

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

November 14, 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 p.m.

**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  
Barney Doise, Councilman at Large  
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk  
Paul Courville, Chief of Police  
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

**Council and Staff Absent:**

Michael Holmes, Town Attorney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of October 3, 2022.

**Motion:** To dispense with the reading of the minutes from October 3, 2022 and approve them as distributed.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**REPORT OF TOWN AUDITOR**

Mr. Scimemi reported on financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** To accept the audit report as presented by Royce Scimemi.  
**Made by:** Councilman Fontenot  
**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider appointing Royce Scimemi as Town Auditor for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

**Motion:** To reappoint Royce Scimemi as the Town Auditor for fiscal year 2022/2023.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman VanNorman  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

## CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Paul Courville reported that he moved Abigail Sellers from part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher and asked for council approval. He also asked for council approval to hire Ryan Savoy as a full-time patrolman and to accept Devin Fontenot's resignation. After some discussion, the following motions were made.

**Motion:** To approve Chief Courville's recommendation to hire Abigail Sellers as a full-time dispatcher.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar

**Second:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

**Motion:** To approve Chief Courville's recommendation to hire Ryan Savoy as full-time patrolman.

**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman

**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Vote:** 5-0, passed

**Motion:** To approve Chief Courville's recommendation accept the resignation of Devin Fontenot.

**Made by:** Councilman Fontenot

**Second:** Councilwoman DeWees

**Vote:** 5-0, passed

## TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mayor Lafargue opened the public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 875, an ordinance to amend Section 3-36 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to the qualifications of applicants for alcohol beverage licenses. There were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed.

**Motion:** To adopt Ordinance No. 875, an ordinance to amend Section 3-36 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Kinder relating to the qualifications of applicants for alcohol beverage licenses.

**Made by:** Councilman Fontenot

**Second:** Councilwoman Dewees

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Van Norman: Yea

Councilwoman Tunwar: Nay

Councilman Doise: Yea

Councilwoman DeWees: Yea

Councilman Christopher Fontenot: Yea

**Motion passed, 4 – 1.**

## ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller asked council to consider adopting a resolution authorizing the mayor to work with the Town Engineer on the development of the LCDBG grant application. After some discussion, a motion was made.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution No. 2022-11 authorizing the mayor to work with Pan American Engineers on the development of the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) application.  
**Made by:** Councilwoman Van Norman  
**Second:** Councilwoman Tunwar  
**Vote:** 5-0, passed.

Mr. Miller also updated the council on several other ongoing projects.

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

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

### **Adjournment**

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk