



**Monday, June 27, 2022**  
**JUNE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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

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**A. PUBLIC HEARING**

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**B. REGULAR MEETING**

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- 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 23, 2022
- 6. Approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting of June 8, 2022

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

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- 1. Employee Appreciation for the Parks and Recreation Department
- 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**

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- 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/Public Safety

**E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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- 1. Ways & Means and Public Safety Committee
- 2. Public Works & Building Committee
- 3. Parks & Recreation Committee

- 4. Policy and Ordinance Committee
- 5. Municipal League
- 6. Planning Commission
- 7. Economic Development Board
- 8. Youth Commission
- 9. Senior Commission

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

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- 1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY ALLOWING THE CITY OF JENNINGS MUNICIPAL COURT TO REFER PARTICIPANTS TO THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY SPECIALTY COURT(S).
- 2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AND ALLOWING “NO PARKING” SIGNS TO BE PLACED ON THE ENTIRE EAST SIDE OF POHLMAN LANE IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.
- 3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, MODIFYING ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 2-27 SUB-SECTION (6) “ORDER OF BUSINESS” TO SET A TIME LIMIT ON COUNCIL REPORTS.

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**H. NEW BUSINESS**

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- 1. Approval of the Letter of Intent to Award to Hankins Construction
- 2. Approval of the ARPA Funds Budget Amendment
- 3. Approval of the Security Contracts
- 4. Approval of the disposition of non operational and obsolete computer equipment
- 5. Approval of speed bumps on Mary Avenue and Eichler Place and at Mary Avenue and College Avenue
- 6. Approval of the monthly bills for payment

**I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

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**J. CLOSED SESSION**

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

**K. Adjournment**

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- 1. Adjournment



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting  
Jennings City Hall  
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video  
June 27, 2022  
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The two thousand four hundred and thirty-sixth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom Video.

**A. PUBLIC HEARING**

**B. REGULAR MEETING**

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

**2. Roll Call**

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

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

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

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, the City Council removed from the agenda the approval of the security contracts. All in favor; none opposed.

**4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2022.**

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the City Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2022. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson opposed. Roll call: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Dr. Kimberly Morton, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked that a correction be made to the May 2022 City Council meeting minutes. She had stated that on page 15 of the May meeting minutes, she did not refer to newspapers dumped on the property. She stated that what was said was that there was trash dumped on the property and Councilman Johnson had gone through there allowing for them to locate the address of the resident. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that they had asked the resident if he had trash service, not door service. She stated that on the sixth paragraph of the same page that the resident had reported it to Republic Services when it was reported to her directly.

**5. Approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting of June 8, 2022.**

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the minutes from the Special Meeting of June 8, 2022. All in favor; none opposed.

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

## **1. Presentation – Employee Recognition for the Parks and Recreation Department**

Willie Brandon, Parks and Recreation Director, presented a certificate of appreciation to Trenton McClellan, Parks and Recreation Crew Leader, for his service in the department and his act of heroism that resulted in saving the public and staff members.

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

*Susan Sneed, 8827 Scottdale Avenue*, president of the Kiwanis Club of Jennings. She announced a final date for the annual fishing derby which will be hosted at Koeneman Park on Saturday, August 27, 2022. She stated that they have been working with the Parks and Recreation Department closely and should have the required paperwork taken care of soon. Ms. Sneed stated that it was not only good for children and families but also a good way to highlight the park system in the City of Jennings. She invited members of the City Council to join in the event.

*Marsha Hawkins-Hourd, 2449 Hord Avenue*, Executive Director for the Child and Family Empowerment Center, located at 4145 Kennerly Avenue. She stated that the center applied in April 2022 for an empowerment center at 2449 Hord Avenue and was asked to speak with the neighbors near the location. Ms. Hawkins-Hourd stated that she had done so with many neighbors, informing them of what the center was planning to do. She had not received any negative feedback and has received some assistance from neighbors to help clean and maintain the property. Ms. Hawkins-Hourd stated that Ms. Victoria presented a great idea, since the home behind 2449 Hord Avenue, had been torn down that perhaps they could start a community garden together.

Ms. Hawkins-Hourd stated that they were also asked to attend a town hall meeting. She stated that two residents attended, and they did discuss with no objections to the center's purpose. She inquired as to when the empowerment center could move forward.

Sam Alton, City Attorney, stated that the ordinance for the family empowerment center at 2449 Hord Avenue was not on the June 2022 agenda but his hunch was that it would be on the July 2022 City Council meeting agenda for the council to take a vote.

*Gwen Jones, 8300 Lucas and Hunt Road*, stated that she was not happy with what has been going on in the area. Regarding some of the businesses, streets, and houses that are not being taken care of. She stated that everybody has been turning a blind eye to what is going on in the area. Everybody else's area can look pretty, and someone is taking care of it, but this side in Ward 3 that she is in is pitiful.

Ms. Jones stated that she has been in Jennings for twenty-two years and as the years go by, it gets worse and worse. Especially with some of the businesses located in Ward 3; she did not think that they need to be there because they cause a lot of trouble. She stated that some of the houses across the street need to be torn down, it looks horrible.

Ms. Jones stated that when she moved out of St. Louis City, she was building a better life for herself and her kids. Her kids attended the Jennings School District schools and when her kids come back to visit her, they commented that the City of Jennings was not getting any better. She stated that she had nowhere else to go and Jennings is where she bought her house.

Ms. Jones stated that things in Jennings have gotten worse. She hoped that someone would stand up for the residents and provide support. She was upset that she paid her taxes, and nothing could be done about the vacant houses and grass in yards so high. Ms. Jones had called City Hall to try to get the barricade that used to be on her street back, and there seemed to be confusion between Jennings and Country Club Hills as to who placed the barricade.

Sam asked Jim Maixner, Public Works Director, who placed the barricade initially. Jim stated that he did not know, and through an email from Councilman Johnson, it was on the agenda for the next Public Works and Building Committee meeting on July 6, 2022. He stated that the City intended to place concrete barricades in its place. Jim stated that he would connect with Schona McClellon, Director of Housing, to get an inspector to visit the high grass locations so they could be added to MyGov.

**Marietta Beck, 5476 Hodiament Avenue**, reported that the school bus parked at 5443 Hodiament Avenue was in the yard, along with other vehicles parked on an unimproved surface. She stated that 5426 Hodiament Avenue with all the cars and tow trucks in the back yard has not seen any improvement.

Ms. Beck asked when a candidate files for office for the City Council, who checks to see if their taxes have been paid, was it done at City Hall, or was their word just taken for it. Sam stated that the candidate fills out an affidavit, which is accepted as true unless someone finds out otherwise, and typically a complaint would be filed with the Board of Elections, the Attorney General's Office, and the Department of Revenue, which opens an investigation. Ms. Beck stated that she believed that it was the Secretary of State the investigates the situation. Sam stated that there was a time when City Clerks would verify that information but now the affidavits are taken as true since it is done under oath. Ms. Beck asked what the penalty was for a candidate who incorrectly states their tax status. Sam stated any range of things can occur as a result of an investigation. They can be allowed to pay their taxes, if paid, they will not be removed from their seat. If the candidate cannot pay the taxes or refuses to pay them, then they can be directed to give up their seat. Ms. Beck commented that she was tired of the dishonesty amongst all the politicians.

Ms. Beck hoped that she would never have to attend another Special City Council meeting like the one held on June 8, 2022. She stated it was a repetition of what is always said. She addressed the City Council, they received their packets on Thursdays and the City Council has time to do their research and ask questions beforehand. Ms. Beck stated that if they want to serve the residents, they should listen to residents asking them to stop squabbling and get down to business.

Councilwoman Clower stated that the property at 5443 Hodiament Avenue was referred to Sam regarding the school bus parking issue. Schona stated that a citation was sent to the property owner, in between the migration from MyGov version 4 to MyGov version 5. She hoped that in the next two weeks that letters can be generated for complaints in the system and sent out after the June City Council meeting. Schona stated that the City was awaiting the court and the process takes approximately thirty days.

Councilwoman Clower asked for a status on the issue at 5426 Hodiament Avenue. Schona stated that the inspector issued a citation to the property owner. Councilwoman Clower asked Schona to forward the information to Sam.

**JoAnne Clay, 5562 Albia Terrace**, stated she had been a homeowner in the City of Jennings for forty-two years. She stated that she moved to Jennings from the hood, and now she feels like she is back in the hood.

Ms. Clay asked if the Spring 2022 Newsletter was current. Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, confirmed that it was. She asked why the City was spending \$175,000 on awnings for businesses from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Budget. Ms. Clay asked why they could not buy their awnings and the \$175,000 could be used towards the old, derelict, piss-poor homes. She stated that she was shocked, that money could be used in other places.

Ms. Clay stated that Albia Terrace had not been paved in forty-two years. She stated that it is raggedy, torn-up, and patched-up to where it doesn't matter anymore. She asked if the City needed a Treasurer and which of the City Council members lived near Wards 3 & 4. Ms. Clay commented that they were the worst wards she had ever seen.

Ms. Clay stated that she cannot go outside without hearing loud music. After surgery, she had to keep her door closed and could not have a peaceful outing in her backyard. She called the police; they might respond or might not. Something might get done, something might not. Ms. Clay stated if someone wanted to own a house, why don't they take care of it. She remarked that there is all this property, and no one uses them. She stated that her whole front street was crowded with young folks who don't stop at the stop sign and you can't get anything done at City Hall. Ms. Clay asked what in the world is going on. She hoped to get more involved once she retired and that everyone worked together.

Mayor Austin asked that Ms. Clay's telephone number be provided on the attendance sheet.

**Barbara Houston, 5627 Hodiamont Avenue**, stated she lived in Ward 4. She asked why Ward 4 looked raggedy but the other wards looked okay. She remarked on the City Council discussing the demolition of houses and asked where demolition would be done. Ms. Houston stated that there were too many that have been derelict, sitting vacant for years. She stated that other wards do not look that bad and Ward 4 looked the worst.

Ms. Houston stated that she was a renter, but she and her landlord cared for the property she resides at. She suggested that the City cut the high grass properties like the ones near her and charge the property owner because she had observed snakes and raccoons in her yard. She reported that drivers speed up and down the 5600 block of Hodiamont Avenue, which has no speed bump. She suggested that the street since it was not wide, be made a one-way street.

Ms. Houston stated that she had to pay the trash bill in advance for a whole year in accordance with the Occupancy Permit application process and observed other renters taking their trash to another property's trash bin which leads her to believe that they do not have trash service. She stated that it was unfair that she had to pay for a year of trash service, and she had to go out and pick up trash from other residents.

Ms. Houston stated that she had to call Councilwoman Clower to get a response to a hole in the street that was supposedly the responsibility of the Metropolitan Sewer District, to get anything done. She stated that the ARPA funds should be used for all the wards to be beautified. She expressed concern over the safety of her daughter walking down the street and the potential for her to be taken to a vacant house and be harmed.

Councilwoman Clower asked that Jim put the 5600 block of Hodiamont Avenue on the list for speed bumps and suggested that when a speed bump is installed that it be between properties, not directly in front of a home. She also asked for him to follow up with her.

**Zelma Chikeleze, 8744 Granda Place**, stated that she had been living in the City of Jennings for twenty-one years in Ward 4. She stated that when she first retired, she looked around her neighborhood and her council members because their job was to help the residents. She began volunteering and encouraged residents to volunteer to know what is happening within the City. Ms. Chikeleze stated that not everything can happen all at once.

Ms. Chikeleze stated that the Ward 4 councilmembers are Councilman Turner and Councilwoman Clower. She stated that she could not get a hold of Councilwoman Clower but she did speak with Councilman Turner. She stated that she informed him of what needed to be done on her street. She stated that one cannot sit in their house and wait for the council members to come to help them.

Ms. Chikeleze stated that since she had been living there, she has been safe and no police needed to come to her area. She stated that there were some derelict houses there but it was stated at other meetings that new houses are coming to Ward 4. She stated that Jennings residents needed to be patient and to work together to get something done.

Ms. Chikeleze stated that she loved Jennings. When she was a young woman, Jennings was the place to be and she is tired of coming to meetings and hearing negative things about Jennings. She stated that when you think about all these things, it had nothing to do with the Mayor but all about working together to make Jennings a better place.

**Culeta Hendricks, 8404 McLaran Avenue**, thanked the Mayor in her absence and the City Council for their time. She stated that she has been a resident of Jennings for over twenty years. She prided herself on her "Gingerbread House" on McLaran Avenue and tries to keep up the property.

Ms. Hendricks observed that there was work being done to beautify the outer sides of Jennings and asked what about the inside of the City. She stated that no drivers stop at the stop sign at Kinamore Drive and McLaran Avenue. Ms. Hendricks was concerned about the high speeds that drivers use on McLaran Avenue. She stated that she was so grateful for the speed bumps off Woodlawn to slow drivers and protect children.

Ms. Hendricks went into Country Club Hills one day and could not believe all the speed bumps they had. She observed that the street was short and houses were not very distanced, and they had about ten speed bumps on the street but there was only one on McLaran Avenue. She requested

one to two speed bumps be installed between West Florissant Avenue and Kinamore Drive, then reposition the stop sign at McLaran Avenue and Kinamore Drive that was leaning to the side. Ms. Hendricks was fearful of being hit by another vehicle trying to back into her driveway. She suggested that the police monitor that corner and catch speeding drivers.

Councilman Johnson informed Ms. Hendricks that the speed bump request was on the agenda for the next Public Works and Building Committee meeting on July 6, 2022. Councilwoman Brown confirmed that the meeting would be held at 5:30 p.m.

**Angelia Bills, 8335 Eton Place**, reported 8335 Eton Place, her mother's home for thirty-five years. She stated that the issue they had was 4 vacant properties near her that need the grass cut because it was about 5 feet high. She stated that two of the properties are on either side of her mother's home. They are fearful of snakes and rodents that could come onto her property from those vacant properties.

Councilwoman Clower stated that she had reported the issue of high grass on that street to Code Enforcement Inspector Ross and Jim. Schona stated the whole block on Eton Place was inspected and entered into the MyGov system, and it was only a matter of time before the abatement would be scheduled. Councilwoman Clower asked Jim when Public Works would be able to get to the block. Jim stated that he would follow up with Schona in the morning because the addresses have not been sent down to the Public Works Department.

**Shirley Wayne, 5828 Janet Avenue**, thanked Capt. Mann for the town hall meeting that was held last Thursday, June 23, 2022, with eighteen residents in attendance and good information shared. She stated that she wanted residents to know that the police are out there to help and to keep in mind that there are over 14,000 residents in the City of Jennings. She encouraged residents to introduce themselves to the police officers to help build a relationship with the Jennings community.

Ms. Wayne thanked the Building Department for what they do. All City departments are short-handed, and they try to do the best that they can. She suggested that residents could volunteer to help some of the City departments in need.

Ms. Wayne thanked Willie for presenting different activities in Jennings. He does an awesome job.

Ms. Wayne reported 5805 Helen Avenue to Jim. She asked Sam what else could be done regarding the property that was not being taken care of at 5826 Janet Avenue. She stated that it has been an issue for years, letters have been sent out, the property owner does not respond, and then it is left to the Public Works Department to take care of the grass. Ms. Wayne stated that at some point, someone must be held accountable for properties like that. She also reported 5825 Janet Avenue for high grass on the vacant property.

Ms. Wayne requested an update on 5829 Helen Avenue where they have been trying to get the property owner to clean the lot up. She suggested to Mayor Austin that there be a job fair held, if there was not already one, to help fill vacant positions with the City of Jennings.

**Alice Wilson, 8860 Lucas and Hunt Drive**, stated she was a representative of the Youth Commission. She announced the annual Splish-Splash event, which will be a foam party with a foam cannon from Santa Claus and a fire truck that will be joining at Koeneman Park on July 23, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Ms. Wilson announced that the Youth Commission will be at the Back-to-School Jamboree hosted at Jennings Senior High School on Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be hosting a giveaway. She encouraged everyone to follow the Jennings Youth Commission on Instagram to get their updates.

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

**Councilwoman Fountain Henderson** stated on Facebook that a resident shared his excitement over a speed bump placed on Shannon Avenue. She stated that he was showing off the Public

Works staff and stated that if there were any extra speed bumps, he did not mind more on Shannon Avenue.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that on June 9, 2022, there was a town hall meeting for Ward 1, where Capt. Mann and Rita Days attended. She stated that Capt. Mann spoke on the camera system that residents can be a part of by giving signed consent to access their camera by police to help monitor crime in the City of Jennings.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported to Schona, that at 5476 Hodiamont Avenue and Emma Avenue a tree is growing on the side of the house onto the street. She stated that it was an accident waiting to happen and requested that the resident be contacted to cut the trees back. She reported at 2517, no street provided, that a white Dodge Charger was parked literally at the front door of the house. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that at 2525 Hord Avenue, the backyard looked like a jungle, although the owner cuts the front yard. She reported at 2504 Shannon Avenue that the truck was still there and asked if the backyard could be accessed because it is a jungle. Jim stated that the backyard needs to be accessed by a Bobcat and the truck must be moved. He stated that the Building Department had contacted St. Louis County for assistance to remove the truck.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that she attended the Juneteenth Parade in Dellwood. She stated that the event was nice, well attended, and hosted many vendors. She hoped that the City of Jennings could do something like that next year in celebration of Juneteenth Day.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that the first farmer's market that was hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department was nice. She asked Willie to let her know when the next farmers' market will be so she could spread the word.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that summer school ends Thursday, June 30, 2022, and school was back in session on August 22, 2022. She reported that she attended a new senior citizen building that was not in the City of Jennings off Chambers Road and Halls Ferry Road. She stated that a senior resident had moved to that building. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson suggested that there be a gospel music festival held by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that there was a gettogether held at Councilwoman Clower's home where Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Morton, and County Councilwoman Rita Days also attended.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that she would like to plan a cleanup with Jim in Ward 1.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson reported that at 2401 and 2407 Petrova, the owner cuts the front yard but not the backyard and the trash goes down the street. She reported all kinds of trash and a television in the backyard. She also reported to 8907 Sumter Court that the front was cut but not the backyard. She reported that at 2447 Shannon Avenue there was an SUV in the yard.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson confirmed that there will be a Back-to-School jamboree. If anyone was interested in being a vendor at the event, let her know. She thanked the residents and reassured residents that the City Council does hear them. She stated that she had been in Jennings since 1977 and was looking to bring up the City of Jennings.

**Councilman Stichnote** reminded everyone that since July 4<sup>th</sup> was approaching, there was an ordinance against the use of fireworks in the City of Jennings. He inquired of Jim if the street sweeper was working. Jim stated that it was being serviced at the dealer.

Councilman Stichnote asked that the Building Department send citations to the addresses that he reported to Schona about one month ago. Schona stated that Officer Root was working with the Code Enforcement Inspectors, and the newly hired Code Enforcement Inspector that started that day, to issue citations.

Councilman Stichnote reported that he attended the town hall meeting on June 23, 2022, with St. Louis County Police Department, which explained all that they do. He thanked Capt. Mann for the



event. Councilman Stichnote reported that he attended the farmer's market. He stated that it was discussed with Willie to host the farmer's market once a month or every other month.

Councilman Stichnote reported to Jim that at 8820 Clifton Avenue the street was losing its surfacing and asked that the street be patched. He reported to Schona that at 8624 Clifton Avenue, there are tenants in the house and some living in the garage. The garage is not fit to be inhabited by persons.

Councilman Stichnote thanked Trenton McClellan for the great job he does at the parks.

**Councilwoman Brown** reported that she had the opportunity to meet with the Jennings Historical Society. It was great to learn about the beginnings of the City of Jennings and how to keep the momentum going as the City moves forward.

Councilwoman Brown reported that she spoke with the project manager of Food Industry Construction Incorporated, who has been vital in the development of Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) coming to the City of Jennings. She stated that the project manager was excited about the development.

Councilwoman Brown reported that she was impressed by the Juneteenth Day Essay winners. She was pleased to see Jennings School District students in a positive light. She stated that from essay entries, the students had done their homework by using their essays to explain what Juneteenth Day was all about and what it meant to them.

Councilwoman Brown stated that the town hall meeting was a great evening with great interaction. She was impressed by how many residents spoke about the great service provided by the Police Department. Councilwoman Brown reported that at the farmer's market she had the opportunity to make new acquaintances. She stated that she looked forward to the next one.

Councilwoman Brown reported on the opportunity to build and establish relationships at the basketball game with St. Louis City and St. Louis County, hosted at Saint Louis University on Saturday, June 25, 2022. She stated that there was a nice turnout, and it was a fun event.

Councilwoman Brown gave a reminder for blood donations because blood supply was at a critical low. She encouraged everyone to give blood.

**Councilman Wilson** wished that Mayor Austin get better. He reported that on June 9, 2022, Ward 2 hosted its first Coffee with the Council event at Jennings Place which was very well attended. He thanked the Police Department, Mayor Austin, Verna Charles, and Senator Brian Williams, for attending the meeting.

Councilman Wilson reported that there were a couple of concerns voiced regarding the building, he stated that he would like to connect with Schona to discuss some of those concerns of the senior buildings. He stated that he and Councilwoman Brown had spoken with the property management and hoped to come to some resolution. Councilman Wilson stated that he was glad to see the addition of another inspector to the Building Department, but the City needed more help. He encouraged the public to apply for the vacant positions with the City of Jennings.

Councilman Wilson stated that as Councilwoman Brown mentioned that KFC was coming to Ward 2. He stated that it was being erected at the corner of Ada Wortley Avenue and Jennings Station Road. He stated that they were very excited over the asset to the community.

Councilman Wilson reported that he also attended the Juneteenth event in Bellefontaine Neighbors. He stated that a young man that goes by the name of Mr. Fresh started a business at ten years old, he is now thirteen years old, and his air fresheners can be found in the local Schnuck's grocery store. Councilman Wilson stated that he purchased about ten bottles of the air freshener and it was so inspiring to see a young person following their dreams and doing better than a lot of adults. He encouraged everyone to support the business.

Councilman Wilson encouraged the public to get out and vote in the August 2022 election and the absentee ballot process had started the previous week. He stated that it was a very important election cycle, as seen with what has happened regarding the Supreme Court overturn of Roe vs.

Wade. Councilman Wilson stated that he knows that the issue was very controversial, but women's health is very important, and everything possible must be done to protect women, their health, and their freedom.

Councilman Wilson encouraged the public to look after each other and the area around them, not waiting for someone to take care of situations for them. That will help out a bit.

**Councilwoman Morton** reported that she attended the Juneteenth Walk in Forest Park, which was also attended by Congresswoman Cori Bush and Circuit Attorney, Kim Gardner. She also reported that there was a Ward 3 meeting that Councilman Johnson would be speaking more on.

Councilwoman Morton reported that she attended a barbeque gathering at Councilwoman Clower's home. She stated that the barbeque was very nice, and Capt. Mann and County Councilwoman Rita Heard Days were present to discuss concerns from residents.

Councilwoman Morton reported that she attended the town hall meeting hosted by St. Louis County Police Department. She thanked Capt. Mann, Mayor Austin, the council members, and residents that attended to voice their opinions and concerns.

Councilwoman Morton reported that she was on the Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee, where the reallocation of the ARPA Funds was discussed for the demolition of vacant homes. She stated that the committee was informed that there were 500 to 600 vacant homes in Jennings and the committee was working to tear down those homes in all wards. She encouraged the public to report vacant homes to their corresponding council member or contact the Building Department.

Councilwoman Morton reported that she also served on the Policy and Ordinance Committee where they discussed the ordinance concerning occupancy permits and an amendment proposed by Councilman Johnson, ensuring that homeowners insurance coverage was on the property at the time of application. She encouraged the public to report occupancy issues, properties with trees down, or poor landscaping so that those properties can be checked for occupancy permits.

Councilwoman Morton asked Jim if the vacant homes that are reported are added to the grass-cutting list for the Public Works Department. She reported that she was not sure if the inhabitants of 7155 Dawson Place had an occupancy permit because she noticed dead trees and poor landscaping on the property. Councilwoman Morton reported high grass at 8340 Osborn Avenue, both the front and back yards have not been cut by the property owner. She also reported that at 8344 Osborn Avenue and 8345 Osborn Avenue, both the front and back yard needed to be cut. Councilwoman Morton reported that the property behind 5377 College Avenue on Fletcher Avenue needs the backyard cut.

**Councilman Johnson** reported that on June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>, he attended the Elected Officials Seminar in Columbia. He stated that he heard some great information, speakers, and insight, that he was able to bring back and apply to the City of Jennings.

Councilman Johnson stated that he was a part of the Economic Development and Human Resource Committee for the Missouri Municipal League. He stated that once a year, the committee meets to amend policies. He reported that he had attended that meeting on June 16, 2022, in Columbia. He stated that he attended the elected conference and meeting to better himself as a councilman.

Councilman Johnson reported that on June 11, 2022, there was a meeting in Ward 3 that was well attended. He stated that there were about 10 new attendees that were also in attendance at the City Council meeting.

Councilman Johnson reported that he attended the barbeque at Councilwoman Clower's beautiful residence on June 18, 2022. He stated that for a second, being there one forgets that they are in Ward 4. He appreciated her hosting the gathering.

Councilman Johnson inquired on the status of 7341 Harney Avenue, which was supposed to have been pushed down to Public Works to cut. He stated that the grass was about five feet high. Jim stated that through the migration with MyGov, there was some delay in the response to

complaints. Councilman Johnson asked for the status of the paving in the south end. Jim stated that the area was due for paving, but Public Works was very short-staffed. He stated that the area was still scheduled for paving.

Councilman Johnson asked if the City was responsible for maintaining the fence line of Fairview Elementary School and College Avenue. Jim stated that Fairview Elementary School was responsible for that. Councilman Johnson reported that there was a pothole on the side of Family Dollar.

Councilman Johnson stated that it might be the last time that the City Council be given ten minutes each to report. He responded to a comment from Ms. Beck, stating that the City Council should get down to business. He stated that the City Council wanted to work together but they are going to be divided. Some may not like what he had to say or bring up, but he reads and pays attention.

Councilman Johnson addressed Ms. Beck stating that he will speak up if a property was purchased by the City, taxes wiped, and then the property is given back to the previous owner. He stated they will speak up if the City pays an owner to do work on their building. He stated that he does want to see a park near Ward 3, and with the \$175,000 allocated for awnings for businesses, the City could make that happen. He stated that he did not care about the feelings of the other City Council members. He cares about Ward 3 and if he sees an issue, he will speak up.

Councilman Johnson stated that at the June Special City Council meeting, he brought it to light and it was still wrong in the meeting minutes. He stated that Ward 3 looked terrible and the effort was terrible. He stated that it was not about going after the police, but the City pays St. Louis County \$4 million for police services which may not be something that the City should do. Councilman Johnson stated that yes, the police had a town hall meeting, but he bet that it was not stated that the contract was signed for ten years. He was against it because it was too much money, and the contract language needed to be changed.

Councilman Johnson stated that the ARPA Funds did not need to be spent until sometime in 2026, and he will say something about that. He stated that he expected that when he reported or said something about an issue, it would be looked into, but it was not happening. Councilman Johnson stated that council members receive a little check to serve, and he will earn his check. He stated that there was nothing in Ward 3 for children.

Councilman Johnson stated that towards the end of the meeting, there will be a vote taken to take away the ten-minute council member reporting time. He stated that it was a strategic effort to shut the council members up. He paid no disrespect to the people that work hard but the minutes are not right. Councilman Johnson stated that the City was receiving \$2.9 million, and with those funds, the City could be turned around. He stated that a few one-time actions could be taken, like knocking down 100 houses.

**Councilwoman Clower** thanked those who attended the Ward 3 & 4 meet and greet meeting. She stated that there was division in Jennings because out of four wards, two wards look better than Wards 3 & 4. She stated that Wards 3 & 4 have more issues than the other wards. She stated that there was a proposal to reallocate ARPA Funds.

Councilwoman Clower stated if one ward needs more attention, then that should be the focus. She remarked that the City hears the people cry out, yet the focus is elsewhere was unfair. She stated that yes, the City Council should work together but how can they, when they are outvoted. That was why the City Council could not get things done.

Councilwoman Clower stated that Ward 4 was the ward most in need, and to her understanding, there are over 600 vacant homes in the City of Jennings, and the majority of them are located in Ward 4 and Ward 3. As a council person, she asked the City to consider the reallocation of the ARPA Funds, she requested that \$300,000 be moved for demolition and there was a council member in Ward 4 that did not speak up. She stated that his proposal was for \$150,000. Councilwoman Clower stated that it was sad to see a resident crying at the meet and greet and yet another Ward 4 councilmember did not support her proposal. She stated that what hurts her. She will speak up.

Councilwoman Clower stated that what Councilman Johnson said was true, don't lose focus and focus on what you see when you walk out your door. She stated that what you see was trash, vacant homes, and high grass. She stated that she had lived in Ward 4 for thirty years and she was looking at the same houses, she asked how long will the residents of Jennings have to cry out.

Councilwoman Clower stated that Mayor Austin, Councilman Wilson, and Councilwoman Brown lived in better wards. She stated that Councilman Stichnote stated that he did not want to move all that money from the ARPA Funds to demolition. She stated that they should look at the need and what the City should focus on.

Councilwoman Clower stated to Councilman Turner that it hurt her that when Ward 4 was in need, he did not stand up. She asked for her report to be verbal so that when someone looked back at the minutes, she wanted them to be able to see what was said. She asked what Councilman Stichnote be back in the minutes from that meeting. She asked that when she stated that she did not work for the mayor at the March City Council meeting but in the report as well.

Councilwoman Clower stated that taking away the ten-minute report time was to keep the City Council silent. She stated that if she only was given 5 minutes to speak or submit in writing, how would the public know about what is happening. She stated that if you go back to read the minutes, you will never know what she had said.

Councilwoman Clower stated that they are trying to work together but it was hard when she hears dissent. She stated that she had a problem with that. She stated that she worked for the residents, not the mayor and she was going to stand up for what is right. Councilwoman Clower stated that they could not get anything done because they were outvoted. She stated that as Councilman Wilson says, know who you are voting for. She stated that her greatest concern was Ward 4. She stated that before she was a council member, she complained about the same issues and she asked how long will the issues go on.

Councilwoman Clower stated that she was for the residents and encouraged them to call her. She announced that Ward 4 was trying to form a cleanup event, she was collecting names for those who want to be involved and they should call her. She stated to Capt. Mann that they hoped for some of the police volunteers to help out and the fire department. Councilwoman stated that when she tries to get trees trimmed, the first thing the City gives her is the tree ordinance stating that it was the homeowner's responsibility. She stated that ordinances could be changed but the City doesn't want to focus on that. She stated that she was not saying that all this was the mayor or a councilperson, but the City was receiving \$2.9 million a difference can be made with that. She stated that if someone states that the City Council was arguing, they needed to check themselves.

**Councilman Turner** stated his name. He stated to the public that he was glad they attended, glad to see them, and that he heard their comments.

Councilman Turner reported that like Councilman Johnson, he was privileged to attend the Elected Official Seminar in Columbia. He reported that he had learned some things and he learned that he could be better as a councilperson. He stated that some fundamentals were covered and allowed discussion. He learned a lot about the Sunshine Law.

Councilman Turner reported that he was going down Acacia Drive, he noticed a man mowing his grass. He stated that he stopped to talk with George Brocker, who is retired, and cuts several lawns just because he had time to do it. He stated that he was on Wilborn Drive at one of the houses built by A Caring Plus, he spoke with the young lady that lived there who was very proud of her home. She talked with her and she complained about a space with tall grass between 5500 Wilborn Drive and 5503 Wilborn Drive that was the City's responsibility to maintain.

Councilman Turner reported that he received from a resident that had called the City about the properties across from her, 5805 Helen Avenue and 5807 Helen Avenue, that were vacant. She had stated that the properties had been vacant for 5 to 6 years and had the front yards cut once and the back yards had never been cut.

Councilman Turner stated that he listened to what Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman Clower, he appreciated how they voiced what has been going on. He stated in his report at the April City Council meeting that in the past, he had no intention of being on the City Council. He stated that he was impressed to come by God and file for City Council, and he was here at present. He stated that God was their answer, flesh, and blood were not their answer.

Councilman Turner stated that if they asked him, he could tell them where to get their answers. He stated that it was good for everyone to operate together, but they could not do it without supernatural help. He stated that he spoke with Mayor Austin, he will be praying for her, and she will be back soon. He stated that change was going to happen, not through flesh and blood. Councilman Turner stated that he was not on the City Council because he wanted it, but because he wanted to please God.

#### **4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Austin thanked all the department heads for attempting to do their jobs and meet the needs of the community in the last month. She reported that the Building Department was almost fully staffed. She stated that they were only down one- and one-half people, the City now has three full-time Code Enforcement Inspectors, which the third inspector started that day. Mayor Austin reported that there was also a Permit Clerk and two Administrative Assistants. She stated that the City was hoping to see more things inspected and pushed down to Public Works for them to do their job.

Mayor Austin reminded everyone that the complaint process regarding grass or a home began with the Building Department and then pushed down to Public Works Department. She reported that the Public Works Department needed four full-time Laborers and five part-time Laborers. She encouraged the public that if they knew of anyone needing employment to direct them to the City website to apply.

Mayor Austin reported that she attended the Installation Luncheon for the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association (MoCCFOA) – Eastern Division on June 16, 2022, in Wentzville. She congratulated Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, and Interim Finance Director, for her appointment as Vice President of MoCCFOA – Eastern Division, and Khianna Ward DeGarmo, Deputy City Clerk, for her appointment as the Treasurer of the MoCCFOA – Eastern Division. She stated that she did not think that it had ever been done with the organization, where two staff members from the City of Jennings served on the board.

Mayor Austin reported that on June 17, 2022, the City celebrated Juneteenth Day. She reported that City staff were off that day. She thanked Willie and the Parks and Recreation Department as they worked their off day they celebrated the three Juneteenth Day essay winners. She congratulated sixth grader, Alexia Hammond from Hanrahan Elementary School; the seventh-grade winner was Sheree Williams from Rosemary Johnson Jennings Junior High School, and the eighth grader winner was Shania Williams from Rosemary Johnson Jennings Junior High School. Mayor Austin thanked Mark Johnson from Daniel and Henry Company for his donation of prizes, where each of the prize winners received a \$100 gift card and judges received \$25 gift cards. She thanked Dr. Knight, the Superintendent of Jennings School District, the Jennings School District teachers, and parents who helped get their essays in on time although the school was out. Dr. Knight thanked Mayor Austin for the acknowledgment.

Mayor Austin reported that KFC was scheduled to open sometime in September of 2022, at the corner of Ada Wortley Avenue and Jennings Station Road. She thanked Verna Charles and Kellie Shelton, Economic Development Coordinator, for carrying on with the Business Watch meeting when she could not attend. She stated that speakers at the Business Watch meeting were Rita Dawson, Great Western Insurance; Stacy James, Internal Revenue Service; and Rebecca Zall, North County Incorporated.

Mayor Austin stated that the City of Jennings was pleased to welcome back, Lt. Luis Perez, who had served as a sergeant with the City for several years and left the City for about fourteen months. She stated that Lt. Perez spoke at the Business Watch meeting on diversity and inclusion.

Mayor Austin added that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for home improvement repairs, the list has opened for residents and eight residents have applied. She stated

that there are cases still open. For more information about the program, contact Kellie Shelton in the Economic Development Department.

Mayor Austin reported that A Caring Plus Foundation, which has its offices in Ward 4, was approved by the Missouri Housing and Development Commission for funding for houses on the south end of the City of Jennings. She stated that the project will be bringing thirty new homes to Ward 4, and the organization will begin construction in 2022.

Mayor Austin reported that thanks to the Economic Development Department, twenty-two of thirty-seven homes for auction were sold. She stated that there were still homes that were still available. For more information, contact Kellie Shelton.

Mayor Austin stated that bids for construction contracts were turned in for the City Center project, and the City will continue to move forward with the assistance of the Construction Management Team.

Mayor Austin reported that at the July City Council meeting she will be recognizing one of the Code Enforcement Inspectors of the Building Department. He has held down the fort alone when he did not have any other inspectors to work with. Anthony Rivers had performed at least 209 inspections and with the addition of a second inspector, whom Anthony has been working with.

#### **D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

#### **E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee** – Councilman Wilson stated that there was a meeting on June 20, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. The committee received a presentation about the City Center project regarding the construction proposals. Irvetta Williams, IJay Enterprises, stated that Tony Dukes, Emanon Group, and Joel Kerschen, KAI Architects, serve as the City's Construction Management Team. She stated that the project went through a bid phase and opened on June 7, 2022. She stated that the bids received were over budget due to the cost of materials and labor due to the current economic status.

Joel stated bid invitation was open for two months. Both bidders were interviewed to get an idea of why the bids were more than expected. The bidders indicated that the cost of materials and labor had increased. Tony stated that the Construction Management team met with the bidders to see if they could work with the City regarding the construction cost. The team has decided to work with the lower bidder and the bidder has requested a letter of intent to award the bid to the construction contractor in good faith.

Councilman Wilson stated that the committee received information about the Court Live Scan System, Police Department keyless entry, Mobile Hot Spot purchase, Ring doorbells, replacement of the City Hall refrigerator, the DVR for the Federal jail cells, and the landscaping contract. The committee also approved the disposition of non-operational and obsolete equipment, discussed the monitoring of dumping sites, discussed the security contracts, discussed the contracts for Irvetta Williams, discussed the budget amendment for the ARPA Funds and the committee tabled the discussion of the tree trimming services. Deletra stated that the committee recommended the reallocation of ARPA Funds as follows: \$72,000 from the internet service line, \$72,000 from the mobile hot spot, and \$6,000 from the Ring doorbell line. She stated that the hot spot funds had already been used for the purchase of the hot spots and the service since it had previously been approved. The funds are not available to be reappropriated. She suggested that other equivalent funds could be found for the \$72,000 reallocation.

Councilman Wilson stated that it had been discussed on June 27, 2022, meeting before the City Council meeting. He stated that there were still some questions regarding the security contract for the park and dumping sites. There was no decision made that evening.

**2. Public Works & Building Committee** – Councilman Brown reported that the committee met on June 8, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The committee discussed the installation and removal of speed bumps,

the election of a Vice-Chair, and the approval of the honorary street name of the 5300 block of Helen Avenue pending City Council approval. She stated that the committee then learned that the block had been adopted by another family. Additional research was in progress and obtain the clarification in writing. When that is received, follow-through will be made in the best interest of all concerned, then present the naming request to the City Council for approval. Councilwoman Brown stated that the committee agreed to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson stated that the City Council voted on the adoption of the street for the 5300 block of Helen Avenue, she asked what the conflict was. Sam stated that the resolution that was passed for the previous family stated that it was adopted and named for former Councilwoman Owen's brother, Marlon Owens. The question was if it was already adopted and named for someone, the issue was bypassing the prior resolution and that was up to the City Council. It was out of respect to the family; they were advised to obtain something in writing from the family to rename the street. Deletra stated that the body clearly stated the intent of the resolution, and the description of the resolution was causing confusion.

**3. Parks & Recreation Committee** – Councilman Stichnote stated that there was a Joint Committee meeting with Ways and Means & Public Safety and Councilman Wilson reported on the meeting. The geese at Koeneman Park have been relocated.

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked where the City was with the fountain at Sievers Park and the repair of the fence at Sievers Park. Willie stated that there was a discussion with the vendor who services the fountain, and a plumber was checking on a leak in the fountain. He stated that the fence was been addressed by the insurance company.

**4. Policy and Ordinance Committee** – Councilman Turner reported that there was a meeting on June 14, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. The committee discussed the approval of the ordinance to limit Council Reporting Time, the discussion of the time of the meetings, the discussion of notification time of meetings, and the discussion of the Occupancy Permit process and notification.

Councilwoman Clower stated that the Council reporting time needed to be discussed more and that the minutes were not being reported as the Council speaks. She expressed concern over the public not receiving their reports and does not feel that the Council should have to submit a written report. She suggested that time be taken away from other sections of the meeting. Councilman Wilson stated that it would be voted on that evening. He suggested the submission of a written report because it could be quoted verbatim and be on record.

**5. Municipal League** – Councilman Wilson stated that there was an Executive Board planning session the week previous. He stated the Missouri Municipal League registration will be sent out through email and be found on their website.

**6. Planning Commission** – Councilwoman Morton reported that there was no meeting.

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

**8. Youth Commission** – There was a meeting.

**9. Senior Commission** – There was a meeting.

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

**1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY ALLOWING THE CITY OF JENNINGS MUNICIPAL COURT TO REFER PARTICIPANTS TO THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY SPECIALTY COURT(S).**

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2685. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, for the second reading. Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.



Bill #2685 became Ordinance #2618 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Kimberly Morton, Gary Johnson, and Lorraine Clower; Joseph Turner abstained; none opposed.

**2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AND ALLOWING “NO PARKING” SIGNS TO BE PLACED ON THE ENTIRE EAST SIDE OF POHLMAN LANE IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.**

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower for Bill #2686. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, for the second reading. Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2686 became Ordinance #2621 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Dr. Kimberly Morton, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none abstaining nor opposed.

**3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, MODIFYING ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 2-27 SUB-SECTION (6) “ORDER OF BUSINESS” TO SET A TIME LIMIT ON COUNCIL REPORTS.**

On the motion for the first reading made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown for Bill #2687. By the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, and Joseph Turner; Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Dr. Kimberly Morton, Gary Johnson, and Lorraine Clower opposed; Mayor Austin voted in favor. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, for the second reading. By the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, and Joseph Turner; Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Dr. Kimberly Morton, Gary Johnson, and Lorraine Clower opposed; Mayor Austin voted in favor. Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2687 became Ordinance #2622 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, and Joseph Turner; Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Dr. Kimberly Morton, Gary Johnson, and Lorraine Clower opposed; Mayor Austin voted in favor.

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

***1. Approval of the Letter of Intent to Award to Hankins Construction***

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Turner, the City Council approved the Letter of Intent to Award to Hankins Construction. By the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Dr. Kimberly Morton, and Joseph Turner; Gary Johnson abstained; and Yolonda Fountain Henderson and Lorraine Clower opposed.

***2. Approval of the ARPA Funds Budget Amendment***

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Morton, the City Council approved the budget amendment of the ARPA Funds Budget from the dumping security contract line for \$72,000, internet access line for \$72,000, and \$6,000 Ring doorbell line. All in favor; none opposed.

***3. Approval of the Security Contracts***

No action was taken.

***4. Approval of the disposition of non operational and obsolete computer equipment***



On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the disposition of non-operational and obsolete computer equipment. All in favor; none opposed.

Councilman Johnson asked if the items were being repurposed or thrown away. Deletra stated that it was being disposed of. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked if there were more equipment that will come before the City Council to be disposed of. Deletra stated that by department, equipment was being assessed for disposal.

***5. Approval of speed bumps on Mary Avenue and Eichler Place and at Mary Avenue and College Avenue***

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the City Council approved the recommendation for speeds at Mary Avenue and Eichler Place and Mary Avenue and College Avenue. All in favor; none opposed.

***6. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.***

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

Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked about the payment to Stivers and the number of employees being paid. Deletra stated that Stivers was a temporary staffing service and at some point, four staff members were being paid weekly. Councilwoman Fountain Henderson asked if they were hired. Deletra stated that some were hired on permanently. Councilman Johnson asked if the large invoice was back paid. Deletra stated that it was multiple invoices.

**I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Mayor Austin thanked those who stayed on the Zoom for the City Council meeting and those in person for the meeting.

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

On June 27, 2022, on the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, 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 (via Zoom video conference); Deletra Hudson, City Clerk; Khianna Ward DeGarmo, Deputy City Clerk; and Sam Alton, City Attorney.

PERSONNEL - The following actions were taken:

a. Hire a Full-Time Accounting Clerk

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council voted to approve the recommendation from Deletra Hudson, City Clerk/Interim Finance Director, to proceed with the hiring process for Erica Ross through the Stivers Staffing Agency, pending receipt of a completed City of Jennings Employment Application and all pre-employment screening. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote of councilmembers voting in favor: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Morton (via Zoom video conference), Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

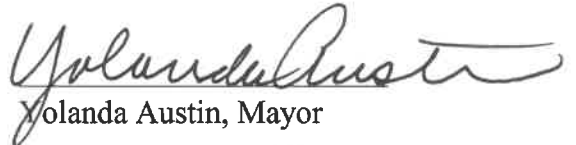
LEGAL –

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council voted to approve the recommendation presented by the City Attorney, Sam Alton, pursuant to the recommendation of the city's insurance carrier, to accept the settlement recommendation for the case of Christine Brooks vs City of Jennings in the amount of \$400,000.

The motion was approved by the following roll call vote of councilmembers voting in favor: Stichnote, Fountain Henderson, Wilson, Brown, Morton (via Zoom video conference), Johnson, Clower, and Turner; none absent; none opposing nor abstaining.

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion made by Councilwoman Fountain Henderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council voted by roll call votes of the following council members to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m.: Allan Stichnote, Yolonda Fountain Henderson, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Dr. Kimberly Morton (via Zoom video conference), Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Joseph Turner; none absent; none opposed nor abstained.

Approved:   
Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:   
Deletra Hudson, City Clerk