



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video
October 26, 2020
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The two thousand four hundred and ninth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Video.

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. PETITION TO REZONE PROPERTIES TO CHANGE ZONING DISTRICT – REQUEST TO RE-ZONE AREA AND CONSOLIDATE LOTS TO ALLOW A PARKING LOT AND BUILDING EXPANSION FOR LOUISA FOODS: PETITIONERS: JOHN LARK, ARCHITECT AND TOM BALDETTI, OWNER OF LOUISA FOODS.

Mayor Austin opened the public hearing for anyone that was speaking for the petition. Tom Baldetti asked if John Lark was present during the public hearing. Mr. Lark started the presentation by introducing himself as the architect for the Louisa Foods project. He said that they are requesting rezoning of the residential lots north on Switzer Avenue. He said that area is used as a parking lot and they intend on three (3) to four (4) additions to the Louisa Foods plan to allow for more parking and lot consolidation. Mr. Lark asked Irvetta Williams, Economic Development Consultant, if she had any of the exhibits that Louisa Foods provided to her and asked if they were distributed to the Councilmembers. She said the exhibits were not included in the packet given to the City Councilmembers. Mr. Lark said that the rezoning on Hamilton Avenue was for retention purposes only. Mr. Baldetti said to add on to the current plan now that MSD, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, would become more involved. He said the large issue Louisa Foods is encountering is that when their first shift of employees leaves and employees coming in on the second shift overlap, there is not enough parking to accommodate that overlap. Mr. Baldetti said that Louisa Foods is excited to continue to be a part of Jennings and their plan allows that opportunity to make further additions to the property.

Mayor Austin asked if there were anyone speaking against the petition. No one spoke against the petition.

2. PEITION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – OPERATE A CHILD DAYCARE CENTER AT 9601 HALLS FERRY RD. IN THE R-1 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT AS KYDDIE KARNIVAL LEARNING ACADEMY UNDER NAICS CODE 624410. PETITIONER: BRITTNEY WASHINGTON, OWNER AND QUINTON RICHARDSON.

Mayor Austin opened the public hearing for anyone speaking for the petition. Brittney Washington, owner of Kyddie Karnival, spoke. She said that she had been in the childcare business for eleven (11) years, and she looked forward to her return to Jennings and to be essential to the community as a non-profit organization. Ms. Washington said she was prepared to renovate the building, add an additional parking lot and provide better lighting. She said she graduated from the Jennings School District. Mayor Austin asked if anyone else would like to speak for the petition.

Mayor Austin asked for anyone speaking against the petition. Councilman Wilson asked if she would be offering before and after school care to local Jennings School District attendees with transportation to and from school. She said she provided transportation in the past and looks to provide a similar service. Councilman Wilson said that he fully supports this petition. Mayor Austin asked if Quinton Richardson would like to speak for the petition. Mr. Richardson said that they are excited and looked forward to being an asset to the Jennings School District to help light up the area.

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council members present: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Aja Owens.

Council member(s) absent: none.

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2020.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2020. All in favor; none opposed.

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

1. Presentation by Mayor Austin

Mayor Austin said that in June of 2020, former Lt. Geasley separated from the City of Jennings and in July of 2020, Cpl. Shumpert was appointed the Acting Corrections Lieutenant. She wanted to present a Certificate of Appreciation for his commitment to the City of Jennings in its time of need, during a time when staffing and morale was low. Mayor Austin recognized his dedication and service to the City of Jennings. She thanked Acting Lt. Shumpert. Acting Lt. Shumpert said thank you for the recognition. Councilman Johnson said that he was a Viking and a hard worker.

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

Shirley Wayne, 5828 Janet Avenue, asked when the next City of Jennings home auction would be hosted. She also asked about 5826 Janet Avenue because of its overgrown vegetation, and asked if the owner could be contacted, noting that there was a fallen tree on the property. Ms. Wayne said that at 5824 Janet Avenue, the previously reported vehicles parked on the property are still there, but now Illinois plates have been put on those vehicles and the vehicles have been turned around. Ms. Wayne asked who was responsible for emptying the trash cans at the West Florissant and Jennings Station Road bus station.

Ms. Wayne said she has been participating in the Planning and Zoning training and serves as a member of the Planning Commission. She said she has come to understand how the process works and how to be more productive to the City of Jennings.

Mayor Austin said that the houses have been submitted to St. Louis County so they can follow up on the issue. She said that the bus stop trash issue will be addressed later and the bus stop on the corner of West Florissant and Jennings Station Road is in the jurisdiction of Flordell Hills. Ms. Wayne asked about the trash can next to the Metro by the T-Mobile Wireless Provider location on the opposite side of West Florissant, was maintained by Flordell Hills. Mayor Austin said that is still Flordell Hills zone.

Marietta Beck, 5476 Hodiament Avenue, said that Shirley Hiob, 8805 Clifton, wanted to compliment the St. Louis County Police Department for their professionalism. She was unable to make comments on the City Council meeting due to technical difficulties.

Yolonda Henderson, 8822 Sumter Drive, asked if anyone was riding around the City to address the streetlights that are out. She asked when the City Center project is being built, will there be minority participation. Ms. Henderson reported that a property across from her had some high grass but did not provide a full address for follow up. She asked how many officers were on shift in the evening and daytime with the Police Department. She suggested that a seminar on domestic violence be held like it had been in the past. Due to COVID-19 and growing depression, some people find themselves in tenuous situations.

Mayor Austin thanked her for addressing the issue of domestic violence. She asked Sgt. Perez to address the question regarding patrol shifts. He said that additional units from St. Louis County have been provided, with three (3) to ten (10) patrol cars throughout the day. Ms. Henderson asked about around midnight. Sgt. Perez said that per the contract with St. Louis County, about three (3) to four (4) patrol cars, sometimes with five (5) patrol cars. She thanked Jim for removing the abandoned car near the MSD lot. Mayor Austin said no one from the Public Works Department is specifically driving around for streetlights that are out. She encouraged the public to call City Hall to report the streetlight out or call Ameren directly. Jim said that once a streetlight has been reported, Public Works will relay the information to Ameren.

Deacon James, Monument of Faith Church of God In Christ, 5400 Janet Avenue, gave continued well wishes to Mayor Austin and City Councilmembers for their leadership. He reported that a little after midnight, the alley behind the church was used as an illegal dumping ground for trash and it was cleaned a month ago. He said it was captured on their security cameras. Deacon James said they contacted the Jennings Police Department and Councilwoman Clower regarding the dumping. He said that he got a response five weeks later. He still cannot get in contact with the Public Works Department and Officer Bakula. He was told by Councilwoman Clower that there was an existing response team to the issue of trash dumping and he said he was not given any response to investigating the dumping. Deacon James asked that Mayor Austin to assist in the cleanup.

Sgt. Perez said he was not aware of this situation and will follow up with Bakula to see where the investigation was at. Jim said most of the trash dumping complaints go through the Building Department and that Jennings owns the alleys in conjunction with private owners. Mayor Austin asked if a letter can be distributed to both the owners of the easement. Councilwoman Clower said she reported that boxes are being dumped. Mayor Austin said she would provide the ordinance to her that will help her articulate it to residents.

Marietta Beck, 5476 Hodiament Avenue, followed up on the traffic light for the left turn to be activated, that Capt. Law said he would investigate. She reported that at 5426 Hodiament Avenue, she saw two tow trucks and 5 cars parked on the property that day. She also followed up on 5428 Hodiament Avenue, with the issue of parked vehicles. She noted that she had seen a lot of expired temporary vehicle tags on vehicles being driven around the City and wondered what could be done about that issue. She asked if there would be a moment of silence for Councilman Epps.

Mayor Austin asked Sgt. Perez to follow up on the light. He said that St. Louis County did a traffic study, and the results of the study have shown that there is not an enough traffic for a left turn signal to be furnished at that intersection. He said that the issue of expired temporary tags is a huge problem and it's a compliance issue, with little consequence. He said, often offenders miss their Court date, but no warrant is issued. Sam Alton, City Attorney, said non-moving violations or minor traffic violations are not typically pursued. He said especially during the pandemic. Mayor Austin asked Sam to work on what the City could do about the expired tag issue.

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

Councilwoman Jones remarked that it was an unusual month since the last City Council meeting and thanked everyone for working hard together. She gave her condolences to the Epps family in their time of loss. She said that Ward 1 has had their fair share of loss in the community. She believed that the City is on the right track with addressing the issue of speeding. The public safety plan was formed to act together, and she emphasized its importance. She thanked Jim for taking her calls and asked about the pothole forming on Hord Avenue. She said she noticed some small holes forming in the streets and suggested that it could be an issue to be addressed by MSD.

Councilwoman Jones said she has heard residents calling about issues with landlords that seem to be neglecting their rental homes and tenants. She reported that the Jennings School District schools are in full session, with an increase of traffic and students walking to school. So, she asked residents to be aware of this. She thanked Mayor Austin and the City Clerk for their great work.

Councilman Stichnote said that the audit was discussed at the last City Council meeting and thanked Mayor Austin for keeping the City Departments audit clear. He said that Senior Bingo would be hosted Thursday, October 29, 2020. Twenty (20) people will be allowed admittance and the event was first come first serve. He said that if any senior residents would like to attend, they must call the Civic Center. He said there will be more Senior Bingo rounds on November 12th, December 10th and December 31st.

Councilman Stichnote reported that Republic Services had been charging people \$26 for the removal of the Republic Services waste bins. He said that they should not be charging for the removal of the cans. He asked what is happening with the motorhome on the Scottsdale cul-de-sac. Jim asked if Schona McClellon, Director of Housing and Economic Development, was on the City Council meeting and what the Building Department might have going about this issue. He said that letters were sent and there was no one to write the citations in MyGov, but that issue was resolved by Dianna Drake, Special Services Coordinator. Mayor Austin said Officer Bakula has been writing citations, while the technical issue was being resolved and she thanked Dianna for working with MyGov to set up training for the Building Department to start using the system to write citations. She said this enables every inspector to write citations and the previous system permissions limited who could generate the citations. Councilman Stichnote asked if the parks will be closed as of November 1, 2020. Jim said that the parks will be closed on October 31, 2020 and only the rear comfort zone will be open for fishing. Councilman Stichnote said that the St. Louis County Police Department Drug and Undercover Unit is in the Jennings area.

Councilwoman Brown thanked the staff at City Hall. She thanked the Public Works Department. She reported that the trash near Ada Wortley Lane was removed and that the abandoned tires were gone. She said unfortunately, someone else decided to leave another tire in its place, but she was hopeful that the Public Works Department will remain consistent in removing trash.

Councilwoman Brown said she enjoyed getting out to small businesses and neighbors. She reported that while she had an extended visit as she dropped off the Jennings newsletter, she found that residents were pleased to hear about the good happening in the community. She was pleased to read about the recent graduate, Malik Sediqzad, first student from the Jennings community to attend Harvard University in 20 years. Councilwoman Brown said she is planning to be more involved with the planning and zoning process.

She said she attended the Norwood Township meeting, and it was very informative and helpful. Councilwoman Brown recognized Mr. McKinney and the A Caring Plus foundation. She thanked Councilwoman Owens and Clower for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the beautiful new home that was built in Ward 4. Councilwoman Brown said thanks to A Caring Plus. There was 45% minority participation on all the foundation's projects. She said she attended the Joint Committee meeting on October 20, 2020 and agreed that a lot gets done in those joint committee meetings. She said that the Adopt-A-Stop program is a collaborative approach keeping Jennings clean and a quick way to start beautifying Jennings. She hopes that it will explode into better things. She thanked Sgt. Perez for the quick response time in the Police Department monthly report by each precinct and Jennings precinct had the lowest response time. Councilwoman Brown thanked Officer McCrary for the fun time at the Gary Gore Community Center. It will give residents and their children a safe area to participate in Halloween activities, which is a drive-thru event. She said that if children want to participate in the costume contest, they should be ready to take photos with Officer McCrary. She said there will be prizes for the best costume. Councilwoman Brown said that on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be conducted virtually. Mayor Austin said Sgt. Perez will have a domestic violence speaker at Neighborhood Watch.

Councilman Wilson gave his condolences to the Epps family. He said that Councilman Epps and himself were very close and he will be missed. Councilman Wilson recognized Councilman Epps for his dedication to the City of Jennings.

Councilman Wilson recognized Schona and the Building Department. He said that they addressed an issue with a constituent. He reported to Jim that there was a streetlight out on Ada Wortley Lane and Cozens Avenue. Councilman Wilson said he was attending the UMSL Planning and Zoning course and commented that the City of Jennings is being well represented at the conference. He said that the classes are held every Wednesday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. via Zoom. He said that through the classes he has been learning of the planning and zoning process and the importance of the City's Comprehensive plan. Councilman Wilson said that Councilman Johnson had already completed the course. He said to Councilwoman Brown that he appreciated her attendance at the Norwood Township meeting, and he invited residents to attend virtually.

Councilman Wilson reminded the public that the General Election was next week and that polls open at 6 a.m. He said that voting can be done at any location in St. Louis County. He said that voters must show their identification and their ballot will be printed onsite.

Councilwoman Anderson gave her condolences to the Epps family. She said that she enjoyed working with him.

She recognized Sgt. Perez for calming her nerves regarding crimes of opportunity near her and for making her aware that was happening. She recommended to everyone to get off phones when conducting business and be aware of their surroundings. She said on Beulah Avenue the speeding of vehicles has been so bad and now, parked vehicles are being side-swiped and being damaged.

Councilwoman Anderson reminded everyone that with the upcoming gatherings to be careful and be aware that COVID-19 case numbers are on the rise. She urged the public to be careful and mentioned that this season is now being called the twin pandemic with the upcoming flu season.

Councilman Johnson gave his condolences to the Epps family. He said that at his first City Council meeting, he was new and his reaction to discussion during those early meetings was different from the way he conducts himself now, and he owed that to how Councilman Epps showed him how to be patient. Councilman Johnson said that Councilman Epps showed longevity in this position as a City Councilmember and how to move while being elected.

Councilman Johnson said that Ward 3 cleanup was a success. He thanked Officer McCrary for providing protection for those participating in the cleanup. He thanked the Public Works Department and Jim for providing trash cans and reflective vests to the participants of the cleanup. Councilman Johnson thanked the volunteers for participating and said that the cleanup yielded approximately three (3) 30-yard dumpsters full of trash and he believes that it made a huge difference. Councilman Johnson said that he participated in the National Night Out event hosted by the Southeast Ferguson Community Association who was joined by the St. Louis Mutual Aid and St. Louis County Police Department for support. He said that they gave out about 1,000 masks, 50 book bags and 50 bags of sanitizing supplies. He said it was a joy to participate in the cleanup in Southeast Ferguson and to help nearby communities. Councilman Johnson said that Councilwoman Jones mentioned complaints of landlords. He mentioned to Mayor Austin that Berkley has an ordinance regarding rental registration which adheres landlords to keep their rental properties up to code. He suggested that he and Councilwoman Jones look at the ordinance then give it to Mayor Austin to review.

Councilman Johnson mimicked Councilwoman Jones. He believed this is the most steady and progressive times in the City of Jennings and he was glad to be a part of it. He hoped to represent North County very well.

Councilwoman Clower said that she has been walking around Ward 4, distributing newsletters and having face-to-face interactions with residents. She said that some residents expressed concerns over children playing in streets and mail being stolen, and she asked what the City of Jennings can do for the children. She said that she turned over the information to Officer McCrary, who urged residents to keep their lights on in the evening to prevent break-ins. Councilwoman Clower was thrilled about more police presence in the area. She said she was initiating a neighborhood watch in Ward 4 to help protect residents.

Councilwoman Clower said she spoke with Councilwoman Owens about a holiday decoration contest in Ward 4. She said that there will be first and second prizes for those decorating their

homes in the month of November. She said they have brainstormed to find ways to beautify their Ward. Councilwoman Clower said that a resident called her about the cleanup truck, and she asked Jim if the cleanup truck has been in circulation. Jim said that the streetsweeper operators have been out due to medical or childcare reasons. She thanked Jim for the trash removal in Ward 4. Jim said it was everyone's responsibility to keep up with the removal of trash. Mayor Austin said that with the parks closing, she asked that some staff stay on this season to pick up trash around Jennings. Councilwoman Clower said that Ward 4 residents have seen a difference.

Councilwoman Owens said that the loss of Councilman Epps was a huge impact in Jennings and spoke about the character of Councilman Epps. She said that she modeled a character in her children's book based on Councilman Epps's working as a barber. She shared an excerpt from her book that he contributed. She said that he impacted the City Councilmembers and the community, and he will be missed. Councilwoman Owens also gave her condolences to families who have been experiencing tragedy in the Jennings Community.

Councilwoman Owens thanked the Public Works Department and Police Department for doing hard work. She mentioned that Pastor Dennis of Metropolitan Baptist Church had a birthday coming up and people will be conducting a drive-thru parade to celebrate him.

Councilwoman Owens said she had been brainstorming to find ideas for community engagements and residents will be decorating their homes. She said that there will be a grand opening of the Dellwood Skating Rink on October 9, 2020 and invited the public to join the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Councilwoman Owens said there is a new house in Ward 4 that was built by A Caring Plus Foundation, and she was excited to see it. She thanked Officer McCrary for the class about jobs.

Councilwoman Owens said that the New Life Church on McLaran Avenue hosted a food pantry and on the evening of Halloween they will be hosting some activities at 2300 McLaran Avenue. Councilwoman Owens wanted to echo Councilwoman Anderson by urging the public to continue being safe and careful with their gatherings. She said that there has been a lot of trash dumping and shootings around the City, and she is looking forward to working together to come up with effective ways to deal with the issues.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin asked for a moment of silence for Councilman Rodney Epps. She asked for more prayers for former Ward 4 Councilwoman, Carol Epps and for the Epps family in their time of need. Mayor Austin said that Councilman Epps served the City of Jennings for seventeen years. He was a great, well-respected man. His memory will live on through the dedication of the former Hamilton Park as the Councilman Rodney Epps's Park.

Mayor Austin said that prayers are being said for Chastity Sims, Annie Sims and Michael Sims who lost their lives during a fire in their home on Clifton Avenue. Mayor Austin said the City Council is aware of the violence in Jennings, and they are working hard to make Jennings safer. She encouraged the formation of the Citizen Police Academy and she would like to post signs reminding the public of the Neighborhood Watch. She said she had reached out to Pastors to get involved with the Adopt-A-Street program, so they will have signs posted of the church being responsible for specific streets.

Mayor Austin said that she had been in contact with Alderman of parts of St. Louis City, Capt. Law and City of St. Louis. The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department hosted a roll call at West Florissant and Acme near the Walnut Park West neighborhood on the border of Jennings. She said this was the first time in history that St. Louis City and St. Louis County are working together. She thanked Capt. Law, Dr. Art McCoy and Pastor Rodrick of New Northside Missionary Baptist Church, for following One Voice, One Vision. Mayor Austin recognized Wesley Bell, St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney, for stepping up to help with a violent situation.

Mayor Austin thanked Department Heads for doing awesome jobs. She said that she is aware of a lot of complaints reported to them and that they are working under pressure from herself. Mayor Austin recognized Councilwoman Aja Owens and her sister for having published 5 children's books that reflects family and people of color. Mayor Austin said that they are proud to say that the Building Department will have two new Code Enforcement Inspectors to help keep up with

coding issues across the City of Jennings. Mayor Austin reported that St. Louis County Executive, Dr. Sam Page and Senator Brian Williams, took the time to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony and walk through the home built by A Caring Plus Foundation in Ward 4. She said that A Caring Plus will be submitting for funding another home in the Jennings community.

Mayor Austin welcomed Tony Lane, who resides in Florida and is the owner of the Sunnyland Apartments off the 2600 block of Tyrell Drive. She said that they met at the Family Investment Center to come up with ideas of things to develop in the center. She said that on November 14, 2020, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., there will be an open house of Sunnyland Apartments on the corner of Tyrell Drive and Eltarose Drive.

Mayor Austin reminded people that Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is Election Day and City Hall will be open for business. She recognized and thanked Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, along with the team that she chaired for the St. Louis County CARES Act Municipal Relief program. Mayor Austin reported that the City of Jennings was awarded the grant funding for \$1,011,759 and she expressed that every cent would be spent on public safety, corrections staffing costs, and deep cleaning of all City buildings. She announced that the City of Jennings applied for the Department of Justice grant, for its second time, and thanked the Finance Department for looking out for grants to move the City of Jennings forward.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee – Councilwoman Anderson and Councilman Wilson said a joint meeting will be reported by Councilwoman Jones.

Councilwoman Jones said the meeting took place on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. She said the first agenda item that was discussed was the budget amendment. She said that it was an extension of the Safer Streets Initiative, involving line item transfers to further public safety.

Councilwoman Jones said that bid documents for asbestos testing for the new City Center project from Olympic Environmental Inc were discussed. The joint committee also reviewed the proposal of air duct work cleaning for all City buildings. Dianna Drake presented the proposal which involved using funds from the awarded CARES Act grant. The committee discussed the proposal in the amount of \$67,710 for deep cleaning of the City Jail and it was discussed for informational purposes only. Councilwoman Jones said that the committee discussed the installation of air scrubbers that attaches to a building's furnace unit in all City buildings. She said it is used to clean viruses and mold in the air as it cycles through the system. Dianna said that the funds for this project will also come from the municipal relief CARES Act. She said that the committee discussed the approval of business license software for the Finance Department to minimize traffic in City Hall and make an update from manual processing in the amount of \$4,560 from MyGov.

Councilwoman Jones said that the committee discussed the approval of the City cellphone replacement policy. She explained that City-issued cellphones have been lost or damaged, and the employee will now be held accountable for damage or replacement of the devices. Councilwoman Jones said that the committee discussed the approval of the Adopt-A-Stop program from the Metro Bus System and they will help to provide supplies maintaining the bus stops. She said the committee discussed the approval of stop signs in designated areas and the approval of additional barriers on Scottdale Avenue for \$1,920.

Councilwoman Jones said that the committee entertained a lively discussion about the City's hiring policy and that most of the items discussed in the Joint Committee were on the agenda for approval that evening.

2. Public Works & Building Committee – Joint Committee Meeting reported.

3. Parks & Recreation Committee –

Councilman Stichnote reported that there was no meeting. He said that the next meeting was set for November 12, 2020 at 5 p.m.

4. Policy and Ordinance Committee – Joint Committee Meeting reported.

5. Municipal League –

Councilman Wilson said that there was no meeting but there will be a special assembly on November 5, 2020 to discuss the distribution of \$1.2 billion of Federal funds from the CARES Act to be given to Missouri schools, supporting survivors of domestic violence, and assisting with child support. He asked for input to ensure that some of the funds are distributed to North County.

Councilman Wilson said there will be no municipal league meeting next month, but Missouri Municipal League Executive Board meetings will continue.

6. Planning Commission –

Councilman Johnson reported that the petition of Kyddie Karnival at 9601 Halls Ferry Road, passed at the Planning Commission meeting unanimously for recommendation to City Council. He said that the rezoning petition of Louisa Foods and to consolidate lots at 8506 Hamilton passed for recommendation to City Council.

7. Youth Commission – No report provided.

8. Senior Commission – No report provided.

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 36-172 OF CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE VIII OF CITY OF JENNINGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO MANDATE A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 20 M.P.H. IN ALL RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2623. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2623 became Ordinance #2561 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower and Aja Owens; none opposing.

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE RE-ZONING 1908, 1910, 1912, 1914, 1916, 1922, 1924 AND 1926 SWITZER AVE. FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY TO L-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, 8506 HAMILTON AVENUE FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY TO L-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND A 15 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT IDENTIFIED AS “NETTIE AVENUE” FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY TO L-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND TO CONSOLIDATE LOTS 2 THROUGH 9 OF BOECKELER PLACE AND A 15 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT IDENTIFIED AS “NETTIE AVENUE” IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI INTO PROPOSED “LOT A BLOCK 9 OF JENNINGS ESTATE” TO CREATE A PARKING LOT AND FUTURE BUILDING EXPANSION FOR LOUISA FOODS.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown for Bill #2624. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Clower, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2624 became Ordinance #2562 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower and Aja Owens; none opposing.

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING THE SAME TO BRITTNEY WASHINGTON D/B/A KYDDIE KARNIVAL LEARNING ACADEMY TO OPERATE A DAYCARE CENTER AT 9601 HALLS FERRY ROAD IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson for Bill #2625. 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 #2625 became Ordinance #2563 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower and Aja Owens; none opposing.

4. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND/OR TRANSFER OF MULTIPLE REAL PROPERTIES SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, STATE OF MISSOURI TO A CARING PLUS FOUNDATION.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones for Bill #2626. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2626 became Ordinance #2564 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower and Aja Owens; none opposing.

5. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THAT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTER AVENUE, SUMTER DRIVE AND MELLOWRIDGE COURT BE DESIGNATED A “FOUR (4) WAY STOP INTERSECTION”, ANY AND ALL “YIELD” SIGNS BE REMOVED AND THAT “STOP” SIGNS BE PLACED AT THE INTERSECTION.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilwoman Jones for Bill #2627. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2627 became Ordinance #2565 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower and Aja Owens; none opposing.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution revising the name on the Councilman Allan Stichnote Isle

On the motion made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council revised the resolution naming the Councilman Allan Stichnote Isle to the Councilman Allan Stichnote Island. All in favor; none opposed.

2. Amendment to public safety plan and street closures

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman JonesWilson, the City Council approved amendment to the public safety and street closure plan. All in favor; none opposed.

3. Approval of the budget amendments/line item transfers

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the City Council approved the budget amendment and line item transfers in support of the Safer Streets Initiative transferring funds from Major Street Repair to Routine Street Maintenance. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of contract to install Air Scrubbers in all City buildings

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council approved the installation of Air Scrubbers in all City buildings. All in favor; none opposed.

5. Approval of the contract to clean the air ducts in all City buildings

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the commercial cleaning of the air ducts bid from St. Louis Cleaning and Restoration in all City buildings for \$67,710. All in favor; none opposed.

6. Resolution for the April Election

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the City Council approved the resolution for the April Election for the date of April 6, 2021. All in favor; none opposed.

7. Approval of the Transfer of the CUP – Show Me Clean Car Wash

On the motion made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the City Council approved the transfer of the Conditional Use Permit from Ramehl Walker of Show Me Clean car wash and detailing to Sean Clemon for the same business. All in favor; none opposed.

8. Approval of the City cell phone replacement policy

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council approved the City Cell Phone Replacement Policy. All in favor; none opposed.

9. Approval to participate in the Adopt A Stop program

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the City Council approved the City's participation in the Metro Adopt-A-Stop program. All in favor; none opposed.

10. Special Event Permit – Movie Night

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the City Council approved the Outdoor Special Event/Amusement Permit for the Outdoor Movie Night on October 31, 2020. All in favor; none opposed.

11. Special Event Permit – Apartment Grand Opening

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council approved the Special Event Permit for Frank Stiles for a grand opening of an apartment complex on November 14, 2020. All in favor; none opposed.

12. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, 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 participating in the virtual City Council meeting with 25 people on. She thanked Department Heads and City Councilmembers for their continued hard work.

J. CLOSED SESSION, LEGAL AND PERSONNEL (RSMO 610:021-1,2,3)

On October 26, 2020, on the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council approved a closed session for legal, real estate and personnel (RSMO 610:021-1, 2, & 3) by the following roll call vote of councilmembers voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Aja Owens, and Lorraine Clower; none were absent; none opposed nor abstained.

Closed Session – Legal, Real Estate, Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1, 2, & 3)

After a brief recess, the City Council members were all present and met in closed session. Also present were Mayor Yolanda Austin; Sam Alton, City Attorney; and City Clerk, Deletra Hudson.

LEGAL

On a motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the City Council approved the recommendation to Ban the Box on the city 's employment application. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Aja Owens, and Lorraine Clower; none were absent; none opposed nor abstained.

REAL ESTATE

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the City Council voted to grant the Mayor authority to negotiate the purchase of the 11 acres of land for the City Project up to \$750,000. The authority was approved by the following roll call votes of the following council members: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Aja Owens, and Lorraine Clower; none were absent; none opposed nor abstained.

PERSONNEL - The following actions were taken:

1. Hiring of the Court Clerk

Chief Court Clerk, Loretta Souter, recommended Deborah Drake for the Court Clerk position. After the Council reviewed the supporting documentation in the application, they declined to make an action on the recommendation due to the presentation of the application with misspelled words and spaces of the application being incompletely and inaccurately filled in.

2. Hiring of a Full-time Correctional Officer

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council approved the recommendation from Acting Lieutenant Terrell Shumpert to hire DomaNeisha Harden as a fulltime Correctional Officer pending all background checks and preemployment screening tests. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Aja Owens, and Lorraine Clower; none were absent; none opposed nor abstained.

3. Hiring of an Administrative Assistant

On the motion made by Councilwoman Owens, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Schona McClellon, Director of Housing and Economic Development, to hire Latisha Booker as the Administrative Assistant for the Building Department pending all background checks and preemployment screening tests. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Aja Owens, and Lorraine Clower; none were absent; none opposed nor abstained.

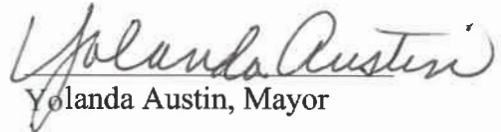
4. Hiring of an alternate Administrative Assistant

On the motion made by Councilwoman Owens, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Schona McClellon, Director of Housing and Economic Development, to hire Vanessa Williams as the alternate Administrative Assistant for the Building Department pending all background checks and preemployment screening tests if the original candidate cannot fulfill the position. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Aja Owens, and Lorraine Clower; none were absent; none opposed nor abstained.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Clower, the City Council voted the roll call votes of the following council members to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 p.m.: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Aja Owens, and Lorraine Clower; none were absent; none opposed nor abstained.

Approved:


Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:


Deletra Hudson, City Clerk