

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

October 7, 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
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
C.W. Roland, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

LaToya Tunwar, Councilwoman Dist.1
Paul Courville, Chief of Police

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked the council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of September 9, 2024.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from September 9, 2024, and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilman Nevils
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Vote: 4-0, passed.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor LaFargue allowed Ramsey Vincent, representing the local American Legion Post, to speak to the council and public about upcoming events. He invited everyone to the 10th Annual Allen Parish Community Pancake Breakfast honoring veterans. Mayor LaFargue also gave an update on the Park Rd. Bridge Project. He said that the project cost came in higher than anticipated, but that Senator Heather Cloud and Representative Dewith Carrier were able to help get the additional funds from a DOTD grant.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes reported that DG Louisiana, LLC dba Dollar General Store #24903, located at 1106 6th Avenue has applied for a High Alcoholic Content-Class B Retail Alcoholic Beverage License. The distance from the Grace Community Church was discussed and Mr. Holmes explained that according to the state statute, the distance is measured “as a person walks” and that Dollar General’s driveway is over 500’ from the church’s driveway. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To approve a High Alcoholic Content-Class B Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for Dollar General Store #24903, 1106 6th Ave.
Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilman Nevils
Vote: 4-0, passed.

ENGINEER REPORT

C.W. Roland, Pan American Engineers, reported that the wastewater treatment plant project is nearing completion. He also reported on the progress of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative project to improve drainage in the Nixon Addition.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Nevils reported that the sales tax collections for Kinder has increased and he talked about the importance of shopping local. Councilwoman Van Norman inquired about the placement of detention ponds at some businesses, requesting an ordinance to place them at the back of their property. C.W. Roland from Pan American Engineers confirmed that location is determined by drainage outfall but reported that some towns have ordinances relative to maintenance and upkeep. He said he will send some sample ordinances to Mike Holmes.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Eric Fontenot reported on the work being done for the state required lead survey and that the Town has received two grants that will be used to replace old water lines. He also reported that the mayor hired Gina Pitre to work with the public works department.

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

Motion:	To adjourn.
Made by:	Councilwoman Sonnier
Second:	Councilwoman Van Norman
Vote:	4-0, passed.

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk