

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

November 6, 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
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Eric Fontenot, Public Works Superintendent
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Paul Courville, Chief of Police

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of October 2, 2023.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from October 2, 2023, and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilman Nevils
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 5-0, passed.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider going into executive session to discuss strategic planning related to the natural gas system. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To enter executive session to discuss strategic planning related to the natural gas system.
Made by: Councilwoman Sonnier
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-1, passed.

Mayor LaFargue, the town council, and other town staff returned to the Council Chamber and a motion was made to exit executive session.

Motion: To exit executive session.
Made by: Councilwoman Sonnier
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To authorize the town attorney to negotiate with the Coushatta Tribe within the parameters set forth in executive session as it relates to the natural gas system.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 5-0, passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes asked the council to consider two resolutions relative to Town-owned property located on 4th Avenue. After some discussion, the following motions were made.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2023-11 declaring Town-owned property on 4th Avenue as surplus.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman DeWees
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2023-12 authorizing the mayor to seek one or more purchasers for surplus property on 4th Avenue.
Made by: Councilman Nevils
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Mr. Holmes also asked the council to consider allowing an adjudicated property, parcel number 0220033030L, to be redeemed back into the property owner's name. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To allow Parcel # 0220033030L to be redeemed back into the listed property owner's name after all back taxes are paid.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 5-0, passed.

ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller updated the mayor and council on the wastewater treatment plant project and the Nixon Addition drainage project. He also reported that a Capital Outlay application has been submitted on behalf of the town for street improvements.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Eric Fontenot gave an update on several projects that the public works department has been working on. He also reported that the Town had purchased three trucks from Southwest Allen Parish Water for the public works department.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilwoman Tunwar asked for an update on a complaint from one of her constituents. Mike Holmes reported that he would draft a letter to the citizen requesting information so that a claim can be submitted to the Town's insurance carrier.

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

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

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk