

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

December 2, 2024

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  
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4  
Susanne Sonnier, Councilwoman at Large  
Paul Courville, Chief of Police  
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk  
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney  
Eric Fontenot, Public Works Superintendent  
Tom David, Pan American Engineers

**Council and Staff Absent:**

Jerry Nevils, Jr., Councilman Dist. 3

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**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of November 4, 2024.

**Motion:** To dispense with the reading of the minutes from November 4, 2024, and approve them as distributed.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Mayor's Report**

Mayor LaFargue reported that the annual audit was underway and almost complete. He also reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant project was wrapping up and that the Park Rd. Bridge Project would be starting soon.

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**Chief of Police Report**

Chief Paul Courville presented a detailed report to the council on the police department's activity for the month of November, including the volume of calls received and reports filed by officers. He also notified council that he had appointed two former full-time police officers to part-time reserve status, Seth

Whetstine and Taylor Jackson.

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### **Town Attorney Report**

Mr. Holmes asked the council to consider renewing local beer and liquor licenses for 2025. The businesses included in the discussion were: Polos Mexican Restaurant Bar & Grill, Club Hi-Roller, Daiquiri Shack of Kinder, Chadeaux's, Tobacco Plus, Ted's Quick Stop, Market Basket, Kinder Quick Stop, Dollar General #3480, Dollar General #24903, The Buzz, Family Dollar, and Just Crawfish. Councilwoman Tunwar proposed handling the renewals in two parts: one motion for all businesses except Polo's Mexican Restaurant, followed by a separate vote on Polo's license due to ordinance requirements concerning U.S. citizenship. After some discussion, the following motions were made.

**Motion:** To approve the applications for renewal of beer and liquor licenses for 2025, excluding Polo's Mexican Restaurant Bar & Grill.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-1, passed.

**Motion:** To approve the application for renewal of the beer and liquor license for Polo's Mexican Restaurant Bar & Grill for 2025.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 3-1, passed.

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### **Engineer's Report**

Engineer Tom David began by explaining that the meeting included several condemnation hearings for properties deemed unsafe or uninhabitable. He further informed the council and public that the Town has applied for an LCDBG Clearance Program Grant. If awarded, this grant would cover the costs of demolishing the condemned properties, ensuring that the property owners would not incur any expenses related to the demolition process.

Following this explanation, Tom David proceeded to address each condemnation case individually, opening and closing public hearings, providing details on the condition of each property, and making recommendations for action.

#### **Case No. 2024-01**

- **Property Address:** 510 5<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Richard Billodeaux, et al.

#### **Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** No one was present at the hearing to represent the property. However, City Hall received prior communication from a family member, Clarence Billodeaux, stating they had no objection to the condemnation of the property.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 510 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-02**

- **Property Address:** 512 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Carolyn Savant (Parish of Allen)

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 512 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-03**

- **Property Address:** 516 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Jackie Guillory

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** The property owner was present during the hearing and expressed agreement with the condemnation recommendation. The owner acknowledged the condition of the property and provided consent to proceed with the condemnation process.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 516 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-04**

- **Property Address:** 404 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- **Owner Name(s):** Bruce Manuel

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** The property owner was present during the hearing and expressed agreement with the condemnation recommendation. The owner acknowledged the condition of the property and provided consent to proceed with the condemnation process.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 404 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-05**

- **Property Address:** 514 4<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** William and Joan Walker

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** No one was present at the hearing to represent the property. However, City Hall received prior communication from a family member, Keith Walker, stating they had no objection to the condemnation of the property.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 514 4<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-06**

- **Property Address:** 112 4<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Wilbert and Rosella Bertrand

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 514 4<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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#### **Case No. 2024-07**

- **Property Address:** 1505 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Stephen A. Presley

#### **Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

#### **Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** No one was present at the hearing to represent the property. However, City Hall received prior communication from an owner, Maggie Presley, stating they had no objection to the condemnation of the property.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 1505 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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#### **Case No. 2024-08**

- **Property Address:** 1402 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Sameh Elsayed

#### **Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Engineer Tom David noted that the property is approaching condemnation by neglect. However, he stated that, in his professional opinion, the property could be salvaged with a manageable amount of work.
- **Public Comments:** The property owner was not present at the hearing due to residing out of state. However, an attorney, Kari Guidry, was appointed to represent the owner and attended the meeting on their behalf. The attorney expressed that due to the short notice, she has not been able to contact the owner and requested more time to make contact.

**Recommendation:**

- Tom David recommended tabling the matter for 60 days to allow the attorney sufficient time to contact the property owner and explore possible resolutions. The matter will be revisited and discussed at the February 3, 2025, meeting.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To table the matter until February 3, 2025.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-09**

- **Property Address:** 112 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** John M. Holliday

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 112 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-10**

- **Property Address:** 323 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Doroty Peloquin, et al. c/o James Chapman

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** The property owner was not present at the hearing due to residing out of state. However, an attorney, Kari Guidry, was appointed to represent the owner and attended the meeting on their behalf. The attorney expressed that the property owner acknowledges the condition of the property and has no objection to the condemnation process.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 323 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-11**

- **Property Address:** 806 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Colton Frank

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 806 14<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-12**

- **Property Address:** 903 Church St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Kimberly Williams

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 903 Church St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-14**

- **Property Address:** 1306 Kennedy Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Ora Bilbo c/o Shirley Seemion

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** The property owner was not present at the hearing due to residing out of state. However, Kari Guidry, the attorney appointed to represent the owner, attended the meeting on their behalf. Ms. Guidry reported that the family objects to the condemnation and requested more time to address the situation and potentially make necessary repairs.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 1306 Kennedy Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### Case No. 2024-15

- **Property Address:** 1314 Pine Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Myrtle Dixon

### Hearing Summary:

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### Recommendation:

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** A family member, Adrian Hall, was present during the hearing and expressed agreement with the condemnation recommendation. The family acknowledged the condition of the property and provided consent to proceed with the condemnation process.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 1314 Pine Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### Case No. 2024-16

- **Property Address:** 1611 Kennedy Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Rosemond Bushnell, et al. c/o Angie Broussard

### Hearing Summary:

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### Recommendation:

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.

- **Public Comments:** The property owner was not present at the hearing. However, a family member, Angie Broussard, attended the meeting on behalf of the owner. Angie Broussard stated that the family has no objection to the condemnation of the property and is in agreement with the proposed actions.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 1611 Kennedy Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### Case No. 2024-17

- **Property Address:** 1417 Kings Dr.
- **Owner Name(s):** Earl Harmison c/o Richard Martin

### Hearing Summary:

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### Recommendation:

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** The property owner was not present at the hearing due to residing out of state. However, an attorney, Kari Guidry, was appointed to represent the owner and attended the meeting on their behalf. The attorney expressed that due to the short notice, she has not been able to contact the owner and requested more time to make contact. Additionally, City Hall received prior communication from a family member, Richard Martin, stating they had no objection to the condemnation of the property.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 1417 Kings Dr. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### Case No. 2024-18

- **Property Address:** 1411 Kings Dr.
- **Owner Name(s):** Lee Ester Prudhomme

### **Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### **Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** No one was present at the hearing to represent the property. However, City Hall received prior communication from a family member, Cynthia Tunwar, stating they had no objection to the condemnation of the property.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 1411 Kings Dr. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### **Case No. 2024-19**

- **Property Address:** 1406 Kings Dr.
- **Owner Name(s):** Bertha Ross

### **Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### **Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 1406 Kings Dr. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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## Case No. 2024-20

- **Property Address:** 1301 Carver Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Francis Bellow and Lydia C. Bellow

### Hearing Summary:

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.
- **Public Comments:** The owner was represented by Orelia Lawdins-Trent, an attorney, who attended the meeting on their behalf. Attorney Lawdins-Trent stated that the owners object to the condemnation of the property and requested a copy of the engineering report for their review. Additionally, she asked for more time to allow the family an opportunity to rehabilitate the structure rather than proceed with demolition.

### Recommendation:

- Table the matter for 60 days, until the February 3, 2025 meeting to allow the owner time to come up with a plan for rehabilitation of the structure.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To table the matter and give the owners 60 days to come up with a rehabilitation plan for the property.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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## Case No. 2024-21

- **Property Address:** 1115 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Patsy Woods

### Hearing Summary:

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### Recommendation:

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 1115 14<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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#### **Case No. 2024-22**

- **Property Address:** 607 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Joseph Prudhomme, Jr.

#### **Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

#### **Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish/remove the structure.
- **Public Comments:** The owner, Mr. Prudhomme, was at the meeting and said that he would have the trailer removed from the property and clear the site.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 607 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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#### **Case No. 2024-23**

- **Property Address:** 1611 Bernard Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Chermaine Davis

#### **Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

#### **Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.

- **Public Comments:** The property owner was present during the hearing and expressed agreement with the condemnation recommendation. The owner acknowledged the condition of the property and provided consent to proceed with the condemnation process.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 1611 Bernard Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### Case No. 2024-24

- **Property Address:** 1707 Bernard Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Robert Wayne Bushnell

### Hearing Summary:

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.
- **Public Comments:** The Town Attorney, Mike Holmes, reported that due to possible litigation regarding the ownership of the structure and the fact that notice was not served to both potential owners, the Town should refrain from moving forward with this hearing at this time. He recommended that the Town consider terminating the condemnation process until the ownership issue is resolved.

### Recommendation:

- Terminate the condemnation hearing for this property.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To terminate the condemnation hearing for 1707 Bernard Ave.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### Case No. 2024-25

- **Property Address:** 404 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Sandra Roberts and Gary Nevils

### **Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### **Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** A family member, Josh Roberts, was present during the hearing and expressed agreement with the condemnation recommendation. The family acknowledged the condition of the property and provided consent to proceed with the condemnation process.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 404 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### **Case No. 2024-26**

- **Property Address:** 1416 Lurton Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** John Lee Buston, et al

### **Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### **Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 1416 Lurton Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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## Case No. 2024-27

- **Property Address:** 206 Lurton Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Sean Moss

### Hearing Summary:

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### Recommendation:

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** The property owner was not present at the hearing due to residing out of state. However, Kari Guidry, the attorney appointed to represent the owner, attended the meeting on their behalf. Ms. Guidry reported that the correspondence she initially sent out was returned. She subsequently found a local address and resent the notification, but at the time of the meeting, she had not yet received a response from the property owner.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 206 Lurton Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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## Case No. 2024-28

- **Property Address:** 915 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Kinder Farm & Ranch Supply

### Hearing Summary:

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### Recommendation:

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 915 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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#### **Case No. 2024-29**

- **Property Address:** 814 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Raymond and Esther Fondel (Parish of Allen)

#### **Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

#### **Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 814 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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#### **Case No. 2024-30**

- **Property Address:** 609 9<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Hannah Chapel AME

#### **Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

#### **Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.

- **Public Comments:** Pastor Alvin Redet was at the meeting and asked for more time to get permission from the board regarding plans.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 609 9<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 90 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### Case No. 2024-32

- **Property Address:** 511 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** James Brandon

### Hearing Summary:

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### Recommendation:

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** The property owner was present during the hearing and expressed agreement with the condemnation recommendation. The owner acknowledged the condition of the property and provided consent to proceed with the condemnation process.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 511 8<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### Case No. 2024-33

- **Property Address:** 110 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Charlene Materne c/o Christopher Griffin

### Hearing Summary:

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** The property owner was present during the hearing and expressed agreement with the condemnation recommendation. The owner acknowledged the condition of the property and provided consent to proceed with the condemnation process.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 110 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-34**

- **Property Address:** 812 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- **Owner Name(s):** Mary Sullivan (Town of Kinder)

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

**Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 812 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**Case No. 2024-35**

- **Property Address:** 1106 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Owner Name(s):** Luke Cole

**Hearing Summary:**

- **Condition of Property:** Tom David stated that the property shows clear and undeniable signs of neglect. It is in a severely dilapidated state and, in his professional opinion, is not capable of being rehabilitated or brought back into commerce.

### **Recommendation:**

- Condemnation and that the owner be granted 30 days to voluntarily demolish the structure.
- **Public Comments:** None.
- **Hearing Closed**

**Motion:** To condemn the property at 1106 14<sup>th</sup> St. and give the owners 30 days to voluntarily demolish.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### **Public Works Report**

Public Works Supervisor Eric reported that the wastewater treatment plant is nearly finished, with only a few remaining punch list items to be addressed.

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### **Town Clerk Report**

Traci Fontenot asked council to consider adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

**Motion:** To adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**Motion:** To adjourn.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Vote:** 4-0, passed

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**/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor**

**/s/ Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk**