

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

June 5, 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
Jerry Nevils, Jr., Councilman Dist. 3
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
Susanne Sonnier, Councilwoman at Large
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
Paul Courville, Chief of Police

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of May 1, 2023

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from May 1, 2023, and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilman Nevils
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 4-0, passed.

MAYOR REPORT

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

Motion: To change the July council meeting to Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-0, passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 876, an ordinance authorizing the establishment of a health insurance benefit plan for retirees. After some discussion, a motion was made to amend the proposed Option #1 to increase the service years and to strike through part of the section relating to Medicare aged employees.

Motion: To amend proposed Ordinance No. 876, Section. 3.A., changing the years of service requirement from 20 consecutive years to 25 consecutive years and to strike through everything starting with "However" of Section 3.F.

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 876 as amended.
Made by: Councilman Nevils
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

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

Motion passed, 4 – 0.

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing regarding the amended budget for FY 2022/2023, Ordinance No. 877. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 877 regarding the amended budget for FY 2022/2023.
Made by: Councilwoman Sonnier
Second: Councilwoman Van Norman

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

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

Motion passed, 4 – 0.

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing regarding the proposed budget for FY 2023/2024, Ordinance No. 878. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 878 regarding the proposed budget for FY 2023/2024.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

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

Motion passed, 4 – 0.

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider introducing an ordinance similar to the one recently adopted by the Allen Parish Police Jury relative to the sale of adjudicated properties. After some

discussion, Councilwoman Angie Van Norman introduced Ordinance No. 879. There will be a public hearing and a vote at the next council meeting.

Mr. Holmes also asked council to consider approving an alcoholic beverage license application from Family Dollar, located at 911 1st Avenue. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To approve a High Alcoholic Content-Class B Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for Family Dollar Store #24447, 911 1st Avenue.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 4-0, passed.

ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller gave an update on several ongoing projects. He reported that the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Grant for drainage in the Nixon Addition should be cleared to start the design phase soon and that the LCDBG and Capital Outlay grants, both for street overlay, should be announced in the next couple of months. He also reported that the WWTP Improvements Project (Water Sector Grant) should be starting construction within the next two to four weeks.

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

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

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk