



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Jennings City Hall
October 22, 2018 – 7 p.m.**

The two thousand three hundred eighty fourth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Jennings City Hall.

A. Public Hearings

1. Petition for Liquor License, requesting the approval to sell intoxicating liquor containing alcohol not in excess of 5% by weight, at retail, by the drink, for consumption on the premises where sold, at 8021-H West Florissant- Petitioner Kristy Cox, Co-Owner

Mayor Austin opened the Public Hearing for a petition for Liquor License, requesting the approval to sell intoxicating liquor containing alcohol not in excess of 5% by weight, at retail, by the drink, for consumption on the premises where sold, at 8021-H West Florissant by petitioner Kristy Cox, co-owner at 7:00 p.m. None spoke against the petition. Mayor Austin closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

2. Petition to Rezone Property to Change Zoning District from C-1 to C-2 (Shopping & Service Commercial District) to allow a free-standing sign at 5603 Jennings Station Road D/B/A the Hester Group- Petitioner Lorenzo Hester Owner

Mayor Austin opened the Public Hearing for a petition to Rezone Property to Change Zoning District from C-1 to C-2 (Shopping & Service Commercial District) to allow a free-standing sign at 5603 Jennings Station Road D/B/A the Hester Group by petitioner Lorenzo Hester, owner at 7:02 p.m. None spoke against the petition. Mayor Austin closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

3. 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 announced that the Public Hearing for a 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 by petitioner Christopher Weber, owner has been postponed.

B. Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order

Mayor Austin called to order the regular meeting for the City of Jennings at 7:03 p.m. on Monday October 22, 2018.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Petition to Rezone Property to Change Zoning District from C-1 to C-2 (Shopping & Service Commercial District) to allow a free-standing sign at 5603 Jennings Station Road D/B/A the Hester Group- Petitioner Lorenzo Hester Owner

Mayor Austin re-opened the Public Hearing for a petition to Rezone Property to Change Zoning District from C-1 to C-2 (Shopping & Service Commercial District) to allow a free-standing sign at 5603 Jennings Station Road DBA the Hester Group by petitioner Lorenzo Hester, owner at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Hester advised what the sign will look like. None spoke against the petition. Mayor Austin closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

3. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present:

Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts

Councilmembers Absent:

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 Councilwoman Dugger and seconded by Councilwoman Jones the Council voted all in favor to approve the agenda for October 22, 2018 with the deletion of the Public Hearing for a 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, and the proposed ordinance under legal business for the City of Jennings, Missouri, adding section 421120 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.

5. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 24, 2018

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Wilson the Council voted all in favor to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular meeting on September 24, 2018.

C. Presentation of Petitioners, Remonstrations, Complaints, and Request

1. Presentation from St. Louis County Police Department

Captain Cox reviewed Ordinance 2116, on Decorum, during the Council meeting. Captain Cox responded to a comment from last month asking, “what do we do exactly”. He reported that the, St. Louis County Police Department has answered 2,072 radio calls and made 275 arrest in the Jennings area over the last month. He described a recent arrest made in the area. Captain Cox reviewed what happens with the Drug Units and the need for residents to continue to call when they see drug activity happening. He said, that the Drug Unit is one of the two specialized units in Jennings that he feels best supplements what the St. Louis County Police Department already does. Captain Cox stated that there is a huge drug problem in Jennings. He reviewed the crime statistics and said that from last year crime is up 11% in part one crime. He described the comparison between the part one crime numbers between 2015, 2016, 2017, and the current year. He said, that the biggest problems are burglaries and violent offenses involving hand guns. He described shootings where nothing has been impacted. Captain Cox advised that there is a big problem with weapon offenses and the polices job is to catch the people and bring them to justice. He said, that the Crimes Against Persons Unit has solved 4 of the 6 homicides that have taken place in Jennings this year. He expressed that the resources the St. Louis County Police Department is putting into Jennings are unmatched, but it is needed because of the problems with burglaries and the drugs.

Captain Cox said, that there are Neighborhood Watch meetings on the second Thursday of each month with the next meeting being held on November 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. He said, that he would like each Ward to be represented at the meetings. Captain Cox stated that they would like to establish one block captain per Ward and if any resident is interested, they should see Sgt. Perez. Captain Cox described the duties of a block captain.

Councilwoman Dugger asked what residents should do when they hear shooting. Captain Cox replied anytime residents hear shooting they should call 911. Councilwoman Dugger said, that she heard shots the other day and she tried to call some residents in her Ward and have them call 911. She went on to say that some of the residents were hesitant about calling 911. Captain Cox said, that he has heard that sometimes when calling 911 they may put you on hold, he thinks that it is unacceptable and has addressed it with the Communications Commander. He described times when 911 may be dealing with a high volume of phone calls and provided examples of situations when residents may not need to call 911. Councilwoman Anderson said, that she likes the idea about the block captains but Ward 3 already has one in place.

2. Community Recognition

Mayor Austin recognized Knodel’s Bakery, for the company’s investment in Jennings and recognizing it as one of the oldest businesses in Jennings. Cynthia English Winders, of Knodel’s Bakery received a proclamation from the City and expressed her sadness that the business had to close.

3. Employee Recognition

James Maixner, Public Works Foreman, recognized Vinson Rhone, Public Works Crew Leader. Mr. Maixner described some of Mr. Rhone’s attributes, and accomplishments, and explained why he is being recognized within Public Works and the City.

4. Comments by the Public

Sherley Hiob did not provide her address. She presented information about 3rd Ward’s Clothing Give Away for December 15th. Ms. Hiob said, that the items can be dropped off at the Civic Center and described some of the items needed.

Rochelle Bates (*did not provide her address*) She presented a complaint about the hold harmless waiver of liability agreement seniors have been required to sign to ride the senior bus. Ms. Bates said, at the last Council Meeting, she submitted the hold harmless waiver of liability agreement that seniors are being required to sign to ride the senior bus. She stated that she has not gotten a response regarding the hold harmless waiver of liability agreement and is asking the Council to rescind the agreement today. Councilwoman Dugger expressed that she understands the senior's frustrations and her views on which committee should review the hold harmless waiver of liability agreement. Councilwoman Dugger continued to express her views about the hold harmless waiver of liability agreement. She said she would like to make a motion that the Council remove the hold harmless waiver of liability agreement and the ones that have already been signed should be null and void. After a discussion among the Council, the Mayor, and the Recreation Director, Willie Brandon Jr. Attorney Alton said that the hold harmless waiver of liability agreement was briefly discussed during the last meeting, but the Council ran out of time. He said that there are some legal ramifications of the agreement he would suggest that the Council discuss it during closed session and then the Council can decide what to do. Attorney Alton added that since the topic is not on the agenda for the general discussion if Councilwoman Dugger wants to add her motion, then someone would need to make a motion to amend the agenda for cause to add the motion. Councilwoman Dugger responded that she thinks that would be a delay for another month to do that since the agenda has already been approved. She said, that it has been a month and there still has been no discussion. Councilwoman Dugger also said, that Ms. Bates did not get a response from the Mayor as she had requested. She went on to say that is why she is making the motion, and she thinks that the Council can do that without the formality of saying that it needs to be added to the agenda. She said that since the Attorney agrees with the fact that there are some issues with the hold harmless waiver of liability agreement, she will stand by her motion to remove the document, and make sure that the Council is in order and that it is very frustrating to the residents. Mayor Austin advised that there was no second to Councilwoman Dugger's motion. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to table the discussion regarding the hold harmless waiver of liability agreement until the closed session.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Wilson the Council voted all in favor of tabling the discussion for the hold harmless waiver of liability agreement until the closed session, legal and personnel (RSMO 610: 021 1,3)

Yolonda Fountain Henderson (*refused to provide her address*.) She presented a complaint about the Council's conduct during the last Council meeting. She asked how does the Council expect to get anything done when the Council is not on the same accord. She discussed her views on the Council's behavior. She said the entire Council needs training on Roberts Rules of Order. She described how she feels the Council should behave. She asked Mayor Austin how residents can get their questions answered when residents have come to the council meeting, addressed the Council, and nothing is being answered. She said, that Mayor Austin told her that Henry Johnson, would follow up with her about her complaints from the last two Council Meetings. She said that Mr. Johnson has not followed up with her. Ms. Fountain Henderson asked where the City was with the park grant, why did the City buy a 15-passenger van for the Civic Center, and was the van approved by the Council. She said, that at every Council Meeting she hears Councilwoman Dugger ask about the illegal daycare. She asked what the status is on the illegal day care, who started the daycare, and was it approved by Council. She said, that if she does not get a response to her questions then she will submit her questions as a sunshine request. Ms. Fountain Henderson said that the Council comes up with rules and the Council is not following the rules. She reviewed some of the rules that the Council has voted on that the Council is not following and expressed her views about the Council's behavior. She reviewed some instances that took place during the last Council meeting to highlight how councilmembers were being rude to residents, and how the rules are different for residents and councilmembers. She asked how the Council expect the residents to follow the rules when the Council does not follow the rules that the Council has voted on.

Carol Westhoff, of 2126 McLaran, presented information about the Community Police Department. Ms. Westhoff expressed that it is a tough time to be a policeman these days. She discussed the general public's views on the police, and where she believes the views are coming from. She said that the Jennings Police Department (St. Louis County Police Department) offers Police Academics for Citizens. She gave details of the academy and described the benefits the academy in increasing the understanding in the Jennings law enforcement officers. She said, that there is no cost for the academy. She advised residents if they are interested to see one of the police officers in attendance tonight. She thanked the Police for responding to a call at her home when her security system was activated by an intruder. She described how the Police professionally responded and protected her from harm. She said that they care about the safety in Jennings. She said Jennings used to be known as The Little City With The Big Heart.

Ray Wilkins of 9228 Riverwood, presented appreciation to Councilwoman Dugger, Councilman Wilson, Captain Cox, for addressing crime, burglary and drugs in his neighborhood. He said that he wanted to thank Captain Cox. People are blocking the streets selling drugs and looking at the residents like they are the criminals. He thanked the police and said that he hopes that we can work together and work out our problems.

Brenda Young, of 2333 Middle River Road, in the Jennings 2 Senior Living Residents. Ms. Young said, that she came to speak about the Hold Harmless Liability Wavier agreement, but it looks like the Council is going to address the agreement. She said that she is concerned that it appears that it has been no real focus on the seniors in terms of transportation. She described the new policy in paying for things at the Civic Center and said that no one has explained why the process changed. She stated that she had a brief conversation with the Mayor in her office when it happened. She expressed her dissatisfaction with the new policy for paying for things at the Civic Center. Ms. Young provided a story of a senior trying to go on a trip for her birthday and how the new policy had her waiting in the lobby to pay. She is asking the Council to reconsider the policy of having the seniors transporting back and forth to pay for Civic Center activities. She said that the bus drivers are great.

Wayne Westhoff, of 2528 Shannonaire Drive, asked about the ordinance for wrecked cars parked on the street and asked why something is not done about the wrecked cars parked on the street. He said that he has seen four wrecked cars sitting on the streets since early March. He said that the other ordinance he is asking about is for tall weeds and grass in backyards. He said that some of these yards have not been cut this year and they are drawing in racoons, possums, misquitos, and could draw mice, and rats. He asked if the yards could be cut and something done with the cars. Mayor Austin asked Mr. Westhoff to give the address of the yards that need to be cut to Henry Johnson. Attorney Alton said that there is a code section, for wrecked vehicles. Attorney Alton asked for clarification if the cars are on the street or in the driveway. Mr. Westhoff said the cars were on the street. Attorney Alton stated that the code does address, rather the car is wrecked, does not have tags, or if it is in operable. He stated that he could look up the code section to give to Mr. Westhoff tonight, but the police officers know the code section. Once the police officers are able to drive by and see the vehicles then they are able to tow the vehicles pursuant to the code. After further discussion regarding the ordinance for the wrecked cars, and making it known that the police are aware of the code they just need to be aware of the wrecked vehicles, Mr. Westhoff concluded his comments.

5. Councilmember's Reports

Councilman Allan Stichnote:

Councilman Stichnote started his report by saying everyone for coming to the Council meeting. He said that he went to the Business Watch meeting on Friday October 19, 2018 and there were a little over 20 people there was a good turnout. He said that he would like to remind everyone about the Senior Day BINGO on October 24, 2018 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. He announced a Trunk or Treat on October 27, 2018 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lions Park. He said that St. Louis County Police are also having a Halloween give out on October 31, at 5:00 pm at Gary Gore. He said that there is an Urban League Turkey Give Away and advised James Maixner that “we” need barricades for the giveaway just like every year.

Councilwoman Miranda Jones:

Councilwoman Jones yielded some of her time to a resident who stated that she had a question for Councilman Stichnote. The resident said, that her name was Lila Travis and she lives at 8516 Clifton Ave. She stated that her concern is the street from Jennings Station Road to Clifton and she wanted to know if the City could get the street paved. It has too many pot holes. She expressed concerns for people's cars getting messed up and having to be realigned. She asked what she needs to do for the street to get paved. She said, that she has already called Public Works and was told to come to the Council meeting to make the City Council aware that the street needs to be paved. Mayor Austin asked James Maixner to speak with Ms. Travis because the City already has some streets that are assigned to be fixed and some that have pot holes that need to be filled. Mayor Austin stated that Mr. Maixner will take care of those street names for Ms. Travis. Councilwoman Jones stated that she yielded part of her time because she thought that Ms. Travis had a question for Councilman Stichnote and she wanted to make sure that she got her question answered. She greeted everyone and said to Ward 1 residents that she absolutely hears them on decorum and behavior and how the Council looks. She reported that the Council is working to make sure that they are representing the City in the best way possible. She said that the last few meetings have not been the best representation of the Council, but she thinks the Council has talked about sincerely wanting to do the best things that we can for our City. The Council is really trying to address it as a group she said that it will be discussed later in the Joint Committee Reports. Councilwoman Jones said that there are a lot of other great things going on in the City. She said that Jennings School District did open Hope House 2, a home for homeless and transitioning children located on Cozens Ave., across the street from the Jennings Jr. High School (Middle School). She said that there will be a report on it so that the public can know more about it this week. She said, that this week is also Lights on After School. She wants to make sure, that not just Jennings, but that all across that state of Missouri, we are talking about the importance of after school programs. She said, one thing that Jennings want to keep in mind is that the community wants to find safe places for kids to go. She said that 3- 6 pm is the most dangerous time for children in the United States. There are 11.2 million kids that are left alone after school and that is way too many of our kids that are left alone. Finding good and safe after school programs for them is really important to her. She said that the School District does a great job at providing after school programs. She continued

saying that she thinks that is what the City was attempting to do with the “illegal daycare”.

Councilwoman Jones said as the City grows, matures, and learns then the City will be able to offer more things for children to make life better for children. Councilwoman Jones said that the seniors talked about the senior's issues. The Council will definitely talk about the senior issues in closed session. She wanted to make sure that the seniors were aware of the Senior Commission, and there are a lot of different meetings happening and different areas and hopefully everyone knows about them and she thinks that is one of the things that the City doesn't do well is communicate. She said, those meetings hopefully seniors know they are addressing a lot of issues and the seniors at the Council meeting tonight may want to make sure that they are represented in those meetings so that it is not just a few voices; it is all of the seniors that are being taken care of in those commission meetings. Ms. Bates said that some of the Senior Commission members did not want to sign the hold harmless liability waiver either. Ms. Bates interjected that the seniors Mayor Austin said, that signed the paper signed it under duress. Ms. Bates said that she was told the day before a trip that she paid for that unless she signs the hold harmless waiver liability agreement that she could not get on the bus. Ms. Bates said that she had already paid for her trip. She said that the ones that signed the agreement wanted to go and they didn't have any other way. Councilwoman Jones said that the Council has got to find a way to make people feel comfortable and still protect the City. She said that the Council will figure something out and has probably one of the best lawyers, Attorney Alton is going to figure something out. Attorney Alton agreed. Councilwoman Jones concluded her report by thanking the seniors for their input.

Councilman Terry Wilson:

Councilman Wilson greeted everyone. He said, that it was good to see everyone out and he appreciates everyone voicing their concerns. He thanked the residents that came out last Saturday (Ward 2 meeting). He stated that there was a good community discussion and a few guests came and gave a lot of great information. He appreciated the ones that came out and hopefully moving forward the community can have more discussions like that and then maybe the tone and conversation can change of the Council meeting. He said that it is time to get things done it is time out for just talk. He said that there is an election coming up and there are about 30 things on the ballot. There are a few events around the City that are trying to help people navigate the information; not necessarily influence voters to vote for a particular issue, but to educate voters so that they can make an informed decision, State Representative Tommie Pierson is holding an election ballot forum, in conjunction with the League of Women Voters and that will be Friday October 26, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the Lewis and Clark Library and they will be discussing the entire ballot for November. If citizens have access to the internet, they can go to the St. Louis County website to see a sample ballot before the elections. If you put in your address, the issues that affect your area will pop up and you can print the sample ballot. He concluded by saying that he highly recommends attending the event on Friday and repeated the time of the event.

Councilwoman Francine Dugger:

Greeted everyone and said that she was very pleased to report that residents have heard from her for four years about the Urban League fence. She stated that the wooden fence is down, and they are working on putting up the chain link fence with a privacy piece put over the chain link. She said that some of the residents are shocked that you can see straight through the fence. She said that she and Henry Johnson have worked on this for a while and gone toe to toe with it. She thanked Mr. Johnson and Attorney Alton for staying the course. She said that one thing that she would ask is whoever the contractor is that is taking the fence, down the wood trash that is on the ground. She asked if Mr. Johnson's department has looked at that lately to see if they need to clean that up as they work. She asked if it could be checked out. She stated that she has driven through the area and there is a lot of wood, there may be nails or anything in there. She asked if Mr. Johnson's department could have the contractors, while they are working and taking down the fence to remove the debris. She said that it took four years of her; the residents that live there were complaining before she came to the Council. She said that there is another issue with regard to the dumping, that she may have addressed last month, she said, to James Maixner, that she needs Public Works when they are in that area to keep looking in that fence at River Roads because they keep dumping in the area. She said hopefully when that project starts again the City can at least start talking to the developers again, about what they discussed in terms about getting the fence down. She said that some people can find a way to get rid of their trash. She said that last month the Council reported that the cameras have picked up the trash and the police worked really hard in getting the culprit caught and asked residents if they see dumping please call because it is really; it has been said that it is people coming from the St. Louis City, but it is not. It is Jennings residents that do not have trash service. She said that when you think about it most of the people from St. Louis City would dump in the outer areas. They would not come into the neighborhoods and dump so that is Jennings residents doing that and that is what we are finding out. She said that she would like to mention something that would help combat the dumping issue was something that Councilman R. Epps said before which was the Focus Initiatives. She said that the initiatives started with all of the Wards where the Council worked with the police, finance, the trash service, and Public Works working together; because if “we” have to pay for trash then you should have to pay for trash to. She said that initiative was out there, and the City was going by Ward and doing a very good job in cleaning the dumping issue up. The City had a lot of people coming in making sure that they got their trash service started. She said in the coming weeks that she is going to start talking on the Focus Initiative since we are done with the fence. She said that is pretty much

what is going on in Ward 2. She advised constituents attending that Council meeting if they do not know what Ward they are into see the Council members and they will let them know what Ward they are in and who their representatives are.

Councilwoman Phyllis Anderson:

Councilwoman Anderson greeted everyone and said on Saturday (October 20th) Ward 3 had a cleanup which was awesome. She said that they cleaned up Kinamore, Osborn, College, and Marge. She acknowledged Ward 3 residents, Ms. Jennine, Ms. Terry and Ms. Sharron. They are always out helping in our Community. She acknowledged James Maixner for helping on such short notice with bags and gloves. She said that she met with Mr. Maixner and Ms. Jennine about the protocol for the cameras (for the illegal dumping) Mr. Maixner is putting the following plan together when dumping occurs. If a resident witnesses the dumping, call the police otherwise call your Council person, who will call Mr. Maixner, who will call the police and pull the SD cards to view the camera. Councilwoman Anderson said, they also talked about street cleaning and getting permanent signs, but that was tabled. She said that Mr. Maixner came up with the following plan: Public Works will put up temporary signs the day before your street will be cleaned. Ward 1 will be cleaned the 1st Tuesday of the month, Ward 2 will be cleaned the 2nd Wednesday of the month, Ward 3 will be cleaned the 3rd Thursday of the month, and Ward 4 will be cleaned the 4th Friday of the Month. A resident interjected saying that their Ward 3 trash pickup is on Thursday and some of the trash cans are on the streets and some are on the sidewalks. Councilwoman Anderson said that she is in Ward 3 and her trash pickup is on Friday. The resident said that everything from Beulah to Emma is on Thursday and if they come there to clean the streets then they are going to have to dodge trash cans. Councilwoman Dugger asked if the trash cans can be pulled up. The resident responded that he is just one person out of one hundred and twenty-five residents and he cannot make everyone do it. Another resident said that also applies in Ward 4 on Friday. Mayor Austin and Councilwoman Anderson agreed that Councilwoman Anderson would review the plan with Mr. Maixner for the street cleaner. Councilwoman Jones stated that now that you mention it Tuesday is some of Ward 1 trash pickup. Councilwoman Roberts stated that is why the Solid Waste Committee needs to meet. Councilwoman Anderson agreed. Councilwoman Anderson said that two years ago a resident came up and spoke saying that there were no price labels on the shelves of the gas station and the convenience stores in our community and Councilwoman Anderson and Yonnee Forston (who was Ward 2 Councilperson) went around to the different stores and saw that they did not have price labels and asked if the stores would put price labels up. She said some stores still don't have items price labeled. She said she conferred with the City Attorney, who advised that he does not think that the City can make the stores put price labels on the items. She said that when the stores come in and ask the Council to give them licenses the Council needs to get together to approve the request if the store puts prices labels on items.

Councilwoman Anderson said thank you to Captain Cox, for responding to the situation that they had last week. She stated that Ward 3 already has a person for the block captains and she can let Capt. Cox know who that is. Councilwoman Anderson asked Mayor Austin if she has spoken with Yonnee Fortson about being a part of the Planning Commission. Mayor Austin said she has left Ms. Fortson a message that she had not responded.

Attorney Alton stated one thing that is important, whether it is trash or people firing guns into the air understand we know on the law enforcement side that people can sometimes be worried about calling the police in fear of their name might be found out by the accused. He said that if you are a victim of a crime the officer will go out of their way to make sure that your name does not go out in public. Councilwoman Dugger, asked if Attorney Alton could also look at the drug paraphernalia ordinance because she spoke about that and had the stores to remove some of the paraphernalia. She said hookah paraphernalia is there. She stated that some stores have decided to not even sell the cigarette papers. Councilwoman Dugger said that the City has an ordinance against drug paraphernalia and she thinks that the hookah piece will be addressed in that section as well. She said that she thinks it says anything that looks like you are going to be using for drugs needs to go and it needs to be enforced by the City's inspectors as well.

Councilwoman Julia Roberts:

Councilwoman Julia Roberts greeted everyone and stated that we are at a crucial crossroads in the history of this nation and we either hang together by combating these forces that divide and degrade us or we hang separately. She asked if we have the intelligence humor, imagination, courage, tolerance, love, respect and will to meet the challenge, time will tell, none of alone can save the nation or the world but each of us can make a positive difference if we commit ourselves to do, so none of us can save Jennings alone. She said, that she thinks that it is about a certain level of selfless service and selflessness in terms of what it takes to actually commit and make a difference and turn things around. She stated that on Saturday (October 20th) she had two privileges to be selfless. She said that on Saturday with the cleanup it was a small turn out, but they still got work done and it felt good. She said that she also had an opportunity to go to the Mosque on Saturday at 6809 West Florissant and see, experience, and be around people that were there every Saturday feeding the hungry. She said that one thing that she was most impressed by is that there was not a plate limit. She said, to give of yourself and help others in that spirit that is how "we" advance and move causes forward. She said anyone who could benefit from the Mosque's services, they are located in Jennings 4th Ward. She said that the Mosque also has a small

pantry. Councilwoman Roberts restated that if residents know of anyone who could benefit from the Mosque's services, they meet Saturday at 11:30 until 1 or until food runs out so advise people to get there early.

She said last week, something was said that Jennings is destined to have the issues it has because it borders St. Louis City. She said that there are many examples of cities that boarder urban areas with undesirable issues. She said, that Clayton boarders St. Louis City and they are not dealing with the same issues. She said that if anyone is familiar with the Boston area, Cambridge boarders Boston and they seem to be able to deal with their issues and if we are simply talking about Jennings location in terms of region, then Jennings could boarder whatever area and have the quality of life and comfort level and feel safe in our community which those communities have. She said that she wanted to thank the two residents who actually talked about, even though it was an interjection and didn't necessarily follow the decorum protocol, but it was valuable information to know that the schedule that Public Works set for street cleaning would not necessarily be the most productive schedule in terms of cleaning the streets. She said the Solid Waste Committee needs to meet and that the Committee has not met in over a year. She said that if Solid Waste was meeting then the committee members could know what days the trash was picked up in various locations. She said that alone there is no way for the Council to know that information without having a Committee persons or Chair getting that information to them. She said that it is very important for the various committees to meet so that the Council can get business done efficiently, be productive, and make good solid decisions. She said had there been a meeting the Council would know who has trash pickup when and what are the best days for street cleaning.

She said that she has problem addresses that she previously reported (during Council meetings) and would like to make sure that they are on the radar for sure. 5603 Sapphire. She confirmed that Myra Randle was noting the addresses for the building department. She said that 5603 Sapphire still needs to be boarded up. She said some boards were removed from that property, so it needs a full board up and she is requesting that it be a neat board up. She is asking that the boards be all the same color and some type of formality with the neatness. She said, also 7178 Theodore, 7149 Theodore has excessive debris. It is hard to miss and asked if the City would please get on that. She said that at 7200 Marge there was a safety concern that was reported, with overgrown debris covering the stop sign, you cannot see around it, you can see once you get to the stop sign and recent dumping at the same address. She said there was a report today of dumping at 7200 Marge and a grave area of concern is 5320 College it is Fairview Baptist Church people maybe are going in the building now. She said that she has driven by a couple of times and saw lights on and she knows that is an abandoned church. She concluded her report by wishing everyone a wonderful month, and saying have a thought, have a smile.

Councilman Rodney Epps:

Councilman R. Epps was absent no report was given.

Councilwoman Carol Epps:

Councilwoman C. Epps was absent no report was given

D. Monthly Departmental Reports

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Wilson, the council voted all in favor of approving the monthly departmental reports.

E. Reports of Committees

Mayor Austin stated that there was a Joint Committee meeting that she heard was very successful and the meeting minutes, along with the meeting minutes for the Senior and Youth Commission, are in the packets. She asked if there was anything further from the Chairs.

1. Ways and Means Committee

Committee member Jones reported on the Joint Committee meeting that took place October 11, 2018 at 6 pm. She said that it is important for the residents to know what took place at the Meeting. Committee member Jones advised that the Council decided to do a Joint Committee meeting in order to try to get more things done in between the time and not just do it at the meeting. She reported the Committees that were part of the Joint Committee. She reported the members present, the agenda, and the meeting minutes. Committee member Jones advised that during the Ways and Means committee break out session, there was a line item transfer (for the Planning and Zoning Commission training) and she would like to make a motion for the Council's approval. Attorney Alton said that the amount does not, but the line item transfer needed Council's approval. Attorney Alton said that the amount does not, but the line item transfer does. Committee member Jones stated that we want to make sure that we approve the line item transfer. Committee member Jones said that she wanted the residents to know that the committees are very serious about getting business done and as a whole the Committees really worked hard to make sure that the Committees are talking about these issues so that the Committees can do the best work that the Committees can for our community. The Council discussed the line item transfer recommended from the Ways and Means Committee.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council voted all in favor to approve the line item transfer of approximately \$1,000.00 from the sale of assets line item 641-00-01 to go into the Building Department line item account 950-01-01.

2. Public Works Committee – Reviewed as part of the Joint committee meeting on October 11, 2018.

3. Building Committee – Reviewed as part of the Joint committee meeting on October 11, 2018.

Councilwoman Dugger asked Chairwoman Jones to ensure that residents know that the meetings are open to the Public. Chairwoman Jones reiterated that the meetings are open to public and reviewed how and when the meetings will be posted to let people know when meetings will take place.

4. Parks Committee– Chairman Stichnote discussed the Sievers Park Grant, and how the renovations will take place. He stated that the work on Sievers park should start next year. He reviewed the planning grant and advised that work started today on Koeneman Park. There was a discussion between Councilman Stichnote, Councilwoman Roberts, and Councilwoman Dugger on the specifics of the Sievers park Grant, how may grants the City will apply for and how many phases of work it would take to complete the renovation to the park. Councilman Stichnote said that he should have an estimated summary of the Sievers Park renovations within a few weeks. There was an inaudible comment.

5. Municipal League Council Representative

6. Planning Commission

7. Policy Committee– Reviewed as part of the Joint committee meeting on October 11, 2018.

8. Solid Waste Committee

9. Beautification Committee

10. Youth Commission – Meeting minutes are attached to the Council packets.

11. Senior Commission – Meeting minutes are attached to the Council packets.

F. Legal Business

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AND THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

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

Bill # 2545 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Jennings the following agreement between the City of Jennings, Missouri, and the St. Louis County Board of Elections.

Councilwoman Roberts said, there is a lot of professional jargon and she just wants to know if it is standard, is it actually needed, and is it needed to hold the election in the City and a few things that made her question it where that the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to a execute cooperation agreement. Attorney Alton responded that it is a standard agreement that came out from St. Louis County and it is issued to all Municipalities to enter into a standard agreement with the Board of Elections to make sure that the City of Jennings follows everything the City is supposed to do. Attorney Alton said that this is the style that St. Louis County and Board of Elections is asking that it be passed with. They wanted either a resolution or an ordinance to allow it to go through. Attorney Alton said that it is all pursuant to statue section 115.017 just saying that what we are going to do is in line and in accordance to Missouri Statutory Law when it comes to elections and filing everything on time and certifying everything on time. Councilwoman Roberts thanked Attorney Alton for his response.

Attorney Alton stated that one of the Councilmembers asked if the Mayor was the sponsor of the Bill. Deletra Hudson said the ordinance came from St. Louis County. Attorney Alton stated that he will discuss the bill sponsor during closed session. Councilwoman Dugger stated that closed session is for Legal, personnel or real-estate. Attorney Alton acknowledge Councilwoman Dugger’s comment.

Councilwoman Dugger – stated that she is abstaining from voting until the discussion during the closed session.

Councilwoman Anderson- stated that she is opposed to Bill # 2545. She said, that she called and asked question earlier and she hears the information but does not have a clear understanding of it and she hears that is something St. Louis County is saying the City needs to do but she does not recall doing it last year.

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Councilwoman Dugger asked if this has been done as a resolution in the past. Attorney Alton replied that he does not know. Councilwoman Dugger stated that she thinks that the City has done this agreement as a resolution in the past and not a law. Councilwoman Anderson asked why it needs to be a law. Attorney Alton stated that it can be either a resolution or an ordinance. Councilwoman Anderson asked how other municipalities are passing the agreement. Attorney Alton said that he does not know what other municipalities are doing but they are doing one or the other. He said an ordinance is in line with Missouri Statutory Law, that is how he drafted it. There was an inaudible comment.

Second reading: On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor of Bill # 2545 were: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Miranda Jones; Councilmembers opposing Bill # 2545 were: Phyllis Anderson; Councilmembers abstained from voting were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers absent were: Rodney Epps, Carol Epps. - motion failed

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE LIQUOR LICENSE AND GRANTING SAME TO KRISTY COX TO SELL INTOXICATING LIQUORS CONTAINING ALCOHOL NOT IN EXCESS OF 5% BY WEIGHT, AT RETAIL BY THE DRINK AND INCLUDING SUNDAY SALES BY THE DRINK, FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES AT JR. CRICKETS RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 8021 H WEST FLORISSANT AVENUE, ST. LOUIS MISSOURI.

Councilwoman Anderson asked why the Council is voting on this ordinance, Kristy Cox did not come to the Council meeting tonight for the Public Hearing. There was an inaudible discussion.

On the motion made By Councilwoman Anderson and seconded by Councilwoman Dugger the Council voted in favor of tabling the first reading for an ordinance of the City of Jennings, Missouri, approving the liquor license and granting same to Kristy Cox to sell intoxicating liquors containing alcohol not in excess of 5% by weight, at retail by the drink and including Sunday sales by the drink, for consumption on the premises at JR. Crickets Restaurant Located at 8021 H West Florissant Avenue, St. Louis Missouri, by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor to table the first reading were: Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers opposed to tabling the first reading were: Allan Stichnote; Councilmembers absent were: Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; none abstained from voting.

3. 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, MISSOURI, AND APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RELATING TO SAME.

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

Bill # 2546 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.

The Council along with Chairman Gary Johnson, Henry Johnson, and Attorney Alton discussed the difference between C-1 and C-2 zoning, why the recommendation was to revert back to C-1 if the business closed, and if there were any potential problems with changing allowing the free-standing sign.

Second reading: On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Stichnote the Council voted against Bill # 2546 by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers voting in favor of Bill #2546 were: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Miranda Jones; Councilmembers opposing Bill # 2546 were: Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers absent from voting: Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; none abstained.

Councilman Stichnote asked what happens now. Attorney Alton said they cannot put the sign up and the Planning Commission has taken it up, the petitioner can reapply, or the Council can take it up again if the Council so chooses.

4. 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.

Deleted from the agenda

5. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 8814 BLEWETT AVENUE, JENNINGS, MISSOURI, TO BRIDGING FAMILIES TO COMMUNITIES AND BEYOND.

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

Bill # 2547 An ordinance of the City of Jennings, Missouri, authorizing the sale of 8814 Blewett Avenue, Jennings, Missouri, to Bridging Families to Communities and Beyond.

Mayor Austin advised the reason the organization wanted to purchase the home. The Council along with Mayor Austin, and Attorney Alton, discussed, the amount of the purchase, the program details, how the information was put into the Councils packets, and precedence that may be set by passing the ordinance.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Anderson the Council voted all in favor of tabling Bill 2547 until a vetting procedure could be created.

G. Unfinished Business

1. Discussion regarding 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.

The Council along with Attorney Alton, Mayor Austin, Henry Johnson and Chairman Gary Johnson, discussed Councilman Wilson original petition, why Councilman Wilson disagrees with the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and potential deadlines that maybe approaching to pass the ordinance.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Jones the Council voted all in favor to have a Special Council meeting on Monday October 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss 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.

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

Councilman Wilson expressed confusion of why the Council was discussing adopting and enacting the City of Jennings Missouri Housing Repair Grant Program at this point when at the last Joint Committee meeting the committees were discussing changing the name, the stipulations, all of that stuff. Councilwoman Dugger reviewed how long the Council has had the information, highlighting some of the Joint Committee discussion and said that the Council is moving forward, which has been the mantra. There was continued discussion amongst the Council and the Mayor about the understanding of all of the committee members coming out of the joint committee meeting was to have a dedicated meeting just for the housing repair grant program. Councilwoman Dugger continued to express her desire to move forward at this point even though another meeting has not happened. The Council discussed when another meeting could take place just for the housing repair grant program.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Dugger and seconded by Councilwoman Jones the Council voted all in favor of tabling the discussion until Monday were all committees are present to go over what the committees need to go over and re-write if we have to.

H. New Business

1. Approving a redevelopment agreement for a forgivable TIF loan in redevelopment project area 8 of the Jennings East Side redevelopment area for Baucom's Life Celebration and Cremation LLC.

The Council discussed what the TIF forgivable loan program was, and the procedure that was already in place and approved by Council. Attorney Alton reviewed section six (6) ordinance 2484 adopted on July 23, 2018 by the City Council, and also stated that the initial TIF ACT was November 12, 2002. Attorney Alton said, for the record the companies are just getting the Council what the Council has already agreed to. Councilwoman Dugger continued to express her concerns with the way the information was presented to the Council. Councilman Wilson said that the Council has already passed this program, and the Council has an obligation to the people who apply for it.

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote and seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council voted in favor approving a redevelopment agreement for a forgivable TIF loan in redevelopment project area 8 of the Jennings East Side redevelopment area for Baucom's Life Celebration and Cremation LLC by the following roll call vote, councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry

Wilson, Phyllis Anderson; Councilmembers opposed were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers absent were: Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; none abstained.

2. Approving a redevelopment agreement for a forgivable TIF loan in redevelopment project area 8 of the Jennings East side redevelopment area for Womack's Barber Style Shop

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote and seconded by Councilwoman Jones the Council voted in favor of approving a redevelopment agreement for a forgivable TIF loan in redevelopment project area 8 of the Jennings East side redevelopment area for Womack's Barber Style Shop by the following roll call vote, councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson; Councilmembers opposed were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers absent were: Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; none abstained.

Councilman Wilson noted that the TIF forgivable loan program is pretty much the same type of program as the Housing Repair Grant Program the difference is for the TIF forgivable loan program the Council has the process in place and the money. He said that he does not see the issue with the Councilmembers being opposed to this, but he wanted to just publicly say that it is pretty much the same program.

Councilwoman Anderson interjected saying except that it is for businesses. Councilman Wilson agreed. He said that it is for businesses, it is to improve the look of our businesses and to help our business. Councilwoman Dugger said that she is not opposed to any of that happening. She said it is just that this is coming before the Council and the whole issue tonight has been what is in the Council packets the Council has not been aware of that. She said, that maybe an email would have made the Council aware, but tonight you all are saying whether it is passed, or already ready, there are things that are coming in the Councils packets that the Council has been questioning all night. Councilwoman Anderson asked if that was a closed session issue that the Council could talk about. Residents made some comments as well. Councilwoman Roberts asked if the residents should be yelling out. Councilwoman Jones advised that the resident that was yelling out was the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Sgt. Perez asked the residents to control their outburst.

3. Approval of the monthly bills for payment

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman Stichnote the Council voted all in favor of the approval of the monthly bills for payment.

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

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Dugger 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 were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers absent were: Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; none opposed, or abstained.

1. Mayors Report

Mayor Austin said just a sentence to follow up the forgivable TIF loan, is money that had been sitting in the City's account for several years and it was a suggestion that it went back to the business owners. The business owners that would benefit have been there most of them for many years and have not been able to do anything with their property. This money was designated for them for that area and is giving back to them. Mayor Austin said that as she met with the Department Heads and they participated in a session with MOPerm last week in which they will be participating in online sessions. We were informed that the City did not know that each employee can have up to 10 sessions of online training that is free for all of us. She said the Department Heads will be working with online training and management and assigning their employees different areas that they can work on some of the areas such as, handling difficult customers, supervision, performance management, coaching with character, and there are many others that they can choose from. She said again each employee is entitled up to 10 sessions through the insurance, which the City did not know that we could do that, so we are using that. She said that at the Business Watch Meeting the conversation came up about the paper that is thrown around the City and just the mindset of people that think that it is acceptable, so we will reach out with the Beautification Committee and there were some businesses that said that they would participate in trying to come up with some kind of drive so that we can keep the City cleaner. She thanked those who came, those who stayed and said to invite someone next month. Mayor Austin said that there will be a five-minute break before the Council enters into the closed session, legal and personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3)

1. Closed Session, Legal and Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3)

1. Personnel

Internal Transfer

On the motion made by Councilman Terry Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Francine Dugger the Council voted in favor accepting the recommendation of the Mayor to transfer Dianna Drake to the Special Services Coordinator position by the following roll call vote, councilmembers voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger; Councilmembers opposed: Phyllis

Anderson, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers absent: Councilman Rodney Epps, Councilwoman Carol Epps; none abstained from the vote.

K. Adjournment

On the motion made by Councilwoman Miranda Jones and seconded by Councilman Allan Stichnote the Council voted in favor of adjourning the closed session, legal and personnel (RSMO 610: 021 1,3) at 11:40 p.m. on Monday October 22, 2018 by the following roll call vote, Councilmembers in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts; Councilmembers absent were: Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; none opposed or abstained the vote.

Attest:



Mayor Yolanda Austin



Kareen McNeal, Deputy City Clerk