

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

December 6, 2021

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
LaToya Tunwar, Councilwoman Dist.1
Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
C.J. Fontenot, Councilman At Large
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Christopher Fontenot, Councilman Dist. 3

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of November 1, 2021.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from November 1, 2021 and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider moving the January council meeting due to the New Year holiday. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To reschedule the January council meeting to Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Courville reported that he was looking at hiring another dispatcher due to being short-staffed in that department but hasn't made a decision yet.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider the renewal of local beer and liquor licenses for 2022. Businesses are: Cilantro's, Club Hi-Roller, Daiquiri Shack of Kinder, El Maguey, Deaton's Crawfish and Catering, Chadeaux's, Tobacco Plus, Ted's Quick Stop, Market Basket, Kinder Quick Stop, Dollar General and The Buzz. Councilwoman Tunwar wanted to make a

motion to renew all except for El Maguey due to the wording of the ordinance relating to citizenship. After some discussion, two motions were made.

Motion: To approve all applications for renewal of beer and liquor licenses for 2022 except for El Maguey.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Motion: To approve the beer and liquor license renewal application for El Maguey for 2022.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 3-1, passed.

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 870, an ordinance to amend the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. He explained that the Town has received money from the American Rescue Plan and in order for the funds to be spent, the budget needs to be amended to include the income. The amendment adds \$437,905.00 to the budget, of which, \$65,716.00 will be used for premium pay for essential workers. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 870 to amend the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 to include ARPA funds totaling \$437,905.00, of which, \$65,716.00 will be used for premium pay for essential workers.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar

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: Absent

Motion passed, 4 – 0.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller reported that the town received notification that they were chosen to receive \$2.5 million in grant funds for wastewater treatment plant renovations under the Water Sector Program.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

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

Motion: To adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman

Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 4-0, passed.

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

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

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk