

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

July 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
Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
Jerry Nevils, Jr., Councilman Dist. 3
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Lt. Jason Fontenot, Kinder Police Department
Eric Fontenot, Public Works Superintendent
Jimbo Graham, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Susanne Sonnier, Council at Large

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of June 3, 2024.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from June 3, 2024, and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilman Nevils
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 4-0, passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Lt. Jason Fontenot gave a report on the calls and reports for the month of June.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes asked the council to consider approving Resolution No. 2024-08, authorizing the mayor to execute the Assignment, Transfer, and Settlement Agreement between Town of Kinder and the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2024-08 authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement transferring ownership of certain gas infrastructure to the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 883, an ordinance relative to water, wastewater and gas fees. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 883, an ordinance to provide relative to amendment of sections 21-9 and 21-11 pertaining to fixing of water rates, 21-34 pertaining to fixing of wastewater rates and 21-79 and 21-81 pertaining to fixing of gas rates of the code of ordinances of the Town of Kinder.

Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman

Second: Councilman Nevils

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Tunwar:	Yea
Councilwoman DeWees:	Yea
Councilman Nevils:	Yea
Councilwoman Van Norman:	Yea
Councilwoman Sonnier:	Absent

Motion passed, 4 – 0.

ENGINEER REPORT

Jimbo Graham, Pan American Engineers, reported on the progress of the ongoing wastewater treatment plant project. He also gave a report on the Louisiana Watershed Initiative grant project for improved drainage in the Nixon Addition.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Eric Fontenot gave a report on the current water loss report. He also talked about some of the capabilities of the Town's meter reading software like leak reports, etc.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Traci Fontenot asked the council to consider adopting Resolution No. 2024-07 setting the millage rates for the tax year 2024.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2024-07 to levy the General Alimony (4.52 mills) and the General Purpose (9.66 mills) property taxes for tax year 2024.

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar

Second: Councilwoman DeWees

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