

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

June 6, 2022

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
LaToya Tunwar, Councilwoman Dist.1
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
Christopher Fontenot, Councilman Dist. 3

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of May 2, 2022.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from May 2, 2022 and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman Van Norman
Vote: 3-0, passed.

MAYOR REPORT

Parker Cole, Senior Project Manager at CSRS, Inc., addressed the council regarding upcoming funding opportunities and the need for acquiring preposition contracts for disaster recovery.

Mayor LaFargue thanked the Coushatta Tribe for helping the Town by painting and striping parking areas at city hall and in town. He also reported that it was time to select a newspaper as the official journal for municipal matters as required by the Secretary of State. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To select The Kinder Courier as the official journal.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 3-0, passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Paul Courville reported on the calls and activity for May, 2022.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing regarding the amended budget for FY 2021/2022, Ordinance No. 872. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 872 regarding the amended budget for FY 2021/2022.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman Doise

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:
Councilwoman Van Norman: Yea
Councilwoman Tunwar: Yea
Councilman Doise: Yea
Councilwoman DeWees: Absent
Councilman Christopher Fontenot: Absent

Motion passed, 3 – 0.

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing regarding the proposed budget for FY 2022/2023, Ordinance No. 873. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 873 regarding the proposed budget for FY 2022/2023.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman Van Norman

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:
Councilwoman Van Norman: Yea
Councilwoman Tunwar: Yea
Councilman Doise: Yea
Councilwoman DeWees: Absent
Councilman Christopher Fontenot: Absent

Motion passed, 3 – 0.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller reported that the plans and specs for the wastewater treatment plant project have been submitted to the state and we are awaiting approval to start accepting bids.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilwoman Tunwar reported that she would like the ordinance regarding late fees on utility bills changed to allow more time for customers to pay their bills when the delinquent day falls on a weekend or holiday. After some discussion, the town attorney said that he would draft an amendment that could be discussed at the next meeting.

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

Motion: To adjourn.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman Van Norman
Vote: 3-0, passed.

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk