed bumps were.

He reported that the committee approved the placement of speed bumps on the 1900-2000 block of McLaran Avenue and Switzer Avenue in its entirety for recommendation to the City Council.

3. Parks & Recreation Committee – Councilman Stichnote reported that there was no meeting.

4. Policy and Ordinance Committee – Councilwoman Anderson reported that there was no meeting.

5. Municipal League – Councilman Wilson reported that he would be at the upcoming Municipal League meeting that would be hosted in Maryland heights.

6. Planning Commission – Councilman Johnson reported there was a meeting on June 4, 2021. The commission discussed a petition to consolidate the two lots of the future site of the firehouse at 8730 Jennings Station Road and 8742 Jennings Station Road. He reported that the commission approved the petition for recommendation to the City Council.

The commission also discussed the site development of the KFC drive-thru, and the motion was passed. The commission also discussed the petition of the Conditional Use Permit to operate a barber and beauty shop.

The commission also discussed the petition to operate a home health care services and passed by the commission for recommendation to the City Council. Councilman Johnson reported that the commission also discussed the petition to operate an entertainment hall known as Black Rose Event Hall. He said that he could not recall the outcome of the meeting.

7. Economic Development Board – There was no meeting.

8. Youth Commission – Report provided.

9. Senior Commission – Report provided.

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A REQUEST FOR LOT CONSOLIDATION AND GRANTING SAME TO THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO CONSOLIDATE TWO LOTS AT 8730 AND 8742 JENNINGS STATION ROAD LEGALLY DEFINED AS PART OF LOT 5 OF THE SUBDITION OF "JENNINGS ESTATE" ALONG PART OF LOT 16 IN BLOCK 2 OF THE "SECOND SUBDIVISION OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE B. JENNINGS" IN LOT 8 OF THE JENNINGS TRACT, US SURVEY 1913, TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote for Bill #2653. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2653 became Ordinance #2590 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.

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AGREEING TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPLICATION, DEVELOPMENT, OCCUPANCY, INSPECTION, ZONING, PLANNING, LICENSING, AND/OR PERMITTING ASSOCIATED WITH 8730 JENNINGS STATION ROAD, JENNINGS MISSOURI BY THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2654. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance.

Councilman Johnson asked if the fees and inspections were being waved, then who would be checking the inspections. Sam said that the inspections will still be done by the City of Jennings, but no fees would be associated with the transaction since it was a government entity.

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

Bill #2654 became Ordinance #2591 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.

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO TARIYA K. DYSON TO OPERATE IN-HIOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES KNOWN AS ASSURED HEALTH SERVICES, LLC AT 8639 JENNINGS STATIONS ROAD, IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Clower, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson for Bill #2655. 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 #2655 became Ordinance #2592 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.

4. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO ARETHA DANTZSON JONES TO OPERATE AN EVENT AND RENTAL HALL KNOWN AS BLACK ROSE EVENT HALL AT 6800 WEST FLORISSANT AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2656. 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.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked how far it was from the event hall that was approved at the May City Council meeting.

Bill #2656 became Ordinance #2593 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Gary Johnson, Joseph Turner, Phyllis Anderson, and Lorraine Clower.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the extension of the financial consultant's contract

On the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the recommendation to extend the financial consultant's contract until the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 2022. All in favor; none opposed.

Councilman Johnson asked when the contract would end. Mayor Austin confirmed that it would end with the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

2. Approval of additional speed bumps

On the motion made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the placement of additional speed bumps on the 1900-2000 block of McLaran Avenue and Switzer Avenue in its entirety. All in favor; none opposed.

Councilwoman Clower asked when the additional speed bumps would be placed. Jim said that they would be placed within the next couple of weeks. Councilman Stichnote asked if Public Works would hold off on placing the new speed bumps on Robley Drive until the waterline work was completed in that area. Jim said that he could have Public Works delay the placement until the work was done.

3. Approval of the Senior Commission Appointment

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the appointment of Iris Hughes for a two-year term to the Senior Commission. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of the Construction Management Contract for the City Center project

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the City Council approved the bid and awarded the Construction Management contract to Emanon Group & Irvetta Williams for \$180,000 not to exceed \$200,000. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson opposed. Roll call: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; Yolonda Fountain Henderson opposed.

Councilman Johnson asked if there was a way to set the cost at \$180,000. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson voiced her concern that Irvetta Williams knew the City's budgeted amount for the Construction Management Services before Emanon & Irvetta Williams had submitted their bid. She said that it did not seem fair to the other companies that had to submit bids.

5. Approval of the Geotechnical Engineering Services Contract

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the bid and awarded the Geotechnical Engineering Services contract to SCI Engineering, Inc. for \$8,950 not to exceed \$15,000. All in favor; none opposed.

6. Approval of the purchase of a street sweeper

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the removal of the purchase of a street sweeper agenda item. All in favor; none opposed.

7. Approval of the line item transfers for the street sweeper purchase

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the removal of the line item transfers for the street sweeper purchase from the agenda. All in favor; none opposed.

8. Approval of a dedication of a tree for Beverly Roche

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the recommendation of a dedication of a tree for Beverly Roche. All in favor; none opposed.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked where the dedication tree would be placed. Mayor Austin said that it would be placed in Koeneman Park.

11. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.

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

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Austin thanked everyone for being on the call and thanked the City Council for their support.

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

On June 28, 2021, on the motion made by Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman Turner, 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:

Hiring Full Time Correctional Officer

On the motion made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Lt. Jones to hire Anita Flowers for the full-time correctional officer position pending the outcome of all pre-employment testing. The recommendation was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing; none abstaining.

Hiring Full Time Code Enforcement Inspector

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Schona McClellon, Building Department Director to hire Chet Smith for the full-time Code Enforcement Inspector position, pending the outcome of all pre-employment screening. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; Johnson opposed; none abstaining.

Hiring Part-Time Administrative Assistant to the Mayor

On the motion made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the recommendation from Mayor Yolanda Austin to hire Verna Charles for the part-time Administrative Assistant to the Mayor position, pending the outcome of all pre-employment screening. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing; Fountain Henderson abstaining.

Promotion to Acting Corporal

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Turner, the City Council approved the recommendation from Lt. Jones to transfer and promote DomaNeisha Harden to the Acting Corporal position. In the event that a permanent Corporal position becomes available, Lt. Jones has the approval to make her a permanent Corporal. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing; none abstaining.

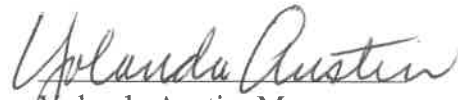
Parks & Recreation Director Salary

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the City Council approved increasing the annual salary of Willie Brandon, Parks & Recreation Director to \$65,000. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; Fountain Henderson opposing; none abstaining.

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved:


Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:


Deletra Hudson, City Clerk