

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

May 1, 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  
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  
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney  
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk  
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

**Council and Staff Absent:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of April 3, 2023

**Motion:** To dispense with the reading of the minutes from April 3, 2023, and approve them as distributed.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT**

Chief Courville asked the council to consider adding item 7.a. Consider 2023 Kinder Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual to the agenda and adopt the new revision. After some discussion, the two motions were made.

**Motion:** To add agenda item 7.a. Consider 2023 Kinder Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman  
**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**Motion:** To adopt the 2023 Kinder Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman DeWees  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

## **TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Holmes reported that Southwest Allen Parish Water District, which supplies water to the Town, is increasing the rate charged to the Town by \$ 0.42 per thousand gallons. He asked the council to consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to pass that increase along to Town of Kinder water customers by the same amount. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution No. 2023-05, authorizing the Mayor to increase water rates due to the SWAP increase.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Second:** Councilwoman Van Norman  
**Vote:** 5-1, 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 Water Sector Grant for WWTP improvements is awaiting approval from DEQ to start construction.

## **TOWN CLERK REPORT**

Traci Fontenot discussed two ordinances relative to the annual budget. Councilwoman Van Norman introduced Ordinance No. 877, an ordinance to amend the budget for FY 2022/2023. Ordinance No. 878, an ordinance proposing the budget for FY 2023/2024, was introduced by Councilwoman Sonnier. There will be a public hearing and a vote at the next regular council meeting.

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

**Motion:** To adjourn.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Second:** Councilwoman Sonnier  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

## **Adjournment**

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk