

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

September 12, 2017

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
Sylvester Popillion, Councilman Dist. 1
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
Christopher Fontenot, Councilman Dist. 3
C.J. Fontenot, Councilman At Large
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider the approval of the minutes for the regular council meeting of August 7, 2017 and the special meeting of August 15, 2017.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes for the regular council meeting of August 7, 2017 and the special meeting of August 15, 2017.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITOR

Mr. Scimemi presented highlights of the annual audit/financial statements for fiscal year 2016/2017.

Motion: To accept the audit report.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman Popillion
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Motion: To reappoint Royce Scimemi as the Town Auditor for fiscal year 2017/2018.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Courville gave a report of calls, arrests, and citations for the month of August. He also asked council to approve his recommendation to hire Scott Patch as a full-time police officer.

Motion: To hire Scott Patch as a full-time police officer.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing in regard to Ordinance No. 854, an ordinance to consider changing the time of the regular council meetings from 6:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed. Mayor LaFargue called for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 854. There was some discussion, but no motion was made. The ordinance will not be enacted due to a lack of motion to adopt.

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider Resolution No. 2017-16 that would authorize the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Allen Parish Hospital. He explained that the CEA will allow the Hospital to utilize the Kinder Community Center as a temporary shelter in case of an emergency evacuation of the hospital. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2017-16, authorizing the Mayor to sign a CEA with Allen Parish Hospital.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman Van Norman
Vote: 4-0, passed.

TOWN ENGINEER REPORT

Wesley Miller reported on the Zoning Hearing held immediately prior to the council meeting. He said that Allen Parish Ambulance Service requested several variances in order to build a new office at their current location. The Zoning Board voted to grant the following requests: Rezone area from Medium Density Residential (MD) to General Business (GB); variance from parking requirements; 10' setbacks on all sides. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To accept the recommendation from the Zoning Board to grant the rezoning, parking variance, and setback requests from Allen Parish Ambulance Service.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Popillion
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Wesley Miller asked council to consider a resolution authorizing the mayor to contract with Pan American Engineers to provide the engineering services for the Town-wide Street Improvements Project.

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2017-15, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Pan American Engineers for the Town-wide Street Improvement Project.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Condemnation Hearing:

Case no. 2017-01, 1208 1st Avenue, owners Dale and Debra Barbour (Condemnation hearing continued from July 3, 2017 council meeting.)

Wesley Miller opened the public hearing and reported that the owners have made the repairs that were recommended by council and asked for any comments from the public. There was no public comment and the public hearing was closed. Mr. Miller reported that if the council is pleased with the progress, he recommends that the case be dismissed. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To dismiss condemnation proceedings for 1208 1st Avenue.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilman Popillion
Vote: 4-0, passed.

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

Motion: To adjourn.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 4-0, passed.

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk