



Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video
July 27, 2020
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

The two thousand four hundred and fifth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Video.

A. PUBLIC HEARING

1. PETITION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO ADRIANN WILLIAMS TO OPERATE A HAIR BRAIDING STUDIO 1276 ST. CYR RD. SUITES 111-113 IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

Irvetta Williams, Economic Development Consultant, said the Conditional Use Permit for Adriann Williams was discussed at the Planning Commission Meeting. It was approved by the Planning Commission for recommendation to the City Council for final approval.

No one spoke for or against the Conditional Use Permit for a hair studio at 1276 St. Cyr Rd. Suites 111-113 for Adriann Williams.

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 Stichnoter, Miranda Jones, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clover, Aja Owens; Terry Wilson arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Council member(s) absent: none.

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

3. Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2020.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Clover, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2020. All in favor; none opposed.

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

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

Tim Heilmann, Norwood Hills Country Club, Assistant Director, said the Ascension Charity Classic Pro Tournament will be held on September 28th – October 4th. He said the event planning is a four-year commitment, and he looked forward to working with everyone. The event is for ages

fifteen (15) and up, with a total of eighty-one (81) players. Councilwoman Jones said that she looked forward to the event.

Shirley Mayne, 5828 Janet Avenue, thanked Jim Maixner, Public Works Director, for the work on Janet Avenue. She reported old cars parked in the driveway of 5824 Janet Avenue and weeds or grass cutting is needed at 5826 Janet Avenue. She asked what the citing process was in regard to the nuisance ordinance or the weed-fence line ordinance.

Jim said he would follow up with her. He reported that Casionia Peebles-Miller, Code Enforcement Inspector, tagged the vehicles to be towed. Mayor Austin asked how long the process is to tow a vehicle once it has been tagged. Jim estimated about 48 hours for the vehicle to be removed if parked on City streets. If the property were to be City-owned, the property must be treated as if it were private, which could make the process take a bit longer.

Codi Dye, 8824 Scottdale Avenue, said she has lived in Jennings for two years. She reported that the property at 8891 Scottdale Avenue has been abandoned for quite some time. The residents on that street have noticed a suspicious vehicle parked on the property and Codi reported that there may be people squatting there. The community has reached out to the Building Department to report suspicious activity and the trash dumping that is occurring there.

Mayor Austin asked Capt. Law if he would address the trashing dumping. Capt. Law said he would dispatch Officer Bakula in regard to the suspicious vehicle parked at 8891 Scottdale Avenue. Jim said that he recognized the property address and he was aware that the City currently has a device on it. He said he would look into removing the device.

Councilwoman Jones asked Codi to reach out to her for any of the community's needs. Codi commented that Public Works did a great job keeping up with property maintenance and grass cutting.

Marietta Beck, 5476 Hodiament, said she wanted to follow up on the 5841 and 5831 Hodiament addresses that have abandoned vehicles on the property. She commented that it seemed it is taking a long time to have the abandoned vehicles removed. Ms. Beck also reported that 5454 Hodiament was vacant, with 8 to 9 cars parked in the driveways of both properties.

Jim said he would follow up on the tags that were placed on the vehicles. He explained that the vehicles were legally licensed, which presented an issue in having the vehicles removed. Mayor Austin said there was no ordinance in existence against excess vehicles parked in a property's driveway.

David Green, 8630 Clifton, asked if the City was planning on paving Switzer Avenue. He said there were patches currently on the road which makes for a terrible drive. Jim said Public Works is short on labor, but the paver is scheduled to be out on Switzer Avenue, on the stretch from Clifton to Emma.

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

Councilwoman Clower reported that she participated in the Ward 4 neighborhood cleanup over the previous weekend. She provided a list of properties to the City Council in Ward 4 that need to be cut due to high grass in the Janet Avenue area. Councilwoman Clower thanked Jim for his diligence in grass cutting. She reported grass cutting at 5534 Hampton was needed and at 8312 Hampton, a home may need to be removed.

Councilwoman Clower proposed that Hampton Avenue be made into a one-way street due to the street's narrowness and potential traffic hazards there. Jim said that she may petition the Public Works and Building Committee for the change to occur. Councilwoman Clower said she provided a list of homes of concern in Ward 4 to Mayor Austin, who compared the list to the current homes up for demolition. She thanked Mayor Austin for her responsiveness and diligence with following up on her concern. She reported there was a total of eighteen (18) homes suggested for demolition and two (2) of the homes were sold through the auction. Councilwoman Clower asked about nine (9) homes that may have difficulties regarding back taxes owed and the responsibility of homeowners to maintain those properties. Mayor Austin reminded her that she should contact the

Building Department for those addresses to be entered into the MyGov system, so they may be addressed properly.

Councilwoman Clower thanked Margie Brown, Administrative Assistant, and Schona McClellon, Director of Housing and Economic Development, for their assistance with trash service questions and concerns. She appreciated their help and patience with her. Councilwoman Clower reported she attended an informational meeting regarding the Sunshine Law and how it applies to her role on the Jennings City Council. Councilwoman Clower reminded Ward 4 residents, especially those on Hamilton Avenue, that trash cans should be rolled away after trash service. Mayor Austin suggested to Councilwoman Clower that she include a reminder in the upcoming edition of the City of Jennings Newsletter.

Councilwoman Owens began her report with a quote: "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy." She thanked the Public Works Department and recognized them for their diligence and hard work.

Councilwoman Owens reported a Ward 4 neighborhood cleanup, which had a nice group of volunteers and thanked Councilwoman Brown for being involved. She said there continues to be food distribution every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church at 5300 Helen Avenue. Councilwoman Owens said there is a non-profit organization that will be hosting a New Balance shoe giveaway to senior residents in the Jennings community. She asked if anyone knew seniors in Jennings that are in need, to get in contact with her.

Councilwoman Owens said on July 11, 2020, there was a protest led by the 6th and 7th graders from the Jennings School District. She said it was great to see that come together with an ice cream giveaway to celebrate coming together and organizing it. Councilwoman Owens asked that anyone who knows of families with young children (babies) that need assistance, there are items for young children and diapers she is trying to give away, so please let her know. Councilwoman Owens said that on August 1, 2020, New Life Church is hosting a school supply giveaway at the Jennings campus, 2300 McLaren Avenue from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. She encouraged families to apply for free tennis shoes for their children.

Councilwoman Owens reported that the speeding in different areas of Jennings is getting out of control. She pointed out that on Helen Avenue, being close to highway 70, is seeing increased activity with speeding vehicles. She said that City Council receives a lot of complaints about speeding and would like to discuss what could be done to address that issue.

Councilwoman Owens thanked Jennings residents for coming together to help each other and Ward 4, where there is a lot of work needed, she has begun to see a lot of progress. She also thanked the City of Jennings employees, specifically the Public Works Department for all they have done.

Councilwoman Anderson reported that she passed along information to Mayor Austin regarding trash dumping near 8717 Clifton Avenue, she asked if it was addressed. Mayor Austin said that she passed the information to the Building Department so that it can be addressed. Councilwoman Anderson said she received a call about weeds and high grass on the 7300 block of Jewwood Avenue, she asked if Jim had gotten a chance to follow up on that. Jim said he will follow up to make sure MyGov input was made. She mentioned 2608 Kinamore also needed to be addressed. Jim said it would be and the property is a new Jennings property.

Councilwoman Anderson thanked Councilman Gary Johnson for always seeing that Jennings constituents are provided vegetables through his food distributions. She said that the City of Jennings appreciates that so much. She closed with a quote by the recently passed John Lewis, "If you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have the moral obligation to do something about it."

Councilwoman Brown thanked Mayor Austin and all who participated on the City Council Meeting call. She said the month had moved quickly for her and she has enjoyed the activities that she has been engaged in.

On July 6, 2020, she received a concern from a resident and met with Jim Mainxner for a prompt response and presented a clear plan for following through to the homeowner's satisfaction. She thanked Jim. Councilwoman Brown said on July 7, 2020, she met with Capt. Law and Officer

McCrary. She was given a front-row view of St. Louis County's new bodycam system and gained an understanding of the surveillance capabilities, which was impressive and provided real time observance of activity and progress. Capt. Law invited Councilwoman Brown to select dates to meet and greet Ward 2 residents, she looked forward to that opportunity. She believed it was an excellent way to expand and hone community relations. She encouraged residents to become involved in the Neighborhood Watch Meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at 2545 Dorwood. Councilwoman Brown said there has not been any updates about the Neighborhood Watch meetings being hosted using Zoom during the pandemic, but she hopes to keep Ward 2 residents in the loop. She encouraged residents to enroll in the Citizen's Police Academy Training which lasts six (6) weeks, that gives a better understanding of how Jennings Precinct Officers maintain their skills for serving and protecting the Jennings community. She said a number of residents have participated in the session and thoroughly enjoyed it.

On Saturday, July 16, 2020, Councilwoman Brown had the pleasure of meeting the members of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church at 5300 Helen Avenue in Ward 4. She commented they were an enthusiastic, "spirit-filled" group that covered all generations. They joined Councilwomen Owens and Clower in the neighborhood cleanup they hosted in Ward 4. On July 23, 2020, she attended the meetings for the Building and Public Works Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee. On Friday July 24, 2020, Councilwoman Brown enjoyed the first Summer Concert event at Koenenman Park. She said there was a great turn out and reported there were no complaints about the social distancing at the Concert. She complimented the Recreation Department staff, who executed an excellent way to provide ample spacing, with ushers, who greeted guests as they arrived.

Councilwoman Brown asked Mayor Austin how she could follow through with questions she had about departmental reports, but it would make her run over her allotted reporting time, she asked how she could address those concerns. Mayor Austin suggested she follow up with those department heads.

Councilman Wilson greeted everyone on the call. He commended Jim and the Public Works staff for the swift job of cleaning up the old Tiny Tot's School near Hall's Ferry and Cozens. He appreciated that and residents were pleased with the outcome. Jim said that the Building Department needs to know about that property because the owner complied with the notices that were issued. Councilman Wilson asked if the corner of Berkay Avenue and Ada Wortley was addressed. Jim said that the address was added to the MyGov system. Councilman Wilson asked if a property on the right at the light at Ada Wortley and Jennings Station Road was private property. Jim said that the property was private, and it was cut earlier this year. He promised the property would be revisited. Councilman Wilson followed up on a sewer lateral issue near Riverwood that involved a hole in the street, where Public Works set up cones around the hole. He asked what the plan was for the sewer lateral issue. Jim said he would follow up on the issue, which MSD did respond to in the past, typically those are handled by the Building Department.

Councilman Wilson reported that two weeks ago he was able to collaborate with State Representative Raychel Proudie, who represents parts of Ferguson, Kinloch and Berkeley. There was a community clean up in Kinloch, which has been neglected for a long time. He commented that it was a sight to see the community, church groups, and elected officials came together. There is still so much work to be done there. He was grateful that the officials that were present could see for themselves what is happening in that area firsthand.

Councilman Wilson reminded residents of the upcoming August 4, 2020 election. He reminded everyone that they could vote at any poll in St. Louis County now, because of a new system where the poll volunteers can print ballots on demand, based off your identification. He encouraged everyone to show up and show out.

Councilwoman Anderson asked if the information about the polling places could be posted on the board at Lucas and Hunt and Hord. Councilman Wilson said that he was sure it could be discussed with Deletra Hudson and to be sure it is worded properly as to not confuse the public.

Councilman Wilson mentioned that he attended the first Summer Concert at Koenenman Park, he said it was great. He thanked the Recreation Department for their good work making sure everyone who attended was observing social distancing, it looked fairly safe and attendees enjoyed themselves. Councilwoman Anderson asked if the Recreation Department would be able

to pass along the information, Councilman Wilson said that flyers were already out. Mayor Austin said that Willie Brandon, Recreation Department, was on the call and can email the flyer.

Councilman Johnson reported distribution of food boxes in connection with the Ferguson Neighborhood Association, was continued on Wednesdays at the old Fairview Baptist Church, 5320 College Avenue, starting between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Councilman Johnson reported that he attended the 6th and 7th grade social justice parade. He said it was a powerful moment for students to put that event together, to be heard and take action on their issues and concerns. Councilman Johnson attended his first Policy and Ordinance Committee Meeting and he looked forward to working with other City Councilmembers on that committee. He also attended the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. He thanked Jim for the efforts of the Public Works Department for getting the grass cut and he said Ward 3 looks very different with the grass trimmed and residents have commented on the upkeep.

Councilman Johnson said speeding has been affecting everyone in Jennings, and he suggested to Mayor Austin or the City Council that they sit down and discuss at a special meeting how to address the issue of speeding, with a City-wide effort. Councilman Johnson wished the newly elected councilmembers a pleasant first month and he could not wait to work with each one of them.

Councilwoman Jones thanked Jim for rising to the challenge and keeping his commitments to the City. She said she knew that he has been dealing with a lot with his family, she wanted to thank him for his diligence, and it means a lot. Prayers are being said for him and his family.

Councilwoman Jones reported speeding was a topic of concern at the Public Works and Building Committee Meeting. She reminded councilmembers that any of them may attend the Committee Meetings. They discussed the possibility of using speed bumps. On August 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., there will be a meeting using Zoom, for Ward 1 and she was looking forward to it. She reminded residents that August 4, 2020, election was very important.

Councilwoman Jones was very excited to witness the social justice march with Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman Owens. It was exciting to see the children take control, as other communities are also doing so. She said it was exciting to see this positive energy from every single Jennings Ward.

Councilwoman Jones inquired about discrepancies on the monthly police report and when Mayor Austin would prefer she asks her question. Mayor Austin said she could ask her question during her report. Councilwoman Jones asked Capt. Law why the beat numbers looked to be off in the report and are not accurate. Capt. Law reminded Councilwoman Jones that not every Ward is set up to the beats but differs from the beat map. He promised to get the correct numbers and get back to her. Mayor Austin reiterated that the Wards do not match up to the report beats. Councilwoman Jones asked why that was. Capt. Law said there are numerous reasons but the main reason is call response, for example, Ward 1 had fifty (50) calls for service per day and Ward 2 had twenty (20), the Precinct attempts to evenly distribute the calls to officers on duty after being evaluated. Mayor Austin asked Councilwoman Jones if she received the beat map in the councilmember packets. Councilwoman Jones said that she had received it. Capt. Law said that the main reason was for faster response times to calls.

Mayor Austin asked if Councilwoman Jones would speak briefly to the community about what is happening in regard to children returning to school for the upcoming semester. Councilman Wilson said that the reason why it was not addressed by other councilmembers, who are also on the Jennings School Board, is because there was an upcoming board meeting and they did not want to supply inaccurate information to the public. Councilwoman Jones said the Jennings School District was the first district to test out the functionality of children returning to school, by having an in-person summer school. She reassured the Mayor that parents in the Jennings School District, as of that point, will have a choice in regard to virtual learning or attendance in-person. Mayor Austin heard that parents could register their children online. Councilman Wilson said there should be a formal update coming soon and they will let the City know so it may be posted to the City of Jennings Website. Councilwoman Jones said parents can expect a robo-call with the relevant information soon.

Councilman Stichnote reported a resident of Ward 1 had her air conditioning fail in her home and could not afford the cost of a new unit. She called Mayor Austin, the Mayor did find one, then she asked Councilman Stichnote to assist in obtaining the unit for the resident and the Riverview Fire District to help install the unit at the woman's home. Councilman Stichnote thanked Mayor Austin for her readiness to help Jennings residents.

Councilman Stichnote thanked Capt. Law for the approximately sixty (60) derelict cars that the Jennings Precinct was able to get off the streets. He noted that there are a lot of speeding vehicles driving through Ward 1. Councilman Stichnote asked Capt. Law if St. Louis County Highway Safety Team could be enlisted to patrol in Jennings with the issue of speeding. Capt. Law said that he could try to get Highway Safety to assist, he noted that speeding vehicles are a problem throughout the entire City of Jennings and he has been discussing with Mayor Austin how the City could get some help with it. He promised to continue to work with the Mayor to help in that area.

Councilman Stichnote reported about the Summer Concert held at Koenenman Park and commented on the great turn out. He asked Willie for copies of the flyers his ushers were distributing at the event. Willie said he would get some to him. Councilman Stichnote said he would follow up with Codi Dye regarding the concerns she voiced earlier and asked her to reach out to him at 314-951-4243.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin thanked City department heads for their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic. She appreciated their diligence when faced with challenges like being short-staffed or employees being sick, they have done a great job meeting the needs of the Jennings community and keeping the City progressing forward.

Mayor Austin said she met with Alderwoman Pamela Boyd of Ward 27 of the City of St. Louis. Ward 27 does connect to the City of Jennings and experienced crime in that area near McLaran and Goodfellow, as well as Acme and West Florissant. Mayor Austin has another upcoming meeting with Alderwoman Boyd, Lieutenants of the City, and Capt. Law to discuss strategies to work together to address the crime in the area.

Mayor Austin reported weekly and monthly meetings with Mayors to discuss things happening within St. Louis County and its municipalities. The City of Jennings received a grant of \$49,180 from the Department of Justice through their Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program. She said that through that grant the City will be reimbursed for funds used to prepare City facilities, City employees who worked overtime during the pandemic, plexiglass, supplies, and masks preparing City employees to return to the office.

Mayor Austin reported effective July 31, 2020 at 5 p.m., St. Louis County-issued Public Health Orders regarding social distancing for businesses: limiting planned events/gatherings to no more than fifty (50) people, rolling back occupancy to 25% or less (similar to standards seen in June 2020), bars and restaurants will close at 10 p.m.; businesses that do not comply with the County's standards will be closed or face other consequences for the safety of its employees and patrons. Citizens awaiting COVID-19 test results are encouraged to quarantine until their test results are known, test results from all providers, such as the urgent care centers, will be rapidly sent to the St. Louis County Health Department and teachers will receive a safe place to quarantine if they are exposed. Mayor Austin reported she was made aware that approximately 10,000 tests are performed in Missouri per day and the results are processed in one location. Due to this process, test results currently have an average return time of six (6) to ten (10) days.

Mayor Austin said that the City of Jennings Census 2020 response is at 48.9%. She asked councilmembers to remind residents of the Census 2020, which had been extended to October 2020.

Mayor Austin reported on the current Economic Development projects in Jennings: Chase Bank, which is due to be completed by August 31, 2020 at the Buzz Westfall Plaza; Goodwill, which is due to be completed and opening in October 2020; A Caring Plus home in Ward 4, which is estimated to be completed towards the end of August 2020, an event is being planned to celebrate its completion. Mayor Austin said there have been meetings held with KAI to discuss the plans for the new City Hall and Community Center.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee –

Councilman Wilson reported there was a meeting held on Monday, July 13 at 4:24 p.m. The committee discussed six (6) items: reviewed the purpose and role of the committee; approved the appointment of the Co-Chair, who is Councilwoman Jones; the approval of an emergency purchase of two compressors for City Hall, for the amount of \$12,504; discussed the replacement of the door at the Police Department, for the amount of \$1,189 for informational purposes, because it fell under the \$10,000 threshold for City Council approval; and discussed the approval of the Code Enforcement Inspector interim salary for the amount of \$37,118 from \$32,538. The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

2. Public Works & Building Committee –

Councilwoman Anderson reported there was a meeting held on Thursday, July 23 at 4:30 p.m. The committee discussed four (4) items: reviewed the purpose and role of the committee; the approval of the committee Co-Chair, Councilwoman Clower was recommended, but she was reluctant to assume the role due to her recent appointment to the City Council, so Councilwoman Jones volunteered to temporarily serve as Co-Chair until December 2020, at which time the committee will revisit the discussion; the discussion of the Public Works street cleaning schedule, which is as follows: Mondays – Ward 1, Tuesdays – Ward 2, Wednesdays – Ward 3, Thursdays – Ward 4, and Fridays – West Florissant area and other hotspots; the discussion of speed bumps, which the committee hosted a special guest, Mark Johnson of Daniel and Henry Insurance Company. Councilwoman Anderson asked Capt. Law if he would join the next Public Works & Building Committee meeting on August 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Councilwoman Anderson said the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Councilwoman Jones proposed a joint Ways & Means and Public Works & Building Committee meeting to discuss issues that need to come before both committees. Mayor Austin said the joint meeting can be worked on.

3. Parks & Recreation Committee –

Councilman Stichnote reported there was meeting held at Koenenman Park on Thursday, July 23 at 5:50 p.m. The committee appointed a committee Co-Chair, who is Councilman Johnson. The committee discussed the approval of the mulch for the playgrounds at Koenenman and Lions Parks. Councilman Stichnote asked Jim to speak about the agenda item. Jim explained that due to COVID-19, the park playgrounds have remained closed, the playgrounds at both parks are currently low on mulch due to drainage problems. The mulch for the playgrounds must be ADA compliant, like the Fiber mulch which was previously installed. Jim said the playgrounds will remain closed until the mulch fill can be completed, because it presents a liability issue for the City if a child were to hurt themselves, due to the current low mulch fill. Councilman Stichnote said the committee also discussed mulch filling for the playground at the Councilman Rodney Epps' Park playground. The committee approved the recommendation to fill both playgrounds at Koenenman and Lions Park for the amount of \$34,282. The committee also approved that Jim should seek a quote for the Fiber mulch fill at Councilman Rodney Epps' Park playground and gives authority to fill the playground at the park should the quote be under the \$10,000 threshold. The committee approved the dedication of a monument for Mayor Austin, a bid from Twin City Monuments was received for the amount of \$13,105 with a completion date of August 28, 2020, which also includes the foundation installation. The committee discussed the placement of a plaque or sign, noting the dedication of Councilman Allan Stichnote's Isle at Koenenman Park, but no bids or plans were presented. The committee discussed the dedication of Councilman Rodney Epps' Park, but no plans were presented. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

4. Policy and Ordinance Committee –

Councilwoman Jones reported there was a meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 4:02 p.m. The committee discussed three agenda items: the committee reviewed the committee purpose and roles, the approval of the committee Co-Chair who is Gary Johnson, and the committee discussed the Recreation Center rental application and the addition of a liability waiver regarding COVID-19 to accompany the rental application. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

5. *Municipal League* –

Councilman Wilson reported there was no meeting held but mentioned an upcoming local Municipal League meeting, the date is pending. He reported on August 6-7, there will be an elected official training conference held in Columbia, MO, with an option to attend virtually. He also reported the 86th annual Missouri Municipal League conference, September 13-16 in Kansas City, MO with an option to attend virtually as well.

Councilman Wilson reported that Governor Parson called for a special session beginning July 27, 2020 until the end of the week to address violent crimes in Missouri. State Representatives and Senators asked the Governor to also address police reform but due to time constraints, the Governor delayed that discussion. Councilman Wilson said in St. Louis alone there has been 133 homicides in 2020, which may have grown and 102 in Kansas City. Once there has been more discussion, Councilman Wilson assured the City Council he would report back.

6. *Planning Commission* –

Councilman Johnson reported there was a meeting. The committee discussed three items: the committee discussed the Conditional Use Permit for Family Dollar to retail alcohol at 6440 West Florissant, no motion or recommendation to City Council was made; the committee discussed the Petition for Ad or Use for Lighthouse Adult Daycare at 6721 West Florissant in the C-2 Special Business District, there was no recommendation to City Council; the committee discussed the Conditional Use Permit for Butterfly Styles at 1276 St. Cyr Rd. Suites 111-113, the motion passed unanimously and recommended to City Council for approval.

7. *Youth Commission* – No report provided.

8. *Senior Commission* – Report provided.

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO ADRIANN WILLIAMS TO OPERATE A HAIR BRAIDING STUDIO 1276 ST. CYR RD. SUITES 111-113 IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2613. 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 #2613 became Ordinance #2552 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnoter, 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. *Approval of the TIF Forgivable Loan for Country Inn Donuts located at 9426 Lewis & Clark Rd.*

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council approved the TIF Forgivable Loan for Country Inn Donuts located at 9426 Lewis & Clark Rd for the amount of \$54,856.90. All in favor, none opposed.

2. Approve the replacement of two compressors at City Hall.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the Council approved the replacement of two compressors at City Hall for the amount of \$12,504. All in favor; none opposed.

3. Approval of a memorial tree for Ted Gatlin Jr.

Councilman Wilson thanked Mayor Austin for the dedication for his recently deceased friend.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the Council approved the dedication of a tree memorializing Ted Gatlin Jr. All in favor; none opposed.

4. Approval of the purchase of mulch for the playgrounds at Koeneman and Lions Parks.

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the Council approved the purchase of mulch for the playgrounds at Koeneman and Lions Parks for the amount of \$34,282. All in favor; none opposed.

5. Approval of the purchase of the monument for the basketball court at Koeneman Park.

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the Council approved the purchase of the monument honoring Mayor Austin for the basketball court at Koeneman Park in the amount of \$13,105. All in favor; none opposed.

6. Approval of a Special Event Permit – North County Community Development.

The City Council discussed flyers to distribute.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council approved the Special Event Permit for North County Community Development. All in favor; none opposed.

7. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.

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

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Austin thanked the City Councilmembers, Department Heads and individuals that participated in this City Council Meeting.

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

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council voted by the following roll call vote for a closed session for Legal and Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3). Councilmembers voting in favor of the session were the following: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Jane Brown, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Lorraine Clower, and Aja Owens; none opposing.

Closed Session – Legal, Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1, 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

EEOC Mediation

Sam Alton, City Attorney, informed the Council of the status of the EEOC Mediation hearing that was held on June 25, 2020. He outlined the progress of the hearing, as it was shared with him by the attorney representing the City on behalf of the insurance company. The Council and Attorney discussed possible options and next steps.

PERSONNEL

The following actions were taken:

1. Step up pay for Casionia Peebles-Miller

On the motion made by Councilwoman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council approved the Mayor's recommendation to increase the rate of pay for Casionia Peebles-Miller on an interim based until code enforcement staffing levels improved within the Building Department. The Council approve the salary increase from \$32,538 (GS11-C) to \$37,118 (GS14-C) by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers voting in favor: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Owens, Clover, none absent; none voting against nor abstaining.

2. Interim Lieutenant Corrections

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council approved the recommendation from Mayor Austin to appoint Corporal Terrell Shumper as the Interim Lieutenant of the Corrections Department while the City searched for a permanent replacement. The recommendation was approved by the roll call votes of the following council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Brown, Anderson, Johnson, Owens, Clover, none were absent; none voted against nor abstained.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council voted in favor by the roll call votes of the following councilmembers to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Jane Brown, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Aja Owens and Lorraine Clover, none opposing.

Approved:



Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:



Deletra Hudson, City Clerk