

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF KINDER, LOUISIANA**

April 7, 2025

The Notice of 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, Councilwoman Dist.1
Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
Jerry Nevils, Jr., Councilman Dist. 3
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
Susanne Sonnier, Councilwoman at Large
Cynthia Tunwar, Deputy Town Clerk/Acting Secretary
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Rhett Deselle, City Engineer

Council and Staff Absent:

None

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of March 18, 2025

Motion: To amend minutes

Made by: Councilman Tunwar

Second: Councilwoman Van Norman

Discussion: Tunwar and Van Norman requested amendment of minutes to include both substance of statement by Mayor regarding reasoning for his discipline determination re: Superintendent of Public Works as well as their comments “made for the record” in response to Mayor’s statement. After further discussion, motion to amend and second were withdrawn by Tunwar and Van Norman and substitute motion made to table discussion and hold over unto next regular meeting.

Motion:To table and continue discussions re: amendments to minutes of March 18, 2025

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar

Second: Councilwoman Van Norman

Discussion: None

Vote: 4-0, passed; Councilman Nevils abstained

Matter of amendment of minutes of March 18, 2025 regular meeting to be placed upon agenda for next regular meeting of council

Mayor's Report

Mayor LaFargue recommended Cynthia Tunwar be appointed Town Clerk and requested motion to confirm her appointment

Motion: To confirm appointment of Cynthia Tunwar as Town Clerk

Made by: Councilwoman Sonnier

Second: Councilwoman DeWees

Discussion: Councilwoman Tunwar questioned whether she was required to abstain from voting on motion to confirm appointment under the Code of Ethics due to her relationship to Cynthia Tunwar through the marriage of Cynthia Tunwar to the councilwoman's (great) uncle. Town Attorney stated that the relationship described by the councilwoman (great) niece by marriage did not fall within the definition of "immediate family" as set forth in the Code of Ethics.

Vote: 4-0, passed; Councilwoman Tunwar abstained from the vote

Mayor LaFargue requested a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-08 accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) annual report for 2024

Motion: To adopt resolution to approve MWPP annual report for 2024

Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman

Second: Councilwoman Sonnier

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0, passed

Chief of Police Report

Chief Courville had nothing to report

Town Attorney Report

Mr. Holmes advised Mayor and council Tier 3 report filing deadline is May 15

Engineer's Report

Rhett Deselle reported Pan American Engineers continues to monitor the start-up process for the sewer plant improvements and to work with general contractor to complete several remaining punch list items; reported upon progress on work related to blight abatement program; reported on progress of drainage improvement project for Nixon Addition by improvements to existing drainage structures and potential construction of berm upon private lands adjacent to drainage ditch; and addressed drainage issue in Nixon Addition (District 4)

Council Report

Councilwoman Tunwar: None

Councilwoman DeWees: None

Councilman Nevils congratulated Cynthia Tunwar on appointment as Town Clerk Councilwoman Van Norman congratulated Cynthia Tunwar on appointment as Town Clerk

Councilwoman Sonnier: None

Public Works Report

None

Town Clerk Report

None

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm

Motion: To adjourn.

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar

Second: Councilwoman DeWees

Vote: 5-0, passed

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/ Cynthis Tunwar, Deputy Town Clerk/Acting Secretary