

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

September 14, 2020

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
LaToya Tunwar, Councilwoman Dist.1
Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
Christopher Fontenot, Councilman Dist. 3
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
C.J. Fontenot, Councilman At Large
Traci Fontenot, Town Clerk
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers

Council and Staff Absent:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor LaFargue asked council to consider approving the minutes for the regular council meeting of August 3, 2020.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the minutes from August 3, 2020 and approve them as distributed.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor LaFargue reported on the debris removal effort throughout Kinder. He also thanked local and state officials for their help during and after Hurricane Laura.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Chief Paul Courville asked council to consider approving two personnel changes. He promoted Beatrice Leger from dispatcher to patrol officer at Corporal rank to fill Jackie Holland's position. He also promoted Phoebe Westmoreland from part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher. After some discussion, the following motions were made.

Motion: To approve the Chief's decision to hire Beatrice Leger as a patrol officer at Corporal rank.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To approve the Chief's decision to hire Phoebe Westmoreland as full-time dispatcher.
Made by: Councilwoman DeWees
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 5-0, passed.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Holmes opened the public hearing in regard to Ordinance No. 864, an ordinance providing for the continued levy of a 1% sales and use tax in the Town of Kinder as authorized at a special election held November 19, 2019. There were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 864 pertaining to the continued levy of a 1% sales and use tax in the Town of Kinder as authorized at a special election held November 19, 2019.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilman CJ Fontenot

Mayor LaFargue called for a roll call vote:

Councilwoman Van Norman: Yea
Councilwoman Tunwar: Yea
Councilman CJ Fontenot: Yea
Councilwoman DeWees: Yea
Councilman Chris Fontenot: Yea

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Holmes asked council to consider ratifying three contracts relative to the debris removal and FEMA support due to Hurricane Laura. After some discussion, the following motions were made.

Motion: To accept and ratify the contract for debris removal and disposal with Spenzr Disaster Relief, LLC.
Made by: Councilman CJ Fontenot
Second: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To accept and ratify the contract for debris monitoring with Cartodyne, LLC.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 5-0, passed.

Motion: To accept and ratify the contract for disaster recovery consulting and program management with Safework, Inc.
Made by: Councilwoman Van Norman
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 5-0, passed.

TOWN CLERK REPORT

Mrs. Fontenot asked council to consider adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire that is required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office. After some discussion, a motion was made.

Motion: To adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as required by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.
Made by: Councilman Christopher Fontenot
Second: Councilwoman Tunwar
Vote: 5-0, passed.

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

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

Adjournment

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/Traci B. Fontenot, Town Clerk