

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

August 7, 2023

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  
Paul Courville, Chief of Police  
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney  
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk

**Council and Staff Absent:**

Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of July 10, 2023.

**Motion:** To dispense with the reading of the minutes from July 10, 2023, and approve them as distributed.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Second:** Councilwoman Van Norman  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider changing the time of the September 5, 2023 council meeting. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** To change the September council meeting to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Sonnier  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving his recommendation to appoint Eric Fontenot as the Public Works Superintendent to replace Roger Shanabarger who resigned in July. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** To appoint Eric Fontenot as the new Public Works Superintendent.  
**Made by:** Councilman Nevils  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT**

Chief Courville asked the council to approve his recommendation to hire Angela South as part-time dispatcher. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** To approve Chief Courville's recommendation to hire Angela South as part-time dispatcher.  
**Made by:** Councilman Nevils  
**Second:** Councilwoman Van Norman  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

## **TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 879, an ordinance to enact Article III of Chapter 20 of the Kinder Code of Ordinances related to the sale of adjudicated property. There was no public comment, and the public hearing was closed. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** To adopt Ordinance No. 879 related to the sale of adjudicated property.  
**Made by:** Councilman Nevils  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Tunwar: Yea  
Councilwoman DeWees: Yea  
Councilman Nevils: Yea  
Councilwoman Van Norman: Yea  
Councilwoman Sonnier: Yea

**Motion passed, 5 – 0.**

Mr. Holmes asked the council to consider adopting a resolution declaring two duckweed harvesters as surplus property. He explained that the two harvesters are no longer needed by the Town because of the ongoing project to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant. After some discussion a motion was made.

**Motion:** To adopt a resolution declaring two duckweed harvesters as surplus and authorizing the mayor to accept sealed bids.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman  
**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

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