

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

January 7, 2019

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
Christopher Fontenot, Councilman Dist. 3
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
C.J. Fontenot, Councilman At Large
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Paul Courville, Chief of Police

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of December 3, 2018.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of December 3, 2018.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman Van Norman
Vote: 5-0, passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Councilwoman Van Norman asked to go into executive session to discuss the appointments for the new term. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To add "Move into executive session to discuss appointments for the new term" to the agenda.
Made by: Councilman C.J. Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To move into executive session.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman C.J. Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue and council returned to the Council Chamber and a motion was made to exit executive session and call the meeting back to order.

Motion: To exit executive session.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman C.J. Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue asked for the council's approval on appointments for the new term.

Motion: To appoint Councilwoman Angie Van Norman as Mayor Pro tem.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To appoint Mike Holmes as Town Attorney.
Made by: Councilman C.J. Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To appoint Hugh Cunningham as Town Magistrate.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To appoint Traci Fontenot as Town Clerk.
Made by: Councilman C.J. Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To appoint Councilman C.J. Fontenot as Park Commissioner.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To appoint Councilwoman LaToya Tunwar and Councilwoman Maria DeWees as Streets/Drainage Commissioners.
Made by: Councilman C.J. Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To appoint Councilwoman Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Maria DeWees and Councilman Christopher Fontenot to the Finance Committee.
Made by: Councilman C.J. Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman Van Norman

Vote: 5-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider setting the official date and time of the council meetings for the next term.

Motion: To continue to hold council meetings on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Made by: Councilman C.J. Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing in regard to Ordinance No. 858, an ordinance relative to a franchise agreement with Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BECI). There was no public comment and the public hearing was closed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 858.
Made by: Councilman C.J. Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman DeWees

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: Yea

Motion passed, 5 – 0.

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider approving the renewal of an alcoholic beverage license for Pulling Mule Grill. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To approve the renewal of a Low Alcoholic Content – Class A Retail license for Pulling Mule Grill.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman C.J. Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Mr. Holmes reported that Southwest Allen Parish Water District, which supplies water to the Town, is increasing the rate charged to the Town by \$ 0.70 per thousand gallons. He asked council to consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to pass that increase along to Town of Kinder water customers by the same amount. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2019-01, authorizing the Mayor to increase water rates due to the SWAP increase.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman Van Norman
Vote: 4-1, passed. (Councilwoman Tunwar voted against.)

ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller reported that the Nixon Addition Street Overlay Project should begin in the next few weeks.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Town Clerk, Traci Fontenot reported that income statements with monthly budget-to-actual comparisons are included in the mayor and council packets.

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

Motion: To adjourn.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk