

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

August 7, 2017

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 PM.

Mayor, Council and Staff Present:

Wayland LaFargue, Mayor
Sylvester Popillion, Councilman Dist. 1
Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
Christopher Fontenot, Councilman Dist. 3
C.J. Fontenot, Councilman At Large
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist. 4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider the approval of the minutes for the regular council meeting of July 3, 2017.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of July 3, 2017.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider changing the date of the September council meeting due to the Labor Day holiday.

Motion: To move the September council meeting to Monday, September 11, 2017 due to Labor Day holiday.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman Popillion

Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider reappointing four board members for the Kinder Housing Authority and consider appointing a new Resident Board Member. After some discussion, the following motions were made.

Motion: To reappoint Jerry Nevils, Jeanette Griffiths, Walden Courville, and Lula Prudhomme to the Kinder Housing Authority Board.

Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot

Second: Councilwoman DeWees

Vote: 4-0, passed.

Motion: To appoint Ron Craiger as the Resident Board Member for the Kinder Housing Authority.

Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot

Second: Councilman Popillion

Vote: 4-0, passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Courville gave a report of calls, arrests, and citations for the month of July and asked council to consider hiring Andrew Rougeau as an auxiliary officer.

Motion: To hire Andrew Rougeau as an auxiliary officer.

Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot

Second: Councilwoman DeWees

Vote: 4-0, passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider adding item 8.d. to the agenda to consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Recreation Board Dist. No. 2. He opened a public hearing to hear discussion for or against the addition. There being no public comment, Mr. Holmes closed the public hearing and asked for a motion.

Motion: To add item 8.d. Consider a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a CEA with Recreation Bard Dist. No. 2 to the agenda.

Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot

Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot

Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider adopting Resolution No. 2017-12 setting the millage rates for the tax year 2017.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2017-12 to levy the General Alimony (4.72 mills) and the General Purpose (9.47 mills) property taxes for tax year 2017.
Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilman Popillion
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mr. Holmes called on Mr. Alan Offner from Foley and Judell, L.L.P., the Town Bond Counsel, who reported results of requests for bids from area banks on issuance of \$1,315,000 of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2017. Bids were received from six banks, with the lowest being from JD Bank. Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing in regard to Ordinance No. 853, an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,315,000 of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2017. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 853, an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,315,000 of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2017.
Made by: Councilman Popillion
Second: Councilwoman DeWees

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Van Norman: Absent
Councilman Popillion: Yea
Councilman CJ Fontenot: Yea
Councilwoman DeWees: Yea
Councilman Chris Fontenot: Yea

Motion passed, 4 – 0.

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider Resolution No. 2017-13 that would authorize the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Recreation District No. 2 of Allen Parish. He explained that the CEA will allow the District to occasionally utilize the town-owned tract of land adjacent to Lambert Park for the purpose of accommodating for overflow parking of vehicles from Park. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2017-13, authorizing the Mayor to sign a CEA with Recreation District No. 2 of Allen Parish.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORT

Condemnation Hearing:

Case no. 2017-02, 215 N. 5th Street, Owner, Gene Borque (Condemnation hearing continued from May 1, 2017 and June 15, 2017 council meetings.)

Wesley Miller opened the public hearing and reported that Mr. Borque has made the repairs that were recommended by council and asked for any comments from the public.

Mrs. Wanda Walker of 218 N. 5th Street and Maria Frasier of 221 N. 5th Street were both at the meeting to speak out in favor of condemning the structure at 215 N. 5th Street due to the unsafe and dilapidated condition. Mr. Miller reported that if the council is pleased with the progress Mr. Borque had made, he recommends that the case be dismissed. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To dismiss condemnation proceedings for 215 N. 5th Street.
Made by: Councilman Popillion
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

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

Motion: To adjourn.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Popillion
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk