

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

January 10, 2022

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
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:

Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of December 6, 2021.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from December 6, 2021 and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Courville asked council to consider his recommendation to hire one new part-time dispatcher and one new full-time dispatcher. After some discussion, motions were made.

Motion: To approve Chief Courville's recommendation to hire Cheri Rougeau as a part-time dispatcher.
Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Motion: To approve Chief Courville's recommendation to hire Marie Manuel as a full-time dispatcher.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Chief Courville also reported that he would like to promote three sergeants to lieutenant rank and asked the council to accept his recommendations. After some discussion, the motions were made.

Motion: To approve Chief Courville's recommendation to promote Jason Fontenot from Sergeant to Lieutenant.

Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Motion: To approve Chief Courville's recommendation to promote Dale McGee from Sergeant to Lieutenant.

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Motion: To approve Chief Courville's recommendation to promote Brian Fontenot from Sergeant to Lieutenant.

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 4-0, passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

A public hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. to discuss preliminary reapportionment plans. Mike Hefner, with Geographic Planning & Demographic Services, LLC, explained the reapportionment process and presented a plan for the council to consider. The public hearing was closed at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Hefner asked council to consider a resolution regarding the reapportionment of the election district boundaries in order to rebalance the district populations to within +/- 5% of the ideal district population.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2022-01 regarding the reapportionment of the four single member election districts.

Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

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

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

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk