

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

July 3, 2017

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
Sylvester Popillion, Councilman Dist. 1
Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
Christopher Fontenot, Councilman Dist. 3
C.J. Fontenot, Councilman At Large
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist. 4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider the approval of minutes for the two special meetings of June 1, 2017 and June 12, 2017 and from the regular council meeting of June 15, 2017.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes for the two special meetings of June 1, 2017 and June 12, 2017 and from the regular council meeting of June 15, 2017.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor LaFargue asked council to take agenda item 7.d. Appointment of Chief of Police to fill the unexpired term of Charles Welch, out of order and asked council to consider appointing a new Chief of Police. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To appoint Raymond Paul Courville as Chief of Police to fill the unexpired term of Charles Welch.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Jerrie LeDoux, Community Liaison for Congressman Mike Johnson's office was at the meeting to introduce herself to the mayor and council and to speak about some of the services that Congressman Johnson's office provides for constituents.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider introducing an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,315,000 of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2017 and providing for other matters in connection therewith. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To introduce Ordinance No. 853 in regard to the issuance of \$1,315,000 of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2017.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider adopting a proclamation to rescind the prior proclamation dated June 12, 2017 calling for a special election for Chief of Police. He explained that a special election is not required. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt the proposed Proclamation rescinding the June 12, 2017 Proclamation that called for a special election for Chief of Police.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mr. Holmes reported that DG Louisiana, LLC dba Dollar General Store #3480 has made application for a Class B Alcoholic Beverage License and asked council to consider it for approval. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To approve the Class B Alcoholic Beverage License for DG Louisiana, LLC dba Dollar General Store #3480.
Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilman Popillion
Vote: 4-0, passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Courville gave a report of calls, arrests, and citations for the month of June.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORT

Condemnation Hearings:

Case no. 2016-06, 210 N. 5th Street, Owner, Linda Celestine (Condemnation hearing continued from June 15, 2017 council meeting.)

Wesley Miller opened the condemnation hearing and reported that this hearing has been continued a few times to give the owners time to sell the property, but due to the unsafe condition of the property he recommends that the council move forward with condemnation and demolition. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To condemn the structure at 210 N. 5th Street and move forward with demolition as soon as legally possible and after proper notice has been served.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman Popillion
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Case no. 2017-01, 1208 1st Avenue, Owner, Dale and Debbie Barbour
(Condemnation hearing continued from March 6, 2017 council meeting.)

Wesley Miller opened the condemnation hearing and reported that the owners have made some improvements and recommends giving them more time to complete the repairs. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To accept the recommendation of Pan American Engineers to give the owners of 1208 1st Avenue more time to make necessary repairs and reschedule the hearing for the September 2017 council meeting.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman Popillion
Vote: 4-0, passed.

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

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

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk