

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

January 8, 2024

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
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
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Eric Fontenot, Public Works Superintendent

Council and Staff Absent:

Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of December 4, 2023.

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

MAYOR REPORT

Kimberly Calderara with Allen Parish Community Healthcare spoke to the Mayor and Council about the Keep Louisiana Beautiful grant that she recently applied for with Town of Kinder that is being used to purchase and plant trees in the town triangle on 4th Avenue.

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITOR

Mr. Scimemi reported a clean audit opinion for the financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To accept the audit report as presented by Royce Scimemi.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider appointing Royce Scimemi as Town Auditor for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Motion: To reappoint Royce Scimemi as the Town Auditor for fiscal year 2023/2024.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-0, passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Courville asked the council to consider his recommendation to promote Marie Manuel and Ryan Savoy to the rank of corporal with corporal pay.

Motion: To accept Chief Courville's recommendation to promote Marie Manuel and Ryan Savoy to corporal and raise their salary to the current corporal rate.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 4-0, passed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Eric Fontenot reported that his department is still working to repair water leaks and will be installing culverts for customers. He also reported that due to a new state requirement, his department will begin checking all water lines for lead and the project has to be completed by October.

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

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

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk