

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

June 3, 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  
Susanne Sonnier, Councilwoman at Large  
Paul Courville, Chief of Police  
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk  
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney  
Eric Fontenot, Public Works Superintendent  
C.W. Roland, Pan American Engineers

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of May 6, 2024.

**Motion:** To dispense with the reading of the minutes from May 6, 2024, and approve them as distributed.  
**Made by:** Councilman Nevils  
**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider moving the July 1, 2024 council meeting to July 8, 2024. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** To move the July council meeting to Monday, July 8, 2024.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Sonnier  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue also asked the council to consider adopting a resolution appointing a Director and Alternate Director for the Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority (LMGA) Board of Directors for the current term. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution No. 2024-06 appointing Wayland LaFargue as Director and Eric Fontenot as Alternate Director for the LMGA Board of Directors.  
**Made by:** Councilman Nevils  
**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed

## **CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT**

Chief Courville gave an update on calls and reports for the month of May.

## **TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing regarding the amended budget for FY 2023/2024, Ordinance No. 881. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

**Motion:** To adopt Ordinance No. 881 regarding the amended budget for FY 2023/2024.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

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

**Motion passed, 5 – 0.**

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing regarding the proposed budget for FY 2024/2025, Ordinance No. 882. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

**Motion:** To adopt Ordinance No. 882 regarding the proposed budget for FY 2024/2025.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

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

**Motion passed, 5 – 0.**

Mr. Holmes gave an update regarding the potential sale of the library. He reported that he asked the library board to get bids on building repairs and suggested that they consult with their attorney regarding obtaining their own appraisal. He also reported that he will get an opinion from outside counsel regarding the dedicated sales tax.

## **ENGINEER REPORT**

C. W. Roland reported that the wastewater treatment plant project was delayed several days due to bad weather and that a request to extend the contract time may be necessary. He also gave an update on the Louisiana Watershed Initiative project for drainage in the Nixon Addition.

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Eric Fontenot asked the council to consider introducing an amendment to Ordinances 795, 796, and 797 regarding the gas, water and wastewater systems. He explained that the actual cost of some services, like new line taps, greatly exceeds the cost that is currently charged to customers. After some discussion, Councilwoman Van Norman introduced Ordinance No. 883. There will be a public hearing, discussion, and vote at the next regular council meeting.

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

<b>Motion:</b>	To adjourn.
<b>Made by:</b>	Councilwoman Van Norman
<b>Second:</b>	Councilwoman Tunwar
<b>Vote:</b>	5-0, passed.

### **Adjournment**

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk