

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

August 5, 2019

PUBLIC HEARING

Town Attorney, Mike Holmes opened a Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. to discuss levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. There was no public comment and the public hearing was closed at 5:55 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

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
Christopher Fontenot, Councilman Dist. 3
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
C.J. Fontenot, Councilman At Large
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of July 9, 2019.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of July 9, 2019.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider changing the date of the September council meeting due to the Labor Day holiday. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To move the September council meeting to Monday, September 9, 2019 due to Labor Day holiday.

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

Mayor LaFargue called on State Representative Robert Johnson, who was at the meeting to speak to the council about his candidacy for State Senate.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Paul Courville reported on the calls and activity for the month. He also asked council to consider approving Devin Fontenot as an auxiliary police officer. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To approve Devin Fontenot as an auxiliary officer.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider adopting two resolutions in regard to the 2019 tax millage rates, and one resolution in regard to the renewal of a 1% sales tax.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2019-10, adopting the adjusted millage rates of 4.72 General Alimony and 9.47 General Purpose for tax year 2019.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2019-11, to set forth the adjusted millage rates and **roll forward** millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized rates, said millage rates are 4.94 General Alimony and 9.90 General Purpose.

Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Van Norman: Yea
Councilwoman Tunwar: Yea
Councilman CJ Fontenot: Yea
Councilwoman DeWees: Yea
Councilman Chris Fontenot: Yea

Motion passed, 5 – 0.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2019-12, a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held November 16, 2019 to authorize the renewal of a 1% sales and use tax.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider authorizing the Town Clerk to sign and have recorded a Request for Cancellation of a Notice to Property Owner for property located at 513 N. 5th Street, Kinder. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To authorize the Town Clerk to execute a Request for Cancellation of a Notice to Property Owner for property located at 513 N. 5th Street, Kinder, Louisiana.
Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 5-0, passed.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller reported that the LCDBG Nixon Addition Street Project is basically complete, with only a few punch list items to be addressed. He asked council to consider adopting a resolution accepting the work as “Substantially Complete”.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2019-13, accepting the contract of Elliot Construction, LLC as “Substantially Complete”.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Town Clerk, Traci Fontenot reported that income statements with monthly budget-to-actual comparisons are included in the mayor and council packets.

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

Motion: To adjourn.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk