

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

January 3, 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  
LaToya Tunwar, Councilwoman Dist.1  
Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2  
Jerry Nevils, Jr., Councilman Dist. 3  
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4  
Susanne Sonnier, Councilwoman at Large  
Paul Courville, Chief of Police  
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney  
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk

**Council and Staff Absent:**

Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of December 5, 2022.

**Motion:** To dispense with the reading of the minutes from December 5, 2022 and approve them as distributed.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor LaFargue allowed Vickie Tunwar to speak to the council regarding the current mobile home ordinance. She asked the council to consider amending the ordinance to allow older mobile homes to be moved in. After some discussion, Mike Holmes said that he would draft an ordinance amending the Special Use Permit for council to consider for introduction at the February meeting.

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

**Motion:** To appoint Councilwoman Angie Van Norman as Mayor pro tempore.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman DeWees  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**Motion:** To appoint Mike Holmes as Town Attorney.  
**Made by:** Councilman Nevils  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**Motion:** To appoint Hugh Cunningham as Town Magistrate.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman  
**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**Motion:** To appoint Traci Fontenot as Town Clerk.

**Made by:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**Motion:** To appoint Councilwoman Tunwar and Councilwoman Sonnier as Park Commissioners.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Second:** Councilman Nevils

**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**Motion:** To appoint Councilwoman Tunwar and Councilman Nevils as Streets/Drainage Commissioners.

**Made by:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Second:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**Motion:** To appoint Councilwoman Van Norman and Councilwoman DeWees to the Finance Committee.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Sonnier

**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue also reported that he would like to designate a section of Bernard Avenue as Chester Braxton Memorial Blvd. He said this would be a great tribute to Mr. Braxton and a way to honor the memory of Kinder's long time public works supervisor.

## **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

Traci Fontenot asked council to consider adopting the 2023 Employee Handbook. After some discussion, the matter was tabled for further review and will be considered at the February meeting.

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

**Motion:** To adjourn.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilman Nevils

**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

## **Adjournment**

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk