



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting**  
**Jennings City Hall**  
**November 25, 2019**  
**Public Hearing & Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

The two thousand three hundred ninety ninth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Jennings City Hall.

**A. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. *Petition for conditional use permit to operate a hair braiding salon at 8894 Jennings Station Road in the C-2 Zoning District. Petitioner: Mohammed F. Kanneh, owner*

Mayor Austin opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Petitioner, Mohammed F. Kanneh spoke in favor of the petition. He stated that he has had the business since 2008, which was located at 7319 W. Florissant. However, due to damage to the building, it has been condemned. He is relocating his business to 8894 Jennings Station Road.

There were no questions nor anyone speaking against the petition. The public hearing for the petition was closed at 7:03 p.m.

2. *Petition for conditional use permit to operate a dine - in restaurant at 6621 W. Florissant in the C-2S Zoning District. Petitioner: Nick Humphrey, owner*

Mayor Austin opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Petitioner, Nick Humphrey spoke in favor of the petition. He stated that the diner is proposed for the location formerly known as Knodels Bakery.

Councilman Wilson asked for the hours of operation. Nick responded the hours would be Monday - Thursday 6 am - 3 pm; Friday - Saturday 6 am - 6 pm; Sunday 7 am - 3 pm. Councilman Wilson asked if it would be breakfast, lunch and dinner. The response was there will be dinner only on Sunday, with breakfast and lunch only during the week.

Councilman Stichnote asked how much seating there will be. Mr. Humphreys responded that there will be 100 seats.

Councilman Epps asked what types of food would be served. The response was American breakfast cuisine and some lunch items, which includes salad, cheese burgers, Philly cheese steaks, and fish sandwiches. They listed some of the items of the American Cuisine.

Councilman Wilson asked how many people they plan to hire. Mr. Humphrey responded that there will be a staff of 17 people. They plan to work with Jennings High School to hire some part time workers. Councilman Wilson informed them that there are some great candidates within the City of Jennings. He encouraged them to do their outreach to hire within the community. Councilman Wilson stated the benefits of hiring people who live where they work.

There was no one speaking against the petition. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 pm.

**B. REGULAR MEETING**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

2. **Roll Call - Members present:** Allan Stichnote, Aja Owens, Francine Dugger, Gary Johnson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Terry Wilson, Mayor Yolanda Austin

**Member absent:** Miranda Jones, Francine Dugger left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the Council voted all in favor to approve the agenda.

### **4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 28, 2019**

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the Council voted all in favor to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 28, 2019.

### **5. Approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting of November 4, 2019**

On the motion made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council voted all in favor to approve the minutes from the special meeting of November 4, 2019.

## ***C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS***

### **1. Presentation by Emily Bremer & Kelly Rector - 2020 Employee Insurance Benefits**

Emily Bremer & Kelly Rector, Denny & Associates, presented a proposal to improve upon the City's current plan and reduce the cost to the employees for the 2020 medical plan. They were asked to look into options for the City after receiving proposal for a substantial rate increase from the current provider. They reviewed various carriers and programs to find one where the City would be eligible. Emily stated that most plans were not viable nor available for the City due to government entity criteria, cost of plans, and other factors. However, due to the existing number of staff being under 50, they were able to find a community rated affordable care act plan (Silver Plan) with Aetna Healthcare. The plan would be available to the City and its employees at a community rated pool. This would be less expensive than the proposed renewal with United Healthcare, which was quoted at an additional 49% increase.

Emily highlighted the some of the benefits which included: cost reduction for both the City and the employees. She proposed the idea of a composite rate which would allow the employees to all pay the same rate and the City would pay a rate that is on average lower or within the current budget. Another benefit offered was better benefit options through an APL plan. She explained the new proposed rate structure based upon different deductible amounts. There was a proposal that included the \$2000 deductible and \$3000 deductible amount. Premiums are age rated (based upon employees' ages).

Emily explained that the City's current contribution of \$650 would not meet the contractual requirement of United Healthcare with the increased premiums. As a result, the City would have to increase the budget to comply with the contract, if they selected United Healthcare. If the requirement is not met, the entire plan could be terminated. Emily also explained that the proposal took into consideration that the City was meeting the guidelines of the Affordable Healthcare Act so that it avoids being penalized. The proposed plan brings to the employees' access to the Barnes-Jewish Network.

Emily highlighted the cost increase if the City accepted the renewal with United Healthcare compared to the plan with Aetna and pointed out the information on the provided handout of information. She explained that the plan coverage and the effective date of January 1, 2020. All information must be submitted by December 10, 2019 to meet the deadline.

Councilman Epps commented on the APL benefit packet and how it would help supplement the coverage from the 80/20 plan with Aetna. He said, from a cost perspective, the insurance option is a no brainer. He also pointed out the wider network options which will also be beneficial.

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

- a. **Teresa Lowman, 5513 Belridge**, complained of a pit bull problem in the house behind her. She said the house only has two sides of the yard fenced. One side was damaged by a tree this summer. The dogs are hooked up with leashes to the fence. They are out all day and are vicious. She complained that she can't go in her backyard because they come at her. Mrs. Lowman said she called Casi in the Building Department who reported that the owner has been sited twice but didn't show up for court. She was advised to call the Humane Society and Animal Control, which she did the day of the meeting. Mrs. Lowman said the County has no specific laws; it is up to the municipality. The City of Jennings has very specific laws. The fence needs to be six feet high and the fence on the house is not six feet high. They don't have "Beware of Dog" signs. The children from Fairview cut through the yards and the dogs are there. She said it is a matter of time before something happens. She reported that the biggest of the two dogs broke the top of the fence. When he jumps at people, the whole fence moves.
- Mayor Austin asked Jim to follow up with Casi on the issue.
- b. **Nancy Sparks, 7223 Sapphire Avenue**, gave a thank you to every person who works in the City of Jennings. She said she has lived in the City for 47 years and have had nothing, but good things happen when she reaches out to the staff. The staff has always followed through. Ms. Sparks said she lives in a war zone. Of the 16 houses on her block, only 6-7 are occupied. She loves her home and the City. She extended appreciation to the City.
- c. **Rodney Coleman, 6621 W. Florissant**, no additional comments. He spoke during the public hearing.
- d. **Nick Humphrey, 6621 W. Florissant**, no additional comments. He spoke during the public hearing.
- e. **Jane Brown, 2328 Ada Wortley**, she reported that she has lived at her address for 44 years and love it. Ms. Brown said she is excited about the passing of Prop E (Economic Development Tax) and is looking forward to the benefits it can bring to the City from the funding generated. She said it is exciting to see the work being done at Sievers Park. The City is moving forward, and she is looking forward to it. Ms. Brown said she is willing to help in any way to help the City move forward.
- f. **Marietta Beck, 5476 Hodiament**, thanked Jim Maxner for getting lights on in the park at 5500 block of Hamilton. She said it was poorly lit but now it looks like daytime at night. She said she and the neighbors appreciates it. Ms. Beck told Mr. Epps she was glad to see him. She said she is glad that the City Council did some house cleaning in the Building Department and it give her hope that things will start to be addressed more efficiently. Ms. Beck asked the Council to keep in mind that Prop E passed by one vote and consider the people who voted against it.
- g. **Dorothy Howard, 5831 Janet**, said she was glad to see Councilman Epps. She thanked Officer McCrary for a wonderful job of patrolling her street and took care of some things. Now they need someone to patrol the streets at night. She also thanked Councilwoman Owens for the great event. She said no one left the event empty handed. They had turkeys, pies, gift cards. There were people at the event who didn't live in the 4th ward but no one was turned away. It was a great time.
- h. **David Kuechenmeister, 2021 Hord Avenue**, said he has been living at his address over 57 years. He complained about the trash pickup coming after 6:30 pm, sometimes 8:30 pm. He also complained about the mail service. The mail man is never the same person. Three days this month he said he had no mail service. On the day of the meeting, he said his mail was delivered after 6:30 pm, sometimes it has been as late as 9:30 pm. He said sometimes they get mail at 10 am and the mail lady has told them it was from the day before. Lastly, he complained that at the corner of Acacia and McLaran, there is a vacant house on McLaran where people are dumping. At first it was yard waste being dumped, but now it is trash being dumped. He said as you come off Acacia to make a right turn on McLaran, you can see the trash which is starting to become an eyesore.

Jim responded that he and Estelle went by the house that was referenced. He said it was put in the system and will be cleaned up. He said he noticed the first time he went by, it was a small pile that has grown. He said that location is being considered for a camera.

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

- a. *Councilwoman Owens* began her report with a quote. She thanked everyone who attended the 4th Ward Mixer. She extended condolences to Councilwoman Dugger on the loss of her mother.

b. *Councilman Epps* thanked the community for showing concern and support during his dealings with medical issues. He said he has been blessed to serve for a long time. He hopes to continue to serve and only time will tell.

- c. *Councilman Johnson* reported his activities over the past month, which included eating lunch with the Veterans at the North County Community Center where Councilman Stichmote was recognized amongst other veterans from the community, attending a luncheon at St. John's Newman. He announced that he applied and was accepted to the University of Missouri Extension's Master Gardner's Program. He said this will help with him growing food and understanding the whole aspect of gardening. The program period is January through May, on Thursdays at the Botanical Garden.

He announced that he is the St. Louis County Chairman of the Confederation of Block Units through the Urban League. There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 28th at 3540 Marcus Avenue at New Perfect Peace Church. The Urban League will give out turkeys on November 26 from 1-3 pm. You will need a picture ID, social security card, proof of income and residency to receive a turkey. On December 5th, LIHEAP will have energy assistance programs for energy utilities at the YMCA located at 5555 Page from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. It is a easy process for those who receive food stamps. If you do not receive the food stamps, there is a simple application for those in need of assistance with their energy bills.

Councilman Johnson announced that he will be driving around the 3rd Ward in a white truck with wood and other supplies to be used to stabilize structures in the 3rd Ward. Stabilization includes cutting grass, boarding up structures, and cleaning up trash. There is a dumpster on College and Florence for neighbors to dump trash from the ward.

- d. *Councilwoman Anderson* asked Jim about the complaint about the dog at 2600 Kinamore. She asked if they found out if the dog is registered. She said the dog got out and chased the mail carrier. He said he would get with Stephanie in the finance department to find out if it is registered. Then the complaint will go to the Building Department for verification of the codes for fencing and other things. Councilwoman Anderson said the fence was four feet. She said the discussion about the dog has been going on for about two months. She asked Jim to please give it some close attention. She asked Jim if he knew of Jake Johnson and asked if he had called Jim. Mr. Johnson lives on Sunbury. He said the Public Works Dept. did a good job at the house at 8409 but there are trees hanging in his yard. He asked if they can do something about it. Mayor Austin said she also received a call regarding that issues and would talk to Jim about it.

Councilwoman Anderson asked the City Clerk to asked Lt. Geasley when will CPR training occur. She said she hopes that it can be the end of December.

- e. *Councilwoman Dugger* thanked the City of Jennings, Mayor, Council members, and residents for reaching out during the time of the loss of her mother. She said she wanted to thank everyone.

Councilwoman Dugger left the meeting.

- f. *Councilman Wilson* gave kudos to Councilwoman Owens for the 4th Ward event. He said it was a beautiful event. He also said he plans to visit the church again. The Pastor was nice and welcoming. Councilman Wilson said the spirit of the event was beautiful. He also thanked her for the personal invitation.

Councilman Wilson asked Capt. Cox if they found out anything about the bus situation on Dawn Court that has been parked for awhile. Capt. Cox asked Sgt. Perez to respond. Sgt. Perez said an officer went by and issued citations for parking it on the street.



Councilwoman Wilson said the School Superintendent has a lot of business connections. He reached out to the Enterprise Foundation and they donated vans to the school district. Councilman Wilson said the district has a population of homeless students. He said last year it cost the district about \$200,000 to transport the students. He said by law they have to transport students in transition and homeless students. Now they can provide their own transportation and hire drivers, so they don't have to use taxicab anymore. They also purchased a bus from the Troy School District, which only cost the district about \$6,000. The bus is for the students who are not in transition. It is a shuttle service. The elementary schools are in walking distance but there are students who need to get to the high school and junior high school in the cold and unsafe areas. The shuttle service goes throughout the district to pick up students to make sure that arrive safely.

Councilman Wilson said the innovation affects attendance. Currently, the elementary schools are at 98% attendance, middle schools are at 96%, high schools are at 92%, and the district overall is at 95%. He encouraged the public to attend the school board meetings on the 3rd Mondays of the month, which starts at 7 p.m. at the district office.

Councilman Wilson encourage the public to allow their reflections on 2019 to encourage people to do things differently in the upcoming year and end on a note to do something for someone else that you wouldn't normally do.

- g. *Councilman Stichnote* reported that on November 14th there was a luncheon hosted by the Recreation Dept. On December 19th, the Senior commission will host a BINGO from 12- 2 p.m. where holiday food will be served. On December 21, there will be Breakfast with Santa with the Recreation Dept. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. On January 26, the Recreation Dept. will host a movie night from 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Councilman Stichnote thanked all for voting on Proposition E. He said the results shows that your votes count. He also reported that crime is down 7.8% in the City from January 1st - November 23rd. He asked Capt. Cox to speak on the stats. He said 7.8% reduction in crime is the largest out of all of the eight precincts. Capt. Cox said it doesn't feel like crime is down because the aggravated assaults involving firearms are up 28.4%. This is the crime that people feel; the violent crimes: shootings, shots fired. He said the larcenies will go up due to the time of the year. He encouraged people to be watchful and pay attention when shopping. Capt. Cox also said auto crimes will go up due to stolen crimes. He said larcenies will go up from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Capt. Cox announced the Neighborhood Watch Christmas Party will be December 12th at 6 pm at Gary Gore. He invited the public to attend. He thanked the community for the support. Capt. Cox also announced a turkey giveaway on November 26th at the Urban League from Noon - 4 p.m.

Councilman Stichnote report that improvements taking place at Sievers Park. He informed the public that the demolition of the Firehouse will occur on November 26th, if the public wants to watch it come down.

#### **4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Austin started her report by thanking the public for coming out and the department heads and employees for stepping up. A few departments are short staffed, but the employees are working together to keep things moving. Mayor Austin reminded the public that the City welcomes comments and complaints on the website.

She stated that she was thankful to the one person who helped to pass the Proposition E (economic development tax). Mayor Austin said that some of the people who voted no called her to explain that they voted no because they didn't want their real estate taxes to increase. She explained that the proposition had no impact on the real estate taxes. Those people who later gained clarity apologized for not understanding because they would have voted for the proposition. Mayor Austin said that even though the numbers were close some people misunderstood the proposition. When people hear taxes, they think of their real estate taxes. She asked the people who take the time to attend the meetings to go out and help add clarity to what's going on in the community.

Mayor Austin reported that there will be an Economic Development committee formed for the purpose of taking public input and recommendations for the use of the Economic Development taxes. She asked the public to apply if they are interested in serving. She announced that there are two alternative positions available for the Board of Adjustments. She invited people to apply if they are interested.

She announced that North County Community Development hosted a shoe giveaway on Saturday, November 23, 2019 where they had 1,000 shoes donated by KICKS for the City. The organization gave out 400-500 pairs of shoes. There are still available lots of men and children shoe. Those interested can go to 6614 W. Florissant. The organization is also hosting its 10th annual toy drive. The toys will be delivered to families on December 18th. She invited those interested in making donations to deliver them to 6614 W. Florissant. They are looking for gifts for young people 13-18 years old and any nonperishable foods.

Mayor Austin reminded the people that she will continue to stress the date of April 1, 2020, which is census day. She announced there are jobs available. Visit online to apply. She encouraged to get the word out to neighbors and friends so that when information comes to them in the mail, they are doing their count online by mail or telephone. Mayor Austin reported that 10 years ago the City of Jennings count was 14,700 and we are trying to make sure it goes up. She said it should go up because we have more people. The more people to be counted equals more tax dollars for the City of Jennings. She asked the public to spread the word and stress the information in their meetings.

Mayor Austin reported there will be a Business Watch Meeting on December 20th at 11 a.m. She invited the public to attend. Mayor Austin said they will be recognizing businesses with the highest attendance at the meetings over this past year.

Mayor Austin informed the public that Hazel Erby, Director of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion for the Office of St. Louis County, gave eight tickets to Mayor Austin to bring young entrepreneurs to an event on November 22nd. Mayor Austin contacted a teacher at the high school to ask who could accompany her to the event. She took with her four Jennings students (three 12th graders and one middle school), one student from St. Louis Immersion School and two parents. The 12th graders consisted of two photographers and one person who owns a clothing line. Milkey, the vending machine owner and author. There was also a fifth grader from St. Louis Language Immersion Spanish School whose business is turning business cards into luggage tags. Mayor Austin announced that the young people will be having a fair at the school. She asked the public to encourage the young people. They all attended the MOKAN Dinner where Mrs. Erby was honored. The young people had a great time.

**D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, second by Councilman Epps, the Council approved the monthly department reports.

**E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

***1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee***

Councilman Wilson reported the committee met twice. The first meeting was on November 4th, where the committee discussed and approved the professional services contract to hire a consultant for the operations of the Building and Economic Development Department. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Epps, the committee voted in favor to send the contract to the City Council for approval. Secondly, the committee approved a professional services contract for the Comprehensive Plan. There was a motion to present the contract to the Council for final approval by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson. Lastly, the committee started the discussion on the restructuring of the Building and Economic Development Department.

The committee also met on November 21st to discuss and approve three items. Item one is the approval of the Economic Development Coordinator position, which came out of the conversation regarding the restructuring of the Building Department. There committee voted all

in favor to recommend to the City Council the addition of the new position, Economic Development Coordinator.

On the motion made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council voted all in favor of the addition of the new Economic Development Coordinator position.

The committee also voted in favor to recommend to the City Council for the approval of the budget amendment for the addition of the position to cover salary for the period of January - March in the amount of 7,827.08 plus benefits. The funds are available in the existing budget, but the line item needs to be created for the new position. This position will be added to the Budget Department's budget.

During this meeting, the committee heard the presentation for the health insurance coverage options for the City and employees. Councilman Wilson agreed that the option was a no brainer and a cost savings for the employees. The Committee did its due diligence and is recommending it to the Council for approval.

2. ***Public Works & Building Committee*** - Councilman Epps reported there was no meeting. He informed the public that the committee will be addressing the waste contract. The RFP for the service will go out for bid in January.

3. ***Parks & Recreation Committee*** - Councilman Stichnote reported there was no meeting.

4. ***Policy and Ordinance Committee*** - Councilwoman Anderson reported there was a meeting on November 4th where the committee discussed the Employees Grievance Policy. There was no action taken by the committee.

5. ***Municipal League*** - Councilman Wilson updated the public that the Board of Freeholders is being created. The City of St. Louis has not approved all of its members. The first meeting was held in St. Louis City on November 12th. The appointee from the Governor and the County Executive were present. St. Louis Mayor Krewson made some additional recommendations. They are hopeful that the City of St. Louis members will be approved prior to the holiday so that the conversations can start on the plans for the region, whether that is the City of St. Louis joining St. Louis County as a municipality or to do nothing. Those are the conversations taking place. Councilman Wilson committed to keeping the public abreast as to what is going on.

Councilman Wilson announced he was appointed to the State Committee on Taxes. He said he is on the Missouri Municipal League Committee for Taxes. He said he will keep the public informed.

6. ***Planning Commission*** - Councilman Johnson reported there was a meeting on November 7th. The commission reviewed the applications for: the hair braiding salon, the diner (both were presented in the Public Hearing of this meeting), and heard the presentation from Diamond Munerlyn, Intern from Washington University, on the City Comprehensive Plan. She was analyzing the existing plan to see what was completed and not completed. Councilman Johnson said One West Florissant joined the commission in a discussion. They are a legislative collaboration between Jennings, Dellwood, and Ferguson. It will align ordinances and policies along W. Florissant so that they are mimicked amongst municipalities. The group will come back before the Planning Commission with recommended ordinances and policies. He invited the public to come to the Planning Commission meeting to hear more.

7. ***Youth Commission*** - written reports included in the packets

8. ***Senior Commission*** - written reports included in the packets

#### **F. Legal Business (Proposed Ordinances)**

1. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A FIRE HYDRANT AT THE RESIDENCE AT JENNINGS PLACE 3 AT 2250 MIDDLE RIVER ROAD, IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI.**

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Epps for Bill #2586. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2586 became Ordinance #2525 by the following roll call vote of the council members voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, Aja Owens; Miranda Jones and Francine Dugger were absent, none opposing nor abstaining.

**2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNING, MISSOURI APPROVING A  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRANTING SAME TO MOHAMMED F.  
KANNEH TO OPERATE A HAIR BRAIDING SALON AT 8894 JENNINGS  
STATION ROAD**

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2587. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2587 became Ordinance #2526 by the following roll call vote of the council members voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, Aja Owens; Miranda Jones and Francine Dugger were absent, none opposing nor abstaining.

**3. APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE FOR PETITION FOR CONDITIONAL USE  
PERMIT TO OPERATE A DINE - IN RESTAURANT AT 6621 W. FLORISSANT IN  
THE C-2S ZONING DISTRICT. PETITIONER: NICK HUMPHREY, OWNER**

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Epps for Bill #2588. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2588 became Ordinance #2527 by the following roll call vote of the council members voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, Aja Owens; Miranda Jones and Francine Dugger were absent, none opposing nor abstaining.

**4. AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FROM  
ALSHWKANI AMIN TO MUST AFA ABDELKARIM AND GHASSAN AYESH TO  
OPERATE A LIQUOR STORE AT 5531 JENNINGS STATION ROAD OF THE  
CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI**

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson for Bill #2589. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Epps for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

On the question, Councilwoman Anderson asked why the license is being transferred. Sam Alton responded that there was an application made for the transfer. The code requires a background check, which was done by the City officials in accordance to section 443 of the Jennings Code.

Councilman Johnson informed the public that the City is over its cap of liquor licenses, according to the Comprehensive Plan. This is a transfer of licenses, which is not adding a new license. Sam said the law is different when there is a transfer of license as opposed to an application for a new license.

A representative of the company requesting the transfer approached the mic to address concerns (name wasn't given). Councilwoman Anderson asked if they were displaying price tags on the merchandise in the store. He reported that it is on the shelf and the scan, everything has a price on it. If it doesn't have a price, they will put it on the product. He believes the customer has the right to know the price. Councilwoman Anderson emphasized the importance of having the prices on the products.



Bill #2589 became Ordinance #2528 by the following roll call vote of the council members voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, Aja Owens; Miranda Jones and Francine Dugger were absent, none opposing nor abstaining.

**G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none**

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

***1. Approval of the Board of Adjustments appointment***

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Epps, the Council voted all in favor of the approval of the appointees to the Board of Adjustments: Doris Green for a 5 year term due to expire 11-26-2024 and Jeannine Roberts for an unexpired term due to expire 11/20/2022.

Mayor Austin introduced Ms. Roberts (Ward 3 resident) to the public (she was present at the meeting). She informed the public that Ms. Roberts has been volunteering for in the Building Department.

***2. Approval of the Planning Commission appointment***

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Epps, the Council voted all in favor of the approval of appointing Shirley Wayne to the Planning Commission for an unexpired term due to expire on April 2020. Ms. Wayne is a 4th Ward resident.

***3. Approval of the proposed 2020 Insurance Rates***

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Epps, the Council voted all in favor of the approval of 2020 Insurance rates.

***4. Approval of the Budget Amendment***

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council voted all in favor of the approval of the budget amendment to add the new position of Economic Development Coordinator to the Building Department's budget.

***5. Approval of Special Event Permit for Norwood Hills Country Club for December 20, 2019***

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council voted all in favor of the approval of the Special Events permit for Norwood Hills Country Club for December 20, 2019

***6. Approval of the monthly bills for payment***

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council voted all in favor of the approval of the monthly bills for payment.

**I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

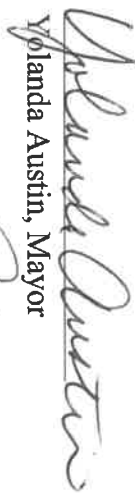
In the Mayor's closing remarks, she congratulated all of the new businesses and transfer of liquor license. She is excited about the new restaurant opening. Mayor Austin wished everyone a Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by councilman Epps the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by the following roll call vote of the council members voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, Aja Owens; Miranda Jones and Francine Dugger were absent, none opposing nor abstaining.

Mayor Austin announced that Feeding Our Future program sponsored by the St. Louis Area Food bank on December 5th. There will be two markets: Jets Building and Fairview School. She also announced the next Council Meeting will be on Monday, December 16, 2019.

Approved:

  
Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:

  
Deletra Hudson, City Clerk