

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

May 2, 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  
Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2  
Christopher Fontenot, Councilman Dist. 3  
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:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of March 7, 2022.

**Motion:** To dispense with the reading of the minutes from March 7, 2022 and approve them as distributed.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Second:** Councilman Christopher Fontenot  
**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 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Made by:** Councilman Christopher Fontenot  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 4-0, passed.

**REPORT OF TOWN AUDITOR**

Mr. Scimemi reported on financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** To accept the audit report as presented by Royce Scimemi.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman DeWees  
**Second:** Councilman Christopher Fontenot  
**Vote:** 4-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider appointing Royce Scimemi as Town Auditor for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

**Motion:** To reappoint Royce Scimemi as the Town Auditor for fiscal year 2021/2022.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman VanNorman  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 4-0, passed.

### **CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT**

Chief Paul Courville reported that Lieutenant Shannon Fontenot had retired after 27 years of service with the police department. He asked council to consider his recommendation to hire Devin Fontenot as a full-time officer. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** To accept the chief's recommendation to hire Devin Fontenot as a full-time officer.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 4-0, passed.

Chief Courville also reported that Cpl. Taylor Jackson recently graduated from the police academy and was now post certified; and that he had assigned Cpl. Cody Lantron as Evidence Officer and Cpl. Beatrice Leger as Ordinance Enforcer.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Holmes discussed two ordinances relative to the annual budget. Councilwoman Van Norman introduced Ordinance No. 872, an ordinance to amend the budget for FY 2021/2022. Ordinance No. 873, an ordinance proposing the budget for FY 2022/2023, was introduced by Councilman Christopher Fontenot. There will be a public hearing and a vote at the next regular council meeting.

### **TOWN ENGINEER REPORT**

Wesley Miller asked council to consider two resolutions in regard to LGAP and CWFEP grant applications. After some discussion, motions were made.

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution No. 2022-04 authorizing the Mayor to work with Pan American Engineers on the development of the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) 2021/2022 grant application.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Second:** Councilman Christopher Fontenot  
**Vote:** 4-0, passed.

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution No. 2022-05 authorizing the Mayor to work with Pan American Engineers on the development of the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWFEP) 2021/2022 grant application.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman  
**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Vote:** 4-0, passed.

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**Motion:** To add agenda item 11.a. Discussion and appointment of councilman-at-large to fill the vacancy on town council.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Second:** Councilman Christopher Fontenot

**Vote:** 4-0, passed.

Councilwoman Van Norman asked council to consider appointing Mr. Barney Doise as Councilman at Large to fill the vacancy left when Councilman CJ Fontenot passed away. After some discussion, a special meeting was set for Thursday, May 5, 2022 to continue the discussion and to allow Mr. Doise to attend the meeting.

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

**Motion:** To adjourn.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilman Christopher Fontenot

**Vote:** 4-0, passed.

## **Adjournment**

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk