



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Jennings City Hall
November 19, 2018 - 7 p.m.**

The two thousand three hundred eighty sixth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Jennings City Hall

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PETITION FOR AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADDING SECTIONS 21.10.3, 21.10.4, 21.10.5, 21.10.6 AND 21.10.7 TO ARTICLE 21 OF THE JENNINGS ZONING CITY CODE REGARDING THE PLACEMENT AND SIZE OF POLITICAL SIGNS PLACED IN COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.

Mayor Austin opened the public hearing at 7 p.m. Councilman Terry Wilson spoke in favor of the petition by recommending to send it back to the Planning and Zoning Commission to remove the recommendation for an application and the application fees. He would then like for the petition to be resubmitted to the Council with the original request. None spoke against the petition. Mayor Austin closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

2. PETITION TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE IN C-2S SPECIAL SHOPPING SERVICE DISTRICT TO ADD NAICS CODE NUMBER 532120 TRUCK, UTILITY TRAILER AND SEMITRAILER AS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN THE C-2S SPECIAL SHOPPING SERVICE DISTRICT AT 8319 JENNINGS STATION ROAD D/B/A STORAGE HERE - PETITIONER: CHRISTOPHER WEBER, OWNER

Mayor Austin opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Lindy Finel, Regional Store Operations Manager for Store Here Self Storage, spoke in favor of the petition stating that the business is asking to be considered for U-Hall truck rentals at 8319 Jennings Station Road. Ms. Finel said specifically small moving trucks, sizes 12, 16, and 22 foot; no semi-trucks or trailers would be included. None spoke against the petition. Mayor Austin closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

3. REQUEST FOR LOT CONSOLIDATION- TO CONSOLIDATE A TRACT OF LAND BEING LOTS 17 THROUGH 52 INCLUSIVE AND LOTS 56 THROUGH 70 INCLUSIVE IN BLOCK 6 OF "WEST WALNUT MANOR", LOTS A& B OF THE SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 53, 54 AND 55 IN BLOCK 6 OF "WEST WALNUT MANOR" AND PART OF A VACATED ALLEY, IN U.S. SURVEY 1913, TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH RANGE 7 EAST, IN THE CITY OF FLORDELL HILLS AND THE CITY OF JENNINGS, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI: PETITIONERS: KOWELMAN ENGINEERING, INC. AND JARED BARR, METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT

Mayor Austin opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Jared Barr, with Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) spoke for the petition and stated that MSD is following the natural progression from the vacated alley that was brought before the Council in September. Mr. Barr reviewed MSD's plan for developing a storm water retention basin, to provide relief to the existing combined sewer, and the residents in the Jennings community and surrounding communities. He said that the water retention basin would reduce basement backups and street flooding's due to surcharged wet weather events. None spoke against the request. Mayor Austin closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

4. PETITION TO AMEND THE ZONING DISTRICT C-1 TO C-2 AT 5603 JENNINGS STATION ROAD TO ALLOW A FREE-STANDING BUSINESS SIGN AT 5603 JENNINGS STATION ROAD D/B/A THE HESTER GROUP. PETITIONER: LORENZO HESTER, OWNER

Mayor Austin opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Lorenzo Hester spoke for the petition and stated that he was at the October Council Meeting for the Public Hearings but was unaware that he needed to stay for the entire meeting. Mr. Hester reviewed the purpose of the sign, which is to advertise the type of business he provides. Councilman R. Epps asked what specifically is meant by free standing sign. He asked if it could be detached, would it be a permanent, and how big is the sign. City Attorney Alton advised that the sign is not bigger than the code will allow. Mr. Hester responded that the sign is considered free-standing since it is not attached to the building, but he does not believe the sign obstructs anyone's view. He said if the sign is approved it would be up permanently. Mr. Hester asked if he would need to stay for the remainder of the Council Meeting. Mayor Austin replied that he would be notified of the Council decision. None spoke against the petition. Mayor Austin closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. ***Call to order*** - Mayor Austin called to order the regular meeting for the City of Jennings at 7:11 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018.

2. ***Pledge of Allegiance***

3. ***Roll Call***

Councilmembers Present:

Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones (arrived at 8:45 p.m.), Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps

Also Present:

Yolanda Austin, Mayor; Sam Alton, City Attorney; Deletra Hudson, City Clerk; Henry Johnson, Director Public Health, Planning, Development, & Housing; John Geasley Jr., Interim Corrections Lt.; Brenda Williams, Finance Director; Willie Brandon Jr., Recreation Director; Captain Juan Cox, St. Louis County Police Department; James Maixner, Public Works Foreman

4. ***Approval of the Agenda***

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman R. Epps, the Council voted in favor of approving the agenda with the addition of the presentation for the Civic Center by the following roll call vote. Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epp; Councilmember opposed were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers abstained from voting were: Phyllis Anderson; Councilmembers absent from voting were: Miranda Jones

Councilwoman Dugger stated that several things were left on the Council's desk that were not included in the packets. She said listed the items left on the Council's desk, the meeting minutes from the October Council Meeting, with additional information for Courts, and corrections to monthly bills. Councilwoman Dugger requested to remove the items she listed from the agenda because they were not prepared for the Council to review. Councilman Wilson asked the Mayor to move forward with the roll call vote. He said that Councilwoman Dugger cannot make a motion while a motion is already on the floor that has been seconded. He asked to move forward with the motion to approve agenda with the addition of the Civic Center presentation.

Councilwoman Dugger asked that the record reflect her objection to the approved agenda with "half" of the items being left on the Council's desk.

5. ***Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 22, 2018***

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council voted in favor of approving the minutes from the regular meeting of October 22, 2018 by the following roll call vote. Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epp; Councilmember opposed were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers absent from voting were: Miranda Jones; none abstained from voting.

6. ***Approval of the minutes from the Special Council Meeting of November 7, 2018***

On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council voted in favor of approving the minutes from the Special Council Meeting of November 7, 2018 by the following roll call vote. Councilmembers: voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epp; Councilmember opposed were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers absent from voting were: Miranda Jones; none abstained from voting.

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

1. Presentation from St. Louis County Police Department

Captain Cox presented the monthly statistics for the St. Louis Police Department. He advised that the police have responded to an increase in calls, which he suspects is due to the holiday season. Captain Cox said the police department is stepping up patrols during the holiday season. He announced that the annual Neighborhood Watch Christmas Dinner will be on December 13th at 6 p.m., at Gary Gore. Captain Cox stated the dinner will be catered and all are welcome to come. He said to feel free to bring a desert to the dinner.

2. Presentation from Chief Goldstein, Riverview Fire District

Battalion Chief West-Morgan spoke on behalf of Chief Goldstein, and provided call volume, and promotion statistics for the Riverview Fire District over the last year. He said that the fire district was awarded a federal grant at the end of 2017 that allowed them to get three (3) CPR and five (5) automatic AED machines, that have been in service since April of 2018. He said since they have been in service, the Fire District has been able to make nine (9) clinical saves. Battalion Chief West-Morgan describe what a clinical save is. Battalion Chief West-Morgan said that labor management met at the end of October and the fire district's budget should be passed next month by the Board of Directors. Battalion Chief West-Morgan said the fire district has gone through some changes the last few years and expressed his gratitude towards the City of Jennings for continuing to work with the fire district during that time. He went on to say the smoke detector program is still going on. He stated that people can call the Riverview Fire District Headquarters at 314-867-3889. The district can install smoke detectors at no cost. The smoke detectors can last up to 10 years and do not require a battery change. He reported that carbon monoxide detectors are not included in the program. Councilwoman Dugger interjected, she wanted residents to know that they could get up to 2 smoke detectors and the program is with the Red Cross. Battalion Chief West-Morgan agreed and said the fire district partnered with the Red Cross. He advised that the Fire District would install a smoke detector on each level of a residence (main level, second level, basement). He said that the fire district would not turn anyone away who wanted a smoke detector.

3. Presentation from the Recreation Center

Willie Brandon Jr., Recreation Director, presented Gloria Nathan, Bus Driver, with a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Brandon described some of Ms. Nathan's work attributes. Ms. Nathan expressed her gratitude.

4. Presentation from Adam Spector, P.E.- St. Louis County Department of Transportation regarding the Jennings Station Road Project

Adam Spector, P.E., North/West Area Engineer, for St. Louis County Department of Transportation described the St. Louis County roads in the area. Mr. Spector said that he was invited by Councilwoman Dugger to speak at the Council Meeting. He provided a general overview of what his department was responsible for in the Jennings area. Mr. Spector provide a list of the County roads in the Jennings area. He described projects that have recently ended, and detailed the upcoming projects, and possible delays. Mr. Spector advised that if there are complaints about projects or the County roads, he can be reached at 314-615-8563 or via email (aspector@stlouisco.com) He said, if there is a complaint regarding potholes, dispatch (service request) can be reached at 314-615-8538 or by the going to St. Louis County's website.

5. Comments by the public

Shirley Hiob of 8805 Clifton, announced about the Clothing Give Away on December 15, 2018. She asked any retirees to come and assist with the giveaway. Ms. Hiob said set up will start at the Recreation Center on December 14th. She described some of the items people may be looking for at the giveaway and the benefits of helping.

Lindy Finel spoke to the Council during the Public Hearings and was no longer at the meeting.

Jane Brown of 2328 Ada Wortley Ave., presented accolades for the St. Louis County Police Officers. Ms. Brown said the police are doing more than just protecting and serving. Ms. Brown stated the police officers had a Halloween Festival at Gary Gore School. She described how she was impressed by the police participation with the youth. Ms. Brown detailed the event and how it showed some of youth's artistic ability. Ms. Brown said as we go in to the Holiday season, the County Police Officers are always pleasant and professional when giving the elders turkeys for the holidays. Ms. Brown said when the Police contract is up for renewal, if the elected officials are not voting in favor of renewing the contract, then they are not representing the residents.

Mary Brock of 5424 Fletcher St., wanted to know what was going on with the Senior Brunch on November 21st. She asked how seniors were chosen to be invited to the brunch. Mr. Brandon

replied that the brunch will be on November 21st at the Recreation Center and it is called "Dinner with our Seniors". Mr. Brandon went on to say that in the past, the senior events have been attended by the same seniors to be fair in the selection of attendees, the Recreation Staff thought a lottery should be done. Mr. Brandon described how the lottery data was gathered. He advised that it was a computer lottery so there was not a person selecting who was being picked. Mr. Brandon detailed the lottery selection process. Mr. Brandon said they are planning meals for 40 people not 75. Mr. Brandon said that the Recreation Staff felt that was the fairest way to engage with the seniors. Ms. Brock expressed her dissatisfaction, as a taxpayer, with the lottery process. She stated in the past everyone was invited, (seniors, police, etc) and now, ninety percent of the population is being excluded. Mr. Brandon advised that the Recreation Department cannot accommodate 1500 people. A resident (Ms. Rochelle) began to describe past senior events. Sgt. Perez advised the resident she needed to wait her turn to speak. Mr. Brandon advised that the event would have seniors and families. Councilman R. Epps asked if there were 75 people at the event last year and the year before. He also asked if the Recreation Department was prepared to feed 75 people this year. Mr. Brandon advised they are not. Ms. Brock asked who would be invited next year and how the community events are funded. Mr. Brandon described the different upcoming senior events and where the funding comes from for community events.

Ms. Brock said there are seniors that ride the senior bus that do not live in Jennings. Ms. Brock moved on to her next question and asked what makes the hold harmless liability waiver legal. Attorney Alton reviewed the discussions the City has had with the MoPerm (the City's Insurance carrier). Attorney Alton said the insurance carrier is requesting that the City has additional insurance for the bus and pay an extra fee. He said that once the insurance is in place then the City would not need the liability agreement for the bus. He said that the City is doing everything that it can to ensure that the bus service is properly covered with insurance and the service can be made available to the seniors, without also putting the City at risk. Attorney Alton said that the City received a response from MoPerm on November 19, 2018. They sent an additional coverage policy, which the City will discuss the legalities of in closed session. Ms. Brock discussed her thoughts and dissatisfaction with the hold harmless liability waiver. Councilwoman Dugger discussed her disapproval of the process and how she felt it should have been handled. Councilwoman Dugger said that she would like to make her motion again. Councilman Epps said the waiver does not stop anyone from filing suit against the City if they are injured on the bus, but it covers the City. After discussions amongst the Council, City Attorney Alton said if the Council removes the agreement before the insurance coverage is in place, the liability risk rises from the City. After continued discussion from the Council, Mayor Austin said the Council will discuss the options in closed session.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Dugger seconded by Councilwoman Roberts the Council voted against removing the hold harmless liability waiver agreement until the City has the opportunity to go through everything legal that the City needs to make sure the City is covered, and riders are covered. They stated that agreements already signed should be null and void until the City and the Legal Department figure out what is best for the residents and the City. By the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts; Councilmember opposed were: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; Councilmembers absent from voting were: Miranda Jones; none abstained from voting. Motion failed.

Councilwoman Anderson asked if the Council is saying that seniors cannot ride the bus without signing the agreement. Councilman Wilson said that is the rule in place now. Mayor Austin asked Mr. Brandon how many signed agreements he had received. Mr. Brandon responded approximately eighty. Councilwoman Dugger stated the residents did not understand the agreement and signed under duress.

Gary Johnson, of Florence Place 3rd Ward expressed his concerns with the leadership. He said that he listed out 110 things that need to be addressed. Mr. Gary Johnson said the main thing that needs to be addressed is the Council does not know the Comprehensive Plan and it is a living document. He described his views on why the Council should know the Comprehensive Plan. He reviewed the dates the Comprehensive Plan was last revised.

Councilwoman Dugger responded by saying that she has a copy of the Comprehensive Plan that was done in 2014. She stated the Council asked a month ago in one of the committee meetings for the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Gary Johnson interjected that Councilwoman Dugger has been in office for 3 years. Councilwoman Dugger said she has the Comprehensive Plan and the Council asked for the remaining members be given the plan and it was not given yet. Mr. Gary Johnson asked Councilwoman Dugger if she has the Comprehensive Plan why is she voting "no" on things that align with the plan. Councilwoman Dugger said she has an option to vote "no". Mayor Austin asked Mr. Henry Johnson if the Comprehensive Plan was emailed to the councilmembers. Mr. Henry Johnson said that it was. Mayor Austin asked the councilmembers if they got the Comprehensive Plan by email. All the councilmembers except Councilwoman Dugger said that they got the email of the Comprehensive Plan.

Willie Wilkes was no longer at the Council meeting.

Mousa Dor Hasan, of 7365 W. Florissant, said he is the new owner of the Hawaiian Grill and is making the Council aware of the petition to transfer.

Doris Green and Helen Birtan of 236 Middle River Road expressed concerns about the Senior Apartments. She said the apartments' rent was raised every month. Ms. Birtan described the details of when and how much her rent has been raised along with the next expected increase. Ms. Birtan expressed her concerns with the rent being raised and a phase 3 Senior Apartments being built. Ms. Green described how the rent is being raised through the Missouri Council. Ms. Green said they are asking the Council to not to let them do a Phase 3 of the proposed project. Attorney Alton said that he would get Ms. Birtan and Ms. Green information and reach out to the building owner and the landlord.

David Green, of 8630 Clifton, ("Chef") said he was a new member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said the last meeting he attended, he heard some discouraging remarks about how dysfunctional the Planning and Zoning Commission was supposed to be. He said he heard a recording and the way he understood it was that Councilwoman Dugger was trying to discredit the Mayor's competencies and decision making. He expressed that he heard he was used as a pawn by saying the Mayor appointed "him" to the Planning and Zoning Commission and he is only a Chef. He said he is a very good Chef and proud of it. He expressed the reasons he joined the Planning and Zoning Commission, and his views on the leadership and the community in Jennings. Chef Green said he is concerned about Jennings being built up. He expressed his views on areas that need to be developed.

Shirley Wayne, of 5828 Janet Avenue, said she is aware the Shop-N-Save is not in Jennings, but she wanted to know if Ruler Foods Stores was coming to Jennings. She thanked the Building Department for cutting weeds on the lots at 5831 and 5829 Helen. She said she did have to contact the Building Department multiple times to get the weeds cut down, but she was patient. She asked the Mayor to consider doing another home auction. Ms. Wayne said she appreciated how the auction is going to help our community go forward. Ms. Wayne expressed her views of what the Councils' goals should be and how to move forward. Mayor Austin responded with the Ruler Foods' CEO currently is not interested in Jennings, but the City is still reaching out.

Councilmembers Reports:

Councilwoman Carol Epps thanked Public Works for removing the tires, cutting the grass at 6350 and 6358 Laura, and removing the mattress at Wilburn and Lilian. She ended her report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Rodney Epps wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He said before he starts his report, he wishes the Recreation Center could add 30 additional meals for the senior dinner. He said he does not know if the meals are being catered. He reported that in the 2300 block of Shirley there are four houses that need to be boarded up. Councilman R. Epps said it seems like some of the council is working in different directions or is concerned with showing what someone is not doing. He described examples of the Council not working cohesively. He expressed his desires for the Council and the City. Councilman R. Epps said the City does not want to keep losing residents because the residents are the heart and blood of the City. He ended his report by thanking everyone for coming and said that he hopes to see everyone again next month.

Councilwoman Julia Roberts started her report with a quote. She thanked Sgt. Perez for assisting with the issue at Fairview Baptist Church. She thanked Mr. Brandon for taking items out of her car at the Recreation Center. Councilwoman Roberts said 5603 Sapphire needs a full board up, 5320 College is a vacant Church and needs to be boarded up. She said she has photos to show of the damages that have been caused by people coming in or squatters at 5320 College. She went on to say at 7200 Marge, there has been dumping and brush/vegetation that was removed is laying down to the side. She said you can see the stop sign better, but it is still limited. Councilwoman Roberts said if you are driving north bound on College, you will not be able to see eastbound on Marge. She asked if the City owned the property at 7200 Marge. She described problems that have taken place near 7200 Marge. Mr. Johnson said that he will give Councilwoman Roberts an update. Councilwoman Roberts said she is asking for 7200 Marge to be placed on the demolition list, and asked Mr. Johnson when she would get an update. Mr. Johnson said he would respond first thing in the morning.

She said there will be signs put out, at the end of November beginning of December, for the Clothing Give Away that will be held on December 15th. She said if you know anyone, spread the word about the Give Away.

Councilwoman Roberts referred to the comments made about the Thanksgiving dinner. She said that for the Senior Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner it feels like seniors are being excluded. She remembers attending last year where everyone was fed. She said the City bus made a few trips to get seniors last year. She said she feels the lottery selection excludes seniors. Councilwoman Roberts expressed her concerns with the lottery system. She said that the dinner should be open for all seniors to attend. Councilwoman Roberts said if the Recreation Center is having an issue with money for the events, then a work around may need to happen, such as seniors contributing to the event. Mayor Austin asked Councilwoman Roberts if she has spoken with Mr. Brandon prior to the Council meeting. Councilwoman Roberts responded no. Mayor Austin asked Councilwoman Roberts to speak with Mr. Brandon. Councilwoman Roberts ended her report by wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving, a wonderful month and thanked everyone for coming.

Councilwoman Phyllis Anderson asked if the Council is still able to yield time residents. Mayor Austin responded "no" it should not have been happening. Councilwoman Anderson asked when that was stopped. Mayor Austin responded it should have never started. Attorney Alton's comment was inaudible. Councilwoman Anderson said that she would like to yield a portion of her time to Mousa Dor Hassan. She said she thinks what he wants to say has something to do with what is being discussed. Mr. Hassan spoke to the Council and stated that he is the owner of the Hawaiian Grill and he can donate 50 dinners for the senior dinner at the Recreation Center on November 21st. Councilwoman Anderson thanked James Maixner and the Public Works Department for picking up trash on X-graph and McLaran. She said she is looking forward to seeing every one of at the Clothing Give Away on December 15th. Councilwoman Anderson ended her report by wishing everyone a blessed holiday.

Councilwoman Francine Dugger thanked the Fire Department and Mr. Spector for coming out and giving information to the Council. She said she had a wonderful time at Trunk or Treat (Halloween event). She said hearsay is dangerous (in reference to David Green's comments). She said that she has two phone lines available to be reached, both are her personal lines, but she can be reached. Councilwoman Dugger said she is available to have a conversation if you hear something. She said that if you cannot approach the conversation in love, approach it with respect. She said taking piece of conversations can incite people and elected officials have the right to vote in favor or opposed information as they see fit. Councilwoman Dugger said what it

means, is as elected officials we have the right to vote against whatever or in favor. She said that does not mean the Council is not working together, that means the Council is exercising their right to vote the way they want to vote. She continued to discuss her opinion on the way Council can vote. She said there are a lot of things that can be discussed in committee meetings, but we are not meeting in committee. Councilwoman Dugger said she will point out things she sees not going the way the State says it should go from the training that she has received. Councilwoman Dugger ended her report by wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Jones arrived at 8:45 p.m.

Councilman Terry Wilson gave a shout out to the Urban League for getting their interactive teller up and running. He said that it located in the "Great Ward 2". He said if you bank at Enterprise Banking Trust you can visit the Urban League for those services. The Urban League will be giving out turkeys on November 20th from 1-3 for Jennings residents. He announced that the Mayor's organization gave out away over 400 pairs of shoes to families in need. He said the organization is taking donations for Christmas baskets at 6614 West Florissant, Monday through Thursday.

Councilman Wilson gave the Municipal League report for last month. He reported the meeting was in Florissant at their new Courts Building. He said Taylor Duncan, a 5-year-old who lives in Waynesville, has a mission to meet all of the Mayors in Missouri. He said there are 900 Mayors in the whole State. He said Ms. Duncan met many Mayors by attending the Municipal League meeting. He said Mayor Austin gave Ms. Duncan our official lapel pin along with some of the other Mayors.

Councilman Wilson said Jennings School District is doing well and going on break. He ended his report by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Miranda Jones apologized for being late. She said there was a School Board Meeting and her daughter had a play at the same time. Councilwoman Jones said on November 20th there is a free City-Wide Youth Empowerment Rally with Better Family Life at Scottish Rights Cathedral from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. About 2,500 kids will be attending. She said the snow was interesting and gave kudos to Public Works. She said she did not have any additional reports. Councilman Wilson asked to "borrow" some of Councilwoman Jones minutes to make a motion regarding the political signs' ordinance.

One the motion made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilman R. Epps, the Council voted all in favor to send the petition for an ordinance enacting and adding sections 21.10.3, 21.10.4, 21.10.5, 21.10.6 and 21.10.7 to article 21 of the Jennings Zoning City Code Regarding the placement and size of political signs placed in commercial districts back to the Planning and Zoning Commission to remove the application process and fees.

Councilwoman Jones gave information about current Hope House 1. She said there will be a dinner on December 17th and they just want to make this a beautiful time for the kids in the City's shelter Home. She said Councilmembers and the Mayor are invited to the dinner on December 17th.

Councilman Allan Stichnote thanked Public Works for the snow removal. He said this is the first year in a few years he has not gotten any complaints. He asked residents to notify the City of street lights that are out. He said the City pays the same bill regardless if the light is working or not. Councilman Stichnote thanked the police for removing the drug house on Hodiament and the derelict cars in Ward 1. Councilman Stichnote ended his report by wishing everyone a safe Thanksgiving.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Approval of the monthly reports

On motion made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the Council voted in favor of approving the monthly department reports by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epp; Councilmember opposed were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; none absent or abstained from voting.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means Committee- reported no meeting
2. Public Works Committee - reported no meeting
3. Building Committee- reported no meeting
4. Park Committee - Chairman Stichnote reviewed the Parks Committee meeting from Wednesday November 7th. He described and detailed construction signs for each park. He said the committee approved the signs. Chairman Stichnote reviewed the bids for the signs and which bid was selected and why. He advised there was a change order for Koeneman Park regarding electrical lines. He reported the committee approved the change order to come out of parks sales tax and detailed the work that needs to be done. Chairman Stichnote stated the committee approved signs showing the parks will be opening and closing from Dusk to Dawn November 1 to March 31

Councilwoman Dugger asked if the Committee is approving the change order for work at Koeneman Park or they are making recommendations to the Council. Chairman Stichnote said the change order was approved and it was they are under \$10,000.00, so that it can move forward. Councilwoman Dugger interjected asking Attorney Alton where is that the committees make the approval and not a recommendation. Attorney Alton said the change order is under \$10,000.00, and the Council can discuss the \$10,000.00 limit. After further discussion amongst Chairman Stichnote and Councilwoman Dugger, Councilwoman Dugger asked if the policy can be shown to her. Mayor Austin showed agreements from 02/08/2017 signed by Councilwoman Dugger when she was Mayor Pro Tern. During that time, she signed off on change order of \$12,787.79 that was not Council approved. Councilwoman Dugger discussed her dissatisfaction with the information shown. Councilwoman Dugger said she should have been given a call with the information that has been provided. Councilman Wilson said it was his understanding that since the project was approved, and something came about; that is why he thought that it did not need to come to the Council.

5. Municipal League - report given by Councilman Wilson during Councilmembers reports
6. Planning Commission - reported no meeting
7. Policy Committee- reported no meeting
8. Solid Waste Committee- reported no meeting
9. Beautification Committee - reported no meeting
10. Youth Commission - no meeting since last Council Meeting
11. Senior Commission - no report since last Council Meeting

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (PROPOSED ORDINANCES)

1. An ordinance of the City of Jennings, Missouri, adding section 532120 of the North American Classification System (NAICS) to Article 9 of the City of Jennings Zoning Code relating to permitted/conditional uses in the C-2S Special Shopping and Service District.

First reading on the motion made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Jones the following bill was introduced:

Bill# 2548 An ordinance of the City of Jennings, Missouri, adding section 532120 of the North American Classification System (NAICS) to Article 9 of the City of Jennings Zoning Code relating to permitted/conditional uses in the C-2S Special Shopping and Service District.

Second reading on the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilman Wilson

The bill became ordinance # 2490 by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epp; none opposed, were absent or abstained from voting.

2. An ordinance of the City of Jennings, Missouri, Authorizing a lot consolidation of lots 17 through 52 inclusive and lots 56 through 70 inclusive in block 6 of "West Walnut Manor", Lots A & B of Subdivision of Lots 53-55 in block 6 of "West Walnut Manner" and Part of a vacated alley, in US survey 1919, Township 46 North Range 7 east, in the City of Flordell Hills and the City of Jennings, St. Louis County, Missouri.

First reading on the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilman Wilson the following bill was introduced:

Bill# 2549 An ordinance of the City of Jennings, Missouri, Authorizing a lot consolidation of lots 17 through 52 inclusive and lots 56 through 70 inclusive in block 6 of "West Walnut Manor", Lots A & B of Subdivision of Lots 53-55 in block 6 of "West Walnut Manner" and Part of a vacated alley, in US survey 1919, Township 46 North Range 7 east, in the City of Flordell Hills and the City of Jennings, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Second reading on the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilman Wilson

The bill became ordinance # 2491 by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epp; none opposed, were absent or abstained from voting.

3. An ordinance transferring a conditional use permit from Eid Hassan to Mousa Dar Hasan to Operate a Fast Food/Carryout Restaurant to be known as Hawaiian Grill Restaurant at 7365 West Florissant in the City of Jennings, Missouri.

First reading on the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilman Wilson the following bill was introduced:

Bill # 2550 An ordinance transferring a conditional use permit from Eid Hassan to Mousa Dar Hasan to Operate a Fast Food/Carryout Restaurant to be known as Hawaiian Grill Restaurant at 7365 West Florissant in the City of Jennings, Missouri.

Second reading on the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilman Wilson

The bill became ordinance # 2492 by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epp; none opposed, were absent or abstained from voting.

4. An ordinance of the City of Jennings, Missouri, Amending Chapter 25, Section 25-3 of the Jennings City Code.

First reading on the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilman Wilson the following bill was introduced:

Bill# 2551 An ordinance of the City of Jennings, Missouri, Amending Chapter 25, Section 25-3 of the Jennings City Code.

Second reading on the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilman Wilson

The bill became ordinance # 2493 by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epp; none opposed, were absent or abstained from voting.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. An ordinance of the City of Jennings, Missouri, amending the Zoning District C-1 to C-2 at 5603 Jennings Station Road to allow a free-standing business sign at 5603 Jennings Station Road, Jennings and approving a Conditional Use Permit relating to same.

First reading on the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilman Wilson the following bill was introduced:

Bill# 2552 An ordinance of the City of Jennings, Missouri, amending the Zoning District C-1 to C-2 at 5603 Jennings Station Road to allow a free-standing business sign at 5603 Jennings Station Road, Jennings and approving a Conditional Use Permit relating to same.

Second reading on the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilman Wilson

The bill became ordinance # 2494 by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epp; Councilmembers opposed: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; none were absent or abstained from voting.

2. An ordinance of the city of Jennings, Missouri, adopting and enacting the City of Jennings, Missouri Exterior Housing Repair Grant Program.

Councilwoman Jones said the Exterior Housing Repair Grant Program is a good program, but where is the money coming from. Councilwoman Dugger said committees have not met. Councilman Stichnote asked if the Exterior Housing Repair Grant Program has gone to Ways and Means. Councilman R. Epps said, the Exterior Housing Repair Grant Program has come to Ways and Means but the logistics have not been worked out.

First reading on the motion made by Councilwoman Dugger and seconded by Councilwoman Anderson the following bill was introduced:

Bill# 2553 An ordinance of the city of Jennings, Missouri, adopting and enacting the City of Jennings, Missouri Exterior Housing Repair Grant Program.

Second reading on the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilwoman Dugger

The bill failed to become an ordinance by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers opposed: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; none were absent or abstained from voting.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of a resolution of the City of Jennings, Missouri Authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Jennings a cooperation agreement between the City of Jennings, Missouri, and the St. Louis County Board of Elections.

Councilwoman Roberts asked about the lottery selection processes for the position of the ballot. After discussion amongst the Council with Attorney Alton, the Council voted in favor of approving the resolution.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Wilson the Council voted all in favor of approving a resolution of the City of Jennings, Missouri authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Jennings a cooperation agreement between the City of Jennings, Missouri, and the St. Louis County Board of Elections.

2. Approval of the monthly bills for payment

Councilwoman Dugger said information was incomplete. Councilwoman Roberts said it shows we collected \$579,115.22 in October. Mayor Austin's comment was inaudible. Councilwoman Roberts said it said we spent \$800,315.09. Ms. Brenda Williams confirmed that was correct. Councilwoman Roberts said that we spent a significant amount more than what we brought in. She asked to see the trend. Ms. Williams asked if the Council wanted to see an income statement. Councilwoman Roberts said yes and that this type of spending is something the City needs to track and be mindful of. Ms. Williams said that on this report, you will notice that the Federal Jail money didn't come in, it was late coming in. Ms. Williams reviewed other reasons for the increase in spending. Councilwoman Dugger asked Councilman R. Epps if he knew where the City's budget was now. Councilman R. Epps responded that the year to date budget is on paper. He said the City's operating budget is \$5,000,000.00

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson and seconded Councilwoman Jones, the Council voted in favor of approving the monthly bills for payment by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; Councilmembers opposed: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; none were absent or abstained from voting.

3. Motion for closed session, legal and Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3)

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council voted in favor of closed session, legal and personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3), by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; none opposed, abstained, or were absent from voting.

I. Mayor's Report

1. Report from Mayor Austin:

Mayor Austin reported the Department Heads met and assigned training session from MoPerm for employees. She said training has been assigned to the Councilmembers and they can be given to a password and pin and do training, such as Ethical Behavior for Legal Government. Mayor Austin provided an update on the phone system and thanked the Council for approving it. She reviewed what the Special Service Coordinator has been doing. Mayor Austin said the City is putting bids out for towing and cleaning. She encouraged the public that if anyone knew anyone who could perform the services, let them know about the RFP. She thanked everyone that stayed said to have a blessed holiday.

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

1. Personnel (RSMO 610:021-3)

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson and second by Councilman R. Epps the Council voted in favor of the recommendation to transfer Ashely Cooley from the Building Department as Permit Clerk to the Courts Department as a permanent Court Clerk (GS-7-D \$28,541.00), by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; Councilmembers abstained from voting: Francine Dugger; none were absent or opposed voting.

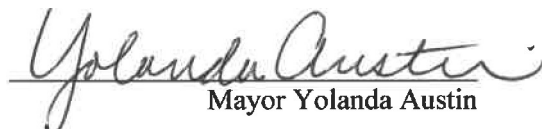
On the motion made by Councilman Wilson and second by Councilman Stichnote the Council voted in favor of the recommendation to terminate Markeis Cotton, Public Works Department Independent Contractor, by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; none opposed, were absent or abstained from voting.

J. ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment

Councilman Wilson left at 9:55 p.m.

On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Council woman C. Epps, the Council voted in favor of adjourning the closed session, legal and personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3) at 10:03 p.m. on Monday November 19, 2018.


Mayor Yolanda Austin

Attest:


Kareen McNeal, Deputy City Clerk

