

The two thousand three hundred thirty sixth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Fountain Henderson, and councilmembers Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Francine Dugger, Yolonda Fortson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps and Carol Epps. Also present was City Clerk Cheryl Balke. Councilwoman Nicole Cook and City Attorney Carla Allen were absent.

This was a special meeting. The Council discussed the current status of the police contract. It was noted that the city is still receiving police services from the St. Louis County Police and that all parties agreed to finalize the negotiations by June. Mayor Fountain Henderson, Councilwoman Dugger and the city attorney met recently with the St. Louis County Police Department and went over a breakdown provided by St. Louis County of various costs. Councilwoman Dugger stated that the information requested in a previous meeting had not been provided and that St. Louis County had not complied with the RFP in seven areas and that their response would have been rejected if any other response had been received. Further discussion will be held in closed session.

Mayor Fountain Henderson announced the ribbon cutting for Dees Place Banquet Center at 6805 W. Florissant.

Next discussed was the park grant received for improvements to Lions Park. Park Committee Chairman Miranda Jones noted meeting with Mayor Fountain Henderson, Bill Kaeshamer and Jim Maixner, and Ken Keitel of TerraSpec. Ken will take care of the planning part of the project and Public Works will oversee the construction. All work must be complete within one year. On a motion by Councilman Stichnote, second by Councilwoman Fortson, the council authorized Mayor Fountain Henderson to sign any contracts necessary to complete the work approved in this grant. This was approved by the following roll call vote: voting in favor were Councilmembers Stichnote, Jones, Dugger, Fortson, Anderson, R. Epps and C. Epps; no one voting against or abstaining.

A motion for a closed session for personnel and contract negotiations (RSMo610:021 [3] and [12]) was Made by Councilwoman Fortson , second by Councilwoman Dugger, and approved by the following roll call vote: voting in favor were Councilmembers Stichnote, Jones, Dugger, Fortson, Anderson, R. Epps and C. Epps; no one voting against or abstaining.

In closed session, the council discussed the negotiations for the police contract. Under personnel matters, Mayor Fountain Henderson recommended that temporary part-time employee Iris Hunter be allowed to work full time at the Civic Center until July 5th. After a motion by Councilman Epps, second by Councilwoman Jones, this was approved by the following roll call vote: voting in favor were Councilmembers Stichnote, Jones, Fortson, Anderson, R. Epps and C. Epps; Councilwoman Dugger voting against, no one abstaining. Mayor Fountain Henderson also recommended Larry Porter to be hired as a code enforcement officer. After a motion by Councilman Epps, second by Councilwoman Jones, this was approved by the following roll call vote: voting in favor were Councilmembers Stichnote, Jones, Dugger, Fortson, R. Epps and C. Epps; Councilwoman Anderson voting against, no one abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilwoman Epps, second by Councilman Stichnote.

Mayor Yolonda Fountain Henderson

ATTEST:

City Clerk