

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

December 4, 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
Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
Jerry Nevils, Jr., Councilman Dist. 3
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
Susanne Sonnier, Councilwoman at Large
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Eric Fontenot, Public Works Superintendent

Council and Staff Absent:

LaToya Tunwar, Councilwoman Dist.1
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of November 6, 2023.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from November 6, 2023, and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 4-0, passed.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider adding agenda item 8.c. "Executive session to discuss natural gas negotiations with the Coughatta Tribe." After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To add item 8.c. Executive session to discuss natural gas negotiations with the Coughatta Tribe to the agenda.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 4-1, passed.

Mayor LaFargue also asked council to consider moving the January council meeting to Monday, January 8, 2024 because of the New Year holiday. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To move the January council meeting to Monday, January 8, 2024.
Made by: Councilman Nevils
Second: Councilwoman Van Norman
Vote: 4-0, passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider the renewal of local beer and liquor licenses for 2024. Businesses are: Polos Mexican Restaurant Bar & Grill, Club Hi-Roller, Daiquiri Shack of Kinder, El Maguey, La Rumba, Chadeaux's, Tobacco Plus, Ted's Quick Stop, Market Basket, Kinder Quick Stop, Dollar General, The Buzz, Family Dollar. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To approve the applications for renewal of beer and liquor licenses for 2024.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mr. Holmes also asked council to consider approving a new alcoholic beverage license application from Just Crawfish, located at 14578 Hwy. 165. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To approve a Low Alcoholic Content-Class A Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for Just Crawfish, 14578 Hwy. 165.
Made by: Councilwoman Sonnier
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Motion: To enter executive session to discuss natural gas negotiations with the Coushatta Tribe.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue, the town council, and other town staff returned to the Council Chamber and a motion was made to exit executive session.

Motion: To exit executive session.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Motion: To authorize the town attorney to conclude negotiations with the Coushatta Tribe in accord with the last offer from the tribe.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-0, passed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Eric Fontenot gave an update on current projects that the public works department is working on. He also informed the council that he is working on addressing several issues that need to be taken care of soon and will apply for grants to help with the cost of updating the water system.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Traci Fontenot asked the council to consider adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire that is required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office as part of the annual audit. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.
Made by: Councilwoman Sonnier
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 4-0, passed.

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

Motion: To adjourn.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk