

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

May 3, 2021

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
C.J. Fontenot, Councilman At Large
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Christopher Fontenot, Councilman Dist. 3
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of April 5, 2021.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from April 5, 2021 and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 3-0, passed.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider moving the July 5th council meeting due to the Independence Day holiday. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To move the regular council meeting to July 12, 2021.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 3-0, passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Courville asked council to approve two personnel changes. Taylor Jackson was hired as a full-time patrolman, and Russell Chapman was hired as an auxiliary officer. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To approve the hiring of Taylor Jackson as a full-time patrolman.

Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 3-0, passed.

Motion: To approve the hiring of Russell Chapman as an auxiliary officer.
Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 3-0, passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 866, an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$4,500,000 Sewer Refunding Bonds, Series 2021. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Holmes explained that there were amendments to the ordinance to be considered before final adoption. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 866 with amendments as written.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 3-0, passed.

Mr. Holmes discussed two ordinances relative to the annual budget. Councilman CJ Fontenot introduced Ordinance No. 867, an ordinance to amend the budget for FY 2020/2021 and Ordinance No. 868, an ordinance proposing the budget for FY 2021/2022. There will be a public hearing and a vote at the next regular council meeting.

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider approving an alcoholic beverage license application for Deaton's Crawfish and Catering, located at 1315 1st Avenue. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To approve a High Alcoholic Content-Class A Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for Deaton's Crawfish and Catering.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 3-0, passed.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller spoke to the mayor and council about the upcoming LCDBG application. He explained that only street, sewer, or water projects could be applied for, and that the Town would be responsible for grant administration fees, but engineering services could be paid for with grant funds or town funds. He asked council to consider adding item 9.a. to the agenda, relative to LCDBG project and funding discussions.

Motion: To add item No. 9.a. "Consideration and approval to select an LCDBG project and payment of engineering fees" to the agenda.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar

Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 3-0, passed.

After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To apply for LCDBG funding to be used for town-wide sewer improvements and pay for the engineering services for the grant with town funds.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 3-0, passed.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Mrs. Fontenot reported that income statements with the monthly budget-to-actual comparisons were included in the mayor and council packets.

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

Motion: To adjourn.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 3-0, passed.

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk