

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

July 10, 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
Susanne Sonnier, Councilwoman at Large
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of June 5, 2023

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from June 5, 2023, and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 4-0, passed.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider changing the date of the September council meeting due to the Labor Day holiday. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To change the September council meeting to Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Made by: Councilman Nevils
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 879, an ordinance enacting Article III of Chapter 20 of the Kinder Code of Ordinances related to the sale of adjudicated property. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed. Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider adopting Ordinance No. 879. After some discussion, Councilwoman Tunwar asked to table the adoption of Ordinance No. 879 so that she could have time to read through the ordinance.

Motion: To table agenda item 8.b. "Consider final adoption of Ordinance No. 879" until the August 8, 2023, council meeting.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-0, passed.

ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller gave an update on several ongoing projects. He reported that construction on the WWTP Improvements Project (Water Sector Grant) has started. He also reported that we are just waiting on word from the State for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Grant for drainage in the Nixon addition and waiting on award information from the State for the LCDBG and Capital Outlay grant applications, both for street overlay.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Traci Fontenot asked the council to consider adopting Resolution No. 2023-06 setting the millage rates for the tax year 2023.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2023-06 to levy the General Alimony (4.68 mills) and the General Purpose (10.00 mills) property taxes for tax year 2023.
Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 4-0, passed.

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

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

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk