

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

November 4, 2024

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
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Eric Fontenot, Public Works Superintendent
C.W. Roland, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

None

Approval of Minutes

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of October 7, 2024.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from October 7, 2024, and approve them as distributed.

Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman

Second: Councilwoman Sonnier

Vote: 5-0, passed

Mayor's Report

Mayor LaFargue invited Frances Cannon to brief the council on concerns about carbon sequestration and storage in and around Allen Parish. She shared information from the Louisiana CO2 Alliance about potential risks CO2 injections could pose to local water systems. Rusty Reeves, representing the Louisiana Rural Water Association, also discussed these potential risks.

Town Attorney Michael Holmes informed the council that he had prepared a resolution supporting the Allen Parish Police Jury's efforts to gather information and assess the risks associated with the Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Project. He noted that the council would need to add the matter to the agenda for consideration. Following discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To add agenda item 8.a. “Consider adopting Resolution No. 2024-12” to the agenda under the Attorney’s Report.

Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman

Second: Councilwoman DeWees

Vote: 5-0, passed

Chief of Police Report

Chief Paul Courville presented a detailed report to the council on the police department's activity for the month of October, including the volume of calls received and reports filed by officers. He also provided updates on properties that had been red-tagged.

Town Attorney Report

Town Attorney Michael Holmes read Resolution No. 2024-12 in its entirety and asked the council to consider adopting it.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2024-12, a resolution supporting the efforts of the Allen Parish Police Jury to obtain information and evaluate the risks of the Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Project.

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar

Second: Councilman Nevils

Vote: 5-0, passed

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Roland presented the following items for council consideration:

1. **Resolution No. 2024-10**

Mr. Roland asked the council to consider the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-10, granting the mayor authority to notify property owners and schedule public hearings for the condemnation and demolition of dilapidated structures.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2024-10.

Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman

Second: Councilwoman Sonnier

Vote: 5-0, passed

2. **Resolution No. 2024-11**

Mr. Roland asked the council to consider the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-11, designating Pan American Engineers as the grant administrator for the FY 2024/2025 Louisiana Community Development Block Grants Clearance Program.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2024-11.

Made by: Councilwoman Sonnier

Second: Councilman Nevils

Vote: 5-0, passed

Public Works Report

Public Works Supervisor Eric Fontenot provided the following updates:

1. The town has been awarded two grants for the replacement of aged water lines.
2. The Lead and Copper Detection Survey, as required by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), has been completed and submitted.
3. Work at the wastewater treatment plant is nearly finished, with only a few remaining punch list items to be addressed.

Adjournment

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

Motion: To adjourn.

Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman

Second: Councilwoman Sonnier

Vote: 5-0, passed

/s/ Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/ Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk