

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

June 4, 2018

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
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
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:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider the approval of the minutes for the regular council meeting of May 7, 2018.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of May 7, 2018.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider appointing an official journal for FY 2018/2019.

Motion: To appoint The Kinder Courier as the official journal for FY 2018/2019.
Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilman Popillion
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue asked Blake Steiner with Rapides Area Planning Commission (RAPC) to speak about the building inspection process and give an update on activity in Kinder. Mayor LaFargue also asked representatives from Beauregard Electric Co-op Inc. (BECI) to give information related to recent power outages in some areas of Kinder. Scott Deshotel and Kevin Reeves spoke about reasons for many of the outages and measures being taken to prevent future outages. They also answered questions from the public.

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the revised Policies and Procedures Manual/Employee Handbook for city hall employees.

Motion: To adopt the 2018 Revised Policies and Procedures Manual.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Paul Courville asked council to consider a resolution that would raise the hourly rate for the S.T.E.D. program from \$25.00/hr. to \$35.00/hr. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2018-06 changing the hourly rate for the S.T.E.D. program to \$35.00 effective July 1, 2018.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Popillion
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Chief Courville asked the council to consider approving the revised Policies and Procedures Manual/Employee Handbook for police employees.

Motion: To adopt the 2018 Revised KPD Policies and Procedures Manual.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing in regard to the amended budget for FY 2017/2018, Ordinance No. 855. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 855 in regard to the amended budget for FY 2017/2018.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman DeWees

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Van Norman: Yea
Councilman Popillion: Yea
Councilman CJ Fontenot: Yea
Councilwoman DeWees: Yea
Councilman Chris Fontenot: Yea

Motion passed, 5 – 0.

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing in regard to the proposed budget for FY 2018/2019, Ordinance No. 856. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 856 in regard to the proposed budget for FY 2018/2019.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Van Norman: Yea
Councilman Popillion: Yea
Councilman CJ Fontenot: Yea
Councilwoman DeWees: Yea
Councilman Chris Fontenot: Yea

Motion passed, 5 – 0.

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing in regard to an ordinance to amend Section 10 of the Code of Ordinances to include Article IV titled Property Maintenance Code, Ordinance No. 857. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 857, an ordinance to amend Section 10 of the Code of Ordinances to include Article IV titled Property Maintenance Code.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Van Norman: Yea
Councilman Popillion: Yea
Councilman CJ Fontenot: Yea
Councilwoman DeWees: Yea
Councilman Chris Fontenot: Yea

Motion passed, 5 – 0.

ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller gave an update on the Town-wide Street Improvements project. He said the project should be complete within the next few weeks. He also reported that the plans for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) project to make street repairs in the Nixon Addition will be sent to the State for review this week.

Town Clerk, Traci Fontenot reported that income statements with monthly budget-to-actual comparisons are included in the mayor and council packets. She also asked council to consider a resolution approving the USDA Statement of Budget, Income, and Equity report as required by USDA. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt a resolution approving the USDA Statement of Budget, Income, and Equity report as required by USDA.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 5-0, passed.

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

Motion: To adjourn.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Popillion
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk