

MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF KINDER, LOUISIANA
February 26, 2024

The Notice of Special Meeting/Agenda having been duly posted in accordance with requirements, and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Wayland LaFargue at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor, Council and Staff Present:

Wayland LaFargue, Mayor
LaToya Tunwar, Councilman Dist. 1
Maria Dewees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
Jerry Nevils, Jr., Councilman Dist. 3
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist. 4
Susanne Sonnier, Council At Large
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Eric Fontenot, Public Works Superintendent
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Michael Holmes, Town Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of February 5, 2024.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from February 5, 2024, and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilman Nevils
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 5-0, passed.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider cancelling the regular council meeting of March 4, 2024. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To cancel the March 4, 2024 council meeting.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue allowed Lt. Chris Oakes of the Allen Parish Sheriff's Office to address the council regarding a resolution adopting the Allen Parish Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan. He explained that the plan is necessary to receive FEMA help and funding when natural disasters occur in Kinder and Allen Parish. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 adopting the Allen Parish Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented by Lt. Chris Oakes.
Made by: Councilwoman Sonnier

Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue explained that due to the unexpected loss of revenue that had been previously budgeted, immediate budget cuts are necessary and asked the council to consider introducing an ordinance amending the current operating budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. After some discussion, Councilwoman Angie Van Norman introduced Ordinance No. 880, an ordinance to amend the budget for FY 2023/2024. There will be a public hearing and a vote at the next regular council meeting.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

No report.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller updated the mayor and council on several ongoing projects and reported that the Town recently applied for the DOTD Safe Routes to Public Places grant. If received, this grant would pay for a sidewalk to be constructed along 1st Avenue from Hwy. 165 to 17th Street.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Eric Fontenot gave an update on all projects that the public works department is currently working on.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion: To adjourn.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman Van Norman
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk