

Minutes of the City Council Meeting
Jennings City Hall
June 26, 2017 - 7:00 pm

The two thousand three hundred sixty-fourth meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Jennings City Hall.

Public Hearings:

6:15 p.m. - Solicit public input for the construction of a basketball court, bridge, and pavilion in Koeneman Park

Ken Keitel, Terrespac Land and Park Planners, informed the public that the City is applying for a grant with St. Louis County Municipal Parks Grant Commission to do improvements at Koeneman Park. Ken explained that his company prepared a Park Master Plan in 2000. Since the 2000, Koeneman Park's improvements have included a fishing lake, waterfall, walking trail, parking lot, Cardinal Care Baseball field, softball field and improved playground. The next phase is proposing a basketball court, sports courts, picnic shelter, and fishing deck (bridge) to cross the island.

Public Input/Questions:

Q1: Will fisherman be able to sit on the bridge to fish?

A1: Ken: The bridge will be 8-10 feet wide to ensure maintenance vehicle can cross. There will be space for fisherman to set up their chairs to fish.

Q2: Were other parks considered? A basketball court would be good in other parks in Jennings.

A1: Mayor Austin: The Parks committee would be working to address improvements in other parks. Lions Park is currently being improved. They will look at Hamilton Park and revitalizing Sapphire Park, to make it a park again. People love Koeneman Park.

Q3: What is the timeline of the other park projects?

A1: Mayor Austin: Lions Park was anticipated to be completed in May or June but has been delayed due to the weather. It is currently 90% completed.

A2: Ken: The City can apply for grants once a year. There is an application being prepared for Sievers Park. The Master Plan prepared in 2000 outlined what the each park improvements could have been at the time.

Councilman Epps asked if applying for the grant is a guarantee of receipt of the grant. Ken responded there is no guarantee. If the City doesn't receive the grant this year, the likelihood of receiving it next year is greater. He explained that the grant system is based upon points. There are extra points given if you don't apply for grants every year. The city will need 19-20 points to receive a grant.

The public input hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

6:45 p.m. Amended and Restated Petition authorizing the formation of Jennings Station Crossing Community Improvement District (CID)

Mark Spykerman , attorney with Gilmore and Bell and Special Counsel to the City of Jennings Station Crossing Community Improvement District, spoke to the public about an amended and restated petition submitted by the new owners (developer) to allow the district to stay in existence longer and increase its sales tax from .75% to 1%.

Mark discussed the boundaries and history of the CID, along with the requested next steps of the CID, which includes the proposed amended and restated petition for the City Council 's approval.

Q1: How long would the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) last?

A1: Mark responded that the TIF will expire to 2025 and the CID will be extended 25 years from the date of approval.

There were no additional comments for the items discussed nor against.

The public hearing ended at 6:54 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – Request for rezoning for 2100 Switzer from C-2 to R-3 for a proposed multi-family senior housing development by Rise Community Development (Mark Stroker/Jessica Eiland)

Mark Stoker, Rise Community Development, and Nancy Rodney, Rosemann and Associates Architect, were present. Jessica Eiland was not present. Mark presented information and renderings of the project to the public.

Proposing to complete the campus project where the Fairview Village Senior Facility is located on Switzer. Full service health center and affordable housing were phases of the project. The next phase includes the redevelopment of the former high school, Old Corpus Christi High School. The proposal will add 32 units of senior housing. The plan includes a full rehab, staying true to the original structure and architectural design. Demo will be limited to the interior of the structure. The facility will be primarily one bedroom units, three studios, and three 2 bedroom units. Rents are proposed to be affordable.

The group needs the zoning approved to make application for funding for this phase of the project. The Affordable Housing Tax Credit is the intended funds used for the project. If funded, the project construction will start 12-16 months after the award.

Q1: There are issues with security at the senior facility. What is the plan for addressing security or having a security guard in the area?

A1: Mark said getting security guards would be difficult. He said they could put money in the capital improvement budget to get security cameras to be monitored by professional companies. The facility being 32 unit of affordable housing doesn't generate enough income to support the expense of a security guard. The developer is exploring option that will create a single point of entry that could be monitored with security cameras.

Councilman Epps said the cameras are fine but doesn't stop break-ins of cars.

Mark said he would reevaluate the budget to see if they can get security guards during peak times.

Mayor asked if there was anyone else wanting to speak in support of the project – no response

Mayor asked if there was anyone wanting to speak against the project – no response

Public hearing was concluded at 7:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING:

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Yolanda Austin
Councilman Allan Stichnote
Councilwoman Miranda Jones
Councilman Terry Wilson
Councilwoman Francine Dugger

Councilwoman Phyllis Anderson
Councilwoman Julia Roberts
Councilman Rodney Epps
Councilwoman Carol Epps

Also present: City Attorney, Carla Allen-Hughes, and City Clerk, Deletra Hudson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps, second by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council voted in favor to approve the agenda for June 26, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF May 22, 2017

On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps, second by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council voted in favor to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 22, 2017.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS:

A. Presentation from St. Louis County Police Department – Employee Recognition

Captain Cox recognized Officer Michael Cavanaugh as Officer of the Month. Officer Cavanaugh was on vacation, so there was no presentation.

He introduced new officers to the public: Sergeant Luis Perez - Neighborhood Police Sergeant, Officer Jonathan Evans, and Officer Ryan Serrano

Captain announced the Citizens Police Academy will start on July 11, 2017. Sgt. Perez will be in charge of the academy.

B. Presentation from Department Heads – City Employee Recognition

Earl Green, Recreation Director, recognized new employee, Evan Byington - Site Monitor, for being an outstanding citizen and good worker by conducting an act of good deeds for turning in a missing purse that was left at the Civic Center.

Lt. Eugene Neal, Department of Corrections, recognized Officer Todd Forti for uncovering drugs being smuggled into the jail through the mail.

C. Comments by public

Terry Bruford of 2601 Kinamore – Complained about a vacant house across the street from her (2608 Kinamore) with overgrown vines growing up the house. She asked the council what is the plan to address such properties that sit and deteriorate.

Mayor Austin responded that the City has contracted with a company to assist with getting caught up with the grass cutting. Her area is on the list to be addressed. Ms. Bruford asked if they will address the weeds growing on the house. Mayor Austin responded not at this time.

Councilman Epps asked Mayor Austin if the staff could check to see if the house is on the demo list.

Christine Slaughter of 5413 College Ave - Asked what is going on in the City of Jennings for children during the summer months. She asked if the City still has the summer camp in the Lions Park. Mayor Austin responded that the summer camp is no longer being offer at Lions Park. The Recreation Director, Mr. Green, is looking to create more programming. He is getting new staff to assist with the department. Councilwoman Jones advised Ms. Slaughter to check into the PAL Program through St. Louis County Police Department for activities that occur during the day.

Teona McGraw, RTW Repeal Petition – Ms. McGraw stated she is not a Jennings resident. She came to introduce the City to Kevin Fitzgerald who is working on the Rights to Work initiative. Kevin is seeking signatures for the Right to Work Petition. Together they are visiting cities in North County. They started with Jennings.

Kevin Fitzgerald of (RTW Repeal Petition) – Mr. Fitzgerald is not a Jennings resident. He said he is seeking momentum behind the Right to Work Repeal petitions. He doesn't represent any organization and is not receiving payment from anyone. He said he is using his own time and money to promote the cause. His efforts are to get the Rights to Work law signed by the governor and on the ballot for residents to vote on.

Gussie Harrison of 9207 Catalina Dr. – Ms. Harrison began her comments with distributing pictures of a down fence and debris behind her property. She complained about the fence and the debris. Her fence butts against the Urban League's lot. She wanted to know what the council was going to do about repairing the fence. She complained also about the high grass at 9211 Catalina. She said she previously reported the property to the city. Ms. Harrison was unhappy that there doesn't appear to be any grass cutting efforts being performed by the City in her area. She said she also informed Councilwoman Dugger about the problems.

Mayor Austin asked Mr. Johnson, Interim Director of Housing and Economic Development, to address Ms. Harrison's complaint. Mr. Johnson said the fence is rotting and has been repaired on several occasion; never replaced. He said notices have been sent and summons have been issued to the owner. The owner is out of state. The City doesn't have the authority to repair or replace the fence. Mr. Johnson said a notice was also sent to the property owner at 9211 Catalina regarding the high grass.

Councilman Epps asked Mr. Johnson if the City could repair the fence and charge the owner. Mr. Johnson responded he wasn't knowledgeable about that.

Councilwoman Dugger stated that she brought this problem to Mr. Johnson's attention last month. She said the council has been talking about the area behind the Urban League being a problem since she has been on the council. There has also been complaints about the fence. She said she asked at the last month's meeting for information, in writing, that she and Councilman Wilson could have regarding the plan for the area. Councilwoman Dugger said to Mr. Johnson that hearing that the city still doesn't know what can be done about the area is not satisfying what the residents are asking from the city. She said Mr. Johnson hasn't provided her what she asked for in writing, which was a plan on how the City will address this problem for the residents in the area.

Mr. Johnson responded that the Departments of Public Works, Building or Street Division has no authority to build a fence on private property. If the City allocate funds through the legislative body to build the fence, the department will do that. Mayor Austin asked Councilwoman Dugger if she was recommending that the City see how much it would cost to build the fence then pay for it. Councilwoman Dugger responded that she was requesting a written plan on how the city could fix the problem. She added the written plan may include an estimate of cost for the City to fix the fence. She said the fence is not the only issue. There is an issue with the debris and tractor trailers.

Councilman Epps added that the Council may need to consider creating an ordinance to force private property owners to be responsible for maintaining their property.

Mayor Austin informed Mr. Johnson to schedule a meeting within the next week with the two Councilmembers Dugger and R. Epps to get suggestions on how to address this issue.

Yolonda Henderson of 2437 Shannonaire - High grass at 2456 Shannon, 2444 Shannon, and Sharidge and Shannon (no address provided). She said she reported to a council member graffiti at the old Boatman's Bank. Tall grass at the Old Tiny Tot's building is block visibility at the corner. There is a ground hog living at vacant house at 2436 Sharidge.

There is another garden at Gary Gore near the Technology Building thanks to the collaboration amongst Jennings School District, St. Louis County Police Department PAL Program, and the Michael Brown Foundation.

She said she is still waiting to hear something about the Ruler's Food situation.

She recommended taking one day to get volunteers and clean up the city, including addressing tall grass and picking up the litter.

She announced that school starts August 10th. There will be a back to school jamboree on August 12th. Summer school ends June 29th.

She doesn't think the council members should tear down the city workers. The City can't go on private property. She encouraged the city to work together.

Michelle Westenberg of 8812 Eichler – She said she has lived at the address for 28 years. She said there are only 14 houses on the street. Four of the houses are collapsing. There are children on the street and in the neighborhood that thinks it's a game to play around the houses and throw things at the houses. She reported people dumping furniture in the yards of the properties at night.

Ms. Westenberg said there is a man stalking the neighborhood and breaking into the yards and stilling ladders, patio furniture, and tools. She said she has confronted the man and called the police. She said a neighbor told her the man was hiding in the bushes next to her house. Residents are leaving the area because of the issue.

She said there is a problem with heroin deals on each end of the street. The cars will park and people form lines. They pass money and packets all day. When the police show up, the cars are gone. She said she is angry and terrified. She has removed her handgun from her home so that she doesn't shoot the man. She is looking to have a paint gun to mark him so he leaves a trail. She described him as an older black male about 6'2" weighing 250 pounds. She asked where she should go.

Mayor Austin asked Captain Cox if he has gotten any complaints. Capt. Cox responded that the department is making traffic stops, is responding to calls, and has extra patrols in the area. They have made five drug arrests.

Mayor Austin asked Mr. Johnson to address the empty homes. Mr. Johnson said there are several of the properties on the list. He added there are 22,352 structures in the City of Jennings and over 8000 are derelict/vacant. There is no money to address the problems. Mr. Johnson reported that of the 14 structures Ms. Westenberg reported; seven are vacant and four are collapsing.

Mayor reported that there are people who have expressed interest in purchasing homes, some of which she believes are on Eichler.

Councilman Wilson asked if the demolition of the properties are being paid for by the City. Mr. Johnson responded that it was. Councilman Wilson suggested seeking grants to assist with funding. Mr. Johnson responded that the City is receiving Community Block Grant funds to assist with demolition.

Carol Weusthoff of 2126 McLaran – complained about fireworks being shot at Clifton and McLaran in the middle of the street. She contacted the police department via the non-emergency number and was told there is not an ordinance against shooting fireworks. She said there is an ordinance regarding the shooting fireworks. She read ordinance 810.021. She wanted to know if the ordinance was going to be enforced.

Captain Cox responded that the police will enforce the ordinance. There is a massive problem with fireworks that is difficult to enforce.

Councilman Epps asked the public and police department to keep the kids out of the streets with the fireworks.

Demetrius Ball of 6815 W. Florissant – jewelry store owner at the location. Stated he acquired the building at 6817 W. Florissant. He said he has fallen behind on his taxes for the past two years. He had someone interested in renting from him but he was denied the opportunity to rent due to the back taxes. He said he is trying to invest in Jennings. Mr. Ball was wondering if there was an ordinance that prohibits him from renting the property. He asked the council how the situation can be resolved.

Mayor Austin asked Rise' Johnson to address the issue. Rise' said unless the City has received a revocation notice from Missouri Department of Revenue, there is no issue. She asked Mr. Ball to call her to discuss further.

Councilman Epps asked Mr. Ball who gave him the information. Mr. Ball responded that someone in the Building Department informed him about the ordinance.

Ophelia Roberts of 1943 Hildred Ave. – She said she came to the May council meeting and complained about tall grass. She credited the City with addressing the tall grass in her area within two days of her attending the meeting. She thanked the City for cutting all five properties requested.

Ms. Roberts expressed concern about the children shooting fireworks. She said she talked to the police department about the kids and protecting her property from the fireworks.

D. Councilmembers' Reports:

Councilwoman Carol Epps asked the public to work as community and help our neighbors. She asked the community to help cut neighboring properties, if they can, to help keep the rodents away and neighborhoods nice.

Councilman Rodney Epps thanked Captain Cox, Steve Pokorny, Officer Trevor, and all of the people who helped make the BBQ successful on behalf of Percilla Jones.

At 5708 Helen, there is no front door to the property facing Helen. The front door is on the side of the house. There is a vacant lot (which may be 5710 Helen). Kids play on the vacant lot, which is causing a problem because it at the front door of 5708 Helen. Councilman Epps asked if a "No Trespassing" sign could be placed on the lot.

Councilman Epps emphasized the need for parents to take control of their kids and their actions.

He said the city is overwhelmed with vacant properties and tall grass. He stressed the need for development to help eliminate blight, building neighborhoods, and work together to care for derelict properties. He asked the public to hold the council members accountable for the development of the City.

Councilwoman Julia Roberts informed the public that she had handouts available to help prepare in the event of an emergency. She informed the public that the information was taken from the FEMA website.

She informed the public that she attended the Municipal League awards. She met someone who provided information about financial literacy. She informed the public about the EXCEL centers, which is a component of the St. Louis Community Credit Union. The EXCEL centers offer financial literacy classes.

Councilwoman Roberts said a strong community includes community activities that the community has to show up and participate in. She said she attended the fishing derby, which was a great community event, along with the Concerts in the Park. She said she also attended the events of the Jennings Historical Society. She announced that she is a lifetime member and informed the public about the Jennings books.

Councilwoman Roberts said there was a complaint about stop signs on Garesche and College. She thanked Captain Cox and the officers for conducting a stop sign study which recommended placing two stop sign at the intersection. She asked the council for the process to move forward with placing the stop signs.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Roberts, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson the City Council voted in favor to have two additional stop signs placed at the intersection of College and Garesche. City Atty. Carla Allen-Hughes asked Councilwoman Roberts to provide her with the exact street names for the signs so that she can prepare an ordinance for the July Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Phyllis Anderson informed the public that the Public Works Department fixed the hole in the street at College and McLaran. She informed Mr. Johnson about citizen complaints regarding 2617 Kinamore Drive. The home is condemned. There is lots of traffic at the house and a mobile car wash is set up but no one lives there. The residents think more is going on at the address. Councilwoman Anderson asked Captain Cox to also check into what's going on at the address.

She informed the public about a pantry on 9001 Lucas on Hunt on Wednesdays at 11am and Sundays at 11am.

Councilwoman Anderson announced that she and Councilwoman Roberts will be host a Ward 3 meeting on Saturday, July 15th at 2 pm at City Hall. She encourage the public to share information with other Ward 3 residents.

Councilwoman Francine Dugger asked the Mayor to address the efficiency of the process for grass cutting. She asked Mayor Austin to look into what is done from the start of the process, when a complaint comes in, to the end. She said the problem lies with the information getting to the people who need to cut the grass.

Mayor Austin responded she has been looking at the process. The lack of Building Department staff, where the process begins, is part of the problem. But the department is working to get the work done.

Councilwoman Dugger informed the public that Pastor Lee, Flood Church, passed away. She wanted to recognize Pastor Lee for his outstanding efforts in helping the Jennings community.

She reported the 2nd Annual Fishing Derby, sponsored by Kiwanis and the City of Jennings was a success. Councilwoman Dugger thanked Earl Green, Recreation Director, Bill Kaeshamer, Public Works Director, Mr. Ball and his staff, the volunteers, Fire Department and all community donations that came in to support the event. The group gave out t-shirts. She said they will try to get pictures on the website for the public. She reported that there was about 7000 fish in the lake. The City of Jennings is on the list with the Conservation Department to stock the lake with fish for the derby. There was interest in starting a fishing club, which can be done as a community. She acknowledged Steve with STS Towing who brought in paper planes to fly over the lake.

Councilwoman Dugger said the derby is an annual event, typically the Saturday around the 9th or 10th of June. She informed the people that if they know how to fish; come teach a child how to fish. She thanked everyone who came out.

She asked the council to consider how the City could start a fishing club.

Councilwoman Dugger announced the Kiwanis Club would host a golf tournament on August 1st at Norwood Country Club. There will also be a dinner at the country club. Tickets for the dinner are \$75 each. Councilwoman Dugger had flier available about the event. She also invited the public to go onto Eventbrite to sign up and buy tickets. Funds will be raised by the Kiwanis Club

to setup scholarships for young people. Signups can also be done at US Bank in the Westfall Plaza. Ask for the branch manager.

Councilman Terry Wilson reported that he has continued having his meeting in Ward 2. He said he met with residents on Pickford and Eastchester. They expressed interest in having a block party. Mayor Austin informed Councilman Wilson to get the Block Party Application from the City Clerk. Councilman Wilson encouraged the people to visit the City's website to get information and pass information along to others.

Councilman Wilson informed the public that the closest EXCEL center is on 6724 Page in Pagedale.

He said he had put in six complaints about grass. He said he would follow up with the staff later.

He commended the Recreation Center staff for doing an excellent job with the Redbird Rookie Program. He also commended the St. Louis County Police Department for hosting a great golf tournament. Councilman Wilson said it was a great opportunity to meet other officers and build relationships with the officers. He said he appreciates the relationship with the St. Louis County Police Department.

He reiterated to the public to continue to help each other. He reminded the public that the staff and council is working hard to help the City shine.

Councilwoman Miranda Jones gave compliments to the Council, Mayor and staff for their hard work. She said the right spirit is in the environment. People want to do the right thing. She feels the City is on the road to progress. She asked resident, Yolanda Henderson, to get with her after the meeting to provide her the address that she mentioned in her public comments.

She expressed a concern with not knowing the difference between fireworks and gun shots. She asked Captain Cox if the Shots Spotter System would be able to detect the difference between the fireworks and gun shots.

Captain Cox reported the Shot Spotter system starts on June 26th. Cox was hopeful that it would help with detecting the difference between gun shots and fireworks.

Councilwoman Jones explained that the Shot Spotter system would pick up gun shots and help police try to determine where the shots are coming from. She said it will be an important tool to help with fighting crime in our neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Jones said summer jobs would typically be offered through agencies such as Urban League, Better Family Life, the Governors Program, and other programs. But the agencies are experiencing delays in funding which has delayed hiring youth. She reported that Better Family Life will start to take job application after July 1st. She encouraged people with 16 -24 year old to know there will be a summer jobs program. There were a few jobs available through STL Youth Job, but they are full. The programs will go through October due to the delay in the start. She said State budget cuts are affecting programs, but the agencies are looking for alternative funding to provide services.

She reported that the Urban League Empowerment Center on West Florissant should be opening at the end of July. She said Better Family Life still has its Empowerment Center across the street.

Councilwoman Jones said that a year ago she asked for a traffic study on Shannon and Jennings Station Rd. She understands it is a county road. Cars are going fast in the area. It is a dangerous intersection. Captain Cox responded that a new highway safety unit is going to be in the City to address speeding vehicles.

Councilwoman Jones said that she has missed so many community events over the past month because she lost her great aunt who was 99 years old.

She also announced 10 students graduated from the Jennings Summer graduation. Lezlie McSpadden, mother of Mike Brown, graduated in a recent graduation in May.

The 2017 NBA draft third round pick, Jayson Tatum, has a grandmother who is a Jennings Ward 2 resident and board member of the Jennings School District, Rosemary Johnson. Jason will be going to the Boston Celtics. She said our community should be proud. Councilwoman Jones said there is a lot to be proud of that comes from the community. She mentioned the young man who played the grandfather in the movie "Get Out" is from Jennings and his mother still works in the Jennings School District.

Councilman Allan Stichnote reported speeding on Blewett. He suggested possibly placing a traffic car in the area. He reported the crime stats were down 18% in May. He thanked Captain Cox and his officers. He said he attended the W. Florissant business district meeting sponsored by Mayor Austin on June 16th. He reported a great turn out of businesses.

Monthly Reports

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, second by Councilman R., Epps, the Council voted in favor to accept the monthly reports.

Reports of Committees:

Ways & Means Committee – Councilman Epps reported the Ways & Means committee met Monday, June 12th at 6:30 pm.

Present at the meeting were: Rodney Epps, Committee Chair, council members: Jones, Anderson, Wilson, Mayor Yolanda Austin, Lt. Neal (Dept. of Correction), Deletra Hudson (Interim City Clerk).

General Service Salary Schedule

Councilman Epps reported that the committee was recommending to update the General Service Salary Schedule to extend the pay schedule from GS22 to GS25. On the motion made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilman Wilson the council voted in favor to approve the revision of the General Service Salary Schedule that extends the pay scale to GS25.

Department of Corrections Personnel

Councilman Epps shared with the City Council Lt. Neal's request and explanation to add two additional corrections officers to the Department of Corrections staff and promoting two corrections officers to Corporals. The promotion will increase the corporals' salary by \$25 per pay period. He further explained that the additional staff will help the city meet the minimum staffing requirements of the US Marshals.

On the motion made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council voted in favor to hire two correction officers and adding two corporal positions for the Dept. of Corrections.

Budget Amendment

Councilman Epps explained that with adding the two corrections officers and corporals' pay to the budget, there will be a need for a budget amendment. The estimated cost may be approximately \$83,000.

On the motion made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council voted in favor to amend the numbers to hire the two correction officers and add the addition pay for the two corporals. Then add the funds to the budget when the Proposition P funds come to the City.

Councilman Epps reported the need to hire a part time Prosecuting Clerk so that the Permit Clerk could be in the Building Department full time, due to the shortage of staff in the Building Department. The Building Permit Clerk is splitting time between the Building Department and the Prosecuting Attorney's office. Mayor Austin spoke with the Prosecuting Atty regarding the needs to hire a part time Prosecuting Clerk. The Prosecuting Atty agreed to hire a part time clerk so that he can be in compliance with the Missouri Supreme Court and Senator Bill 5 requirements. He requested a budget amendment to increase the line items by \$8,000 to fill the position part time for a total salary of \$13,100.

On the motion made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the Council voted in favor to hire the part time Prosecuting Clerk.

On the motion made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council voted in favor to take the money from the Public Safety Director Salary line items to amend the budget to hire the part time Prosecuting Clerk and put the remainder of the funds into the general operating budget bottom line.

Public Works Committee – Councilwoman Anderson reported that the Public Works Committee met on Wednesday, May 31st at 6 p.m.

Present at the meeting were: Phyllis Anderson, Committee Chair, council members: Stichnote, Carol Epps, Mayor Yolanda Austin, Bill Kaeshamer & Jim Maixner (Public Works Dept), Deletra Hudson (Interim City Clerk).

Councilwoman Anderson reported the committee discussed the City's grass cutting plan. Both Bill and Jim reported that they had been cutting grass and removing debris since the winter. They also explained they were having a difficult time keeping up with the grass cutting due to a lack of manpower. During the meeting, Mayor Austin recommended seeking a contractor to assist with getting caught up with the grass. It was also reported that the City is looking at creating a policy to allow residents to buy neighboring lots.

The committee recommended Public Works get quotes for contractors to assist with grass cutting. Bill was advised to get three quotes not to exceed \$10,000 for grass cutting.

Building Committee – no meeting

Parks Committee – Councilman Stichnote reported that the Parks Committee met Wednesday, June 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Construction Grant for Koeneman Park

The committee discussed the construction of a bridge and pavilion in Koeneman Park. Both projects could be included in the construction grant application with the basketball court. Councilman Stichnote informed the public that there was a public hearing on, June 26 at 6:15 p.m. He said there will be another Public Hearing on July 24th.

Ken clarified that there is no charge from him to help the City complete the planning grant application. He will provide a proposal with the grant application for the creation of the plans, documents and management of the grant. If the grant is awarded to the City, Ken's fee for those services will be \$8,000. The fee will be reimbursable at 80% from the grant in the amount of \$6,400 leaving a 20% balance for the City of \$1,600.

Lions Park Grant

The Lions Park Grant extension expired on May 31, 2017. Contractors are due to be completed with the project within two weeks. The Grant Commission was ok with the anticipated timeline of completion and didn't require the City to submit another extension.

Waterfall Usage

The committee agreed that the waterfall would run from May 1 – November 1. The run times will be:

Monday- Friday: 6 a.m. -10 a.m. and 6p.m. – 9 p.m.

Weekends and Holiday: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Park Master Plan

The committee discussed revising the Park Master Plan, which was completed in December 2000. Based upon information provided by Ken Keitel, an updated plan could cost at least \$30,000-50,000.

The committee decide to table revising the plan to allow time to review the details of the previous contractual duties, cost and product produced.

Repair Lights at Koeneman Park

Jim reported that 90% of the lights were replace in Koeneman Park with LED lights.

Civic Center Expansion – 8716 Jennings Station Road

Bill report that he received bids to repair the roof of the building at 8716 Jennings Station Road. The original bid was for \$65,000 and negotiated to \$35,000.

It was reported that Mayor Austin stated that the City needs to discuss whether to spend funds repairing the building. She also said she would like to see the Building Department be responsible for all city buildings.

Councilwoman Jones asked if the waterfall usage time will be adjusted when time changes and it becomes dark earlier. Mayor Austin said the times were in conjunction with when the park closes.

Municipal League Committee – Councilman Wilson reported that the Municipal League is on break until August. There is a conference in September. All council were notified via email regarding the conference. He also reported that Councilwoman Roberts attended the Municipal League's Installation of Officers event.

Planning Commission – Councilman Stichnote reported that the commission met June 1st at 5:45 p.m. The commission discussed the Fairview Senior Building Apartments and Phase II with 32 units. The commission discussed the rezoning request for the project to be changed from a C2 to R3. It was stated that the project will proceed without the tax credit. There were also discussions about security, lighting and the elevator issues.

Policy Committee – no meeting

Solid Waste Committee – no meeting. Councilwoman Epps reported that the City's contract with Waste Management allows pickup for one bulk item per week at no cost. She explained that bulk items are items that can not fit into a 32 gallon container. Any bulk item after the first item, within that week, will require a sticker. Each sticker is \$10. A list of bulk items was provided to the public. She asked the public to share the information.

Councilwoman Jones asked about White Good pickup. It was explained that white goods are not the same as bulk items.

LEGAL BUSINESS

A. Approval of an ordinance approving the change of land use zoning district from C2 to R3 at 2100 Switzer

First reading - On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps, second by Councilwoman Jones.

Bill #2500 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CHANGE OF LAND USE ZONING DISTRICT FROM C-2 TO R-3 (LOW DENSITY MULTI-DWELLING) FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING (CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL) TO INCLUDE 32 SENIOR APARTMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON SPACE AT 2100 SWITZER AVENUE, JENNINGS, MISSOURI.

Second reading – On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the bill was approved to become Ordinance # 2447 by the following roll call vote: voting in favor were council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; none voting against nor abstaining.

B. Approval of an ordinance authorizing the execution of a second amended and restated redevelopment agreement between the City of Jennings and Jennings Station Crossing LLC and a second amended and restated district project agreement among the City of Jennings, Missouri, Jennings Station Crossing, LLC and the Jennings Station Road Community Improvement District

First reading – On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, second by Councilman Jones

Bill #2501 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED REDEVLEOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI AND JENNINGS STATION CROSSING, LLC AND A SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED DISTRICT PROJECT AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, JENNINGS STATION CROSSING AND THE JENNINGS STATION ROAD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

Second reading – On the motion made by Councilman Wilson

The bill was approved to become Ordinance # 2448 by the following roll call vote: voting in favor were council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; none voting against nor abstaining.

C. Approval of an ordinance approving an amended and restated petition authorizing the formation of a Jennings Station Road Community Improvement District and authorizing and directing city officials to take certain actions related thereto

First Reading - On the motion made by Councilwoman Roberts, second by Councilman R. Epps

Bill #2502 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED PETITION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A JENNINGS STATION ROAD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DITRICT AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATING THERETO.

Second reading – On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson

The bill was approved to become Ordinance # 2449 by the following roll call vote: voting in favor were council members: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; none voting against nor abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve the re-appointment of Arleen Hayes to the Planning Commission

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilman R. Epps, the Council voted in favor of approving the reappointment of Arleen Hayes to the Planning Commission; none voting against nor abstaining.

B. Approve the appointments to the Senior Commission

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilwoman C. Epps, the Council voted in favor of approving the following appointments to the Senior Commission; none voting against nor abstaining:

1. Lola Nash (Chair) - 2 years (expire 2019)
2. Charletta Williams - 2 years (expire 2019)
3. Jane Brown - 2 years (expire 2019)
4. Gwen O'Dwyer - 3 years (expire 2020)
5. Linda Eikerenkoetter - 3 years (expire 2020)
6. Dorothy Howard - 4 years (expire 2021)
7. Howard Shelton - 4 years (expire 2021)
8. Allen McDonnell - 4 years (expire 2021)

C. Approve the appointments to the Youth Commission

On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council voted in favor of approving the following appointments to the Youth Commission; none voting against nor abstaining:

1. Elisha Cole - 2 years (expire 2019)
2. Dawn Moore Lockett - 2 years (expire 2019)
3. Mable Davis - 3 years (expire 2020)
4. David Vincent - 3 years (expire 2020)
5. Kimberly Hargrove (chair) - 4 years (expire 2021)

Mayor Austin congratulated the new commissioners and provided them each with a photo badge.

D. Approve authorizing the Jennings Chapter of the National Honor Society to adopt a street – Cozens Street from Hord to Shannon

Mayor Austin explained that the young people will be picking up the trash. She mentioned that several years ago, Shannon, from Cozens to Jennings Station Road, was adopted by the ROTC.

The National Honor Society requested to adopt Cozen Street from Hord to Shannon to pick up the trash.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman R. Epps, the Council voted in favor of approving the National Honor Society to adopt Cozen Street from Hord to Shannon to pick up the trash; none voting against nor abstaining.

E. Approve Ken Keitel, Terraspec, to apply for the planning grant and construction grant for Sievers Park

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilman R. Epps, the Council voted in favor of approving Ken Keitel, Terraspec, to apply for the planning grant and construction grant for Sievers Park; none voting against nor abstaining.

F. Approval of bills for payment

On the motion by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman C. Epps, the City Council voted all in favor to approve the payment of the City bills presented for the period of May 19, 2017 – June 20, 2017; none voting against nor abstaining.

G. Motion for closed session personnel (RSMO 610:021- 3)

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman C. Epps, the City Council the City Council voted all in favor to approve the motion for closed session personnel (RSMO 610:021- 3); none voting against nor abstaining.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Austin reported she attended the golf tournament that supported the PAL Program. She thanked the department heads for their support in preparation for the July Council meeting.

She reported that the Business Watch meeting had approximately 25 people in attendance. There was also a Home and Business Expo sponsored by the Mr. Johnson, Interim Director of the Housing and Economic Development.

Mayor Austin encouraged people to continue to use the website. Also file complaints on the website.

Mayor Austin reported she met with Mr. McKinney. Plans are to move forward with a partnership with him.

Mayor Austin said she witnessed a robbery in the Dollar General store by Alexandria Place. She is scheduling a meeting with the General Manager and Captain Cox within the next two weeks to see what can be done about those types of criminal acts.

She congratulated the City Attorney, Carla Allen-Hughes, on her marriage.

Mayor Austin thanked the Council for the pictures she requested. She informed the Council that pictures will be printed and posted in City Hall and the Recreation Department so the public knows their council members, the council members' names and their ward. Each set of council pictures will cost about \$8 to print. Mayor Austin asked the Council for their approval to purchase the printing of the Council pictures from the Ward funds.

On the motion made by Councilman Stichnote, seconded by Councilman R. Epps, the Council voted in favor to pay for the printing of the pictures to be displayed from the Ward Funds.

Closed Session

After a brief recess, the City Council met in closed session.

Terminate Public Works Employee

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman C. Epps, the Council voted to approve the recommendation of the William Kaeshamer, Public Works Director, to terminate Darnell Jeffries. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of the following council members voting in favor: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; no one opposing; no one abstaining.

Hire Court Clerk

On the motion made by Councilwoman C. Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council voted to approve the recommendation of Judge John Duepner to hire Dianna Drake as the Court Clerk. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of the following council members

voting in favor: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; no one opposing; no one abstaining.

Hire Public Works Seasonal Workers

On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, the City Council voted to approve the recommendation by William Kaeshamer, Public Works Director, to hire the following season workers, pending the outcome of pre-employment screening. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of the following council members voting in favor: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; no one opposing; no one abstaining:

Harold Sims, Xavier Coleman. Alternates: Franklin Barber, Daniel Hughes, Stanford Snider

Hire Recreation Department Youth Sports

On the motion by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman C. Epps, the City Council voted to approve the recommendation of the Earl Green, Recreation Director, to hire the following for part time Youth Sport positions for the Recreation Department, pending the outcome of pre-employment screening. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of the following council members voting in favor: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; no one opposing; no one abstaining. The Youth Sport positions include Concession Stand workers, Score Keepers, Umpires, and Site Monitors.

- *Concession Stand* - Esque Ewing and Jermesha Poke (Alternate: James McNeal)
- *Score Keeper* - Danisha Mosley, Esque Ewing and Jermesha Poke
- *Umpire* - KhaDarius Hodges
- *Site Monitor* - Jalin Amerson, Marvante King, and Lamont Thompson (Alternate: Sade Taylor)

Hire Recreation Department Bus Driver

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the City Council voted to approve the recommendation by Earl Green, Recreation Director, to hire Wymina Sutherlin for the bus driver position, pending the outcome of pre-employment screening. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of the following council members voting in favor: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; no one opposing; no one abstaining.

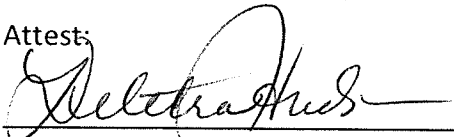
Hire City Clerk

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council voted to approve the recommendation by Mayor Yolanda Austin, to hire Deletra Hudson for the City Clerk position, pending the outcome of pre-employment screening. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of the following council members voting in favor: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Roberts, R. Epps, C. Epps; no one opposing; no one abstaining.


All recommended alternate hires will also be pending the outcome of the physical, drug, and background checks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm on a motion by Councilwoman C. Epps, second by Councilman Wilson.

Attest:



City Clerk



Mayor Yolanda Austin