TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF KINDER, LOUISIANA

July 6, 2026

The Notice of Meeting/Agenda having been duly posted in accordance with requirements, and a quorum being present, the council meeting was called to order by Mayor 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
Cynthia Tunwar, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Kevin Doise, Chief of Police
Rhett Deselle, City Engineer

Council and Staff Absent:
None

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

Mayor asks the council to consider approval of the minutes for the regular council meeting of June 1, 2026, as presented.

Motion: To approve minutes as presented
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman Nevils
Discussion: None
Vote: 5-0, passed

Mayor asks the council to consider approval of the minutes for the special council meeting of June 29, 2026, as presented.

Motion: To approve minutes as presented
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Discussion: None
Vote: 5-0, passed

Mayor's Report

Mayor advised that Councilman Nevils would like to request a motion to dedicate the Town of Kinder Community Center to former Mayor Estes LeDoux.

Councilman Nevils asks the council to consider dedicating and changing the Town of Kinder Community Center to Estes LeDoux Community Center

Mayor asks the council to consider dedicating and changing the Town of Kinder Community Center to Estes LeDoux Community Center.

Motion: To approve dedicating and changing the Town of Kinder Community Center to Estes LeDoux Community Center.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman VanNorman
Discussion: None
Vote: 5-0, passed

Mayor asks the council to consider moving the regular council meeting scheduled for August 3rd to August 10th.

Motion: To approve moving regular council meeting from August 3rd to August 10th
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman Dewees
Discussion: None
Vote: 5-0, passed

Mayor asks the council to consider moving the regular council meeting scheduled for September 7th to September 14th.

Motion: To approve moving regular council meeting from September 7th to September 14th
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman Sonnier
Discussion: None
Vote: 5-0, passed

Mayor asks the council to consider declaring surplus of the 2024 Cove (VIN # 53FBE1624RF092393) enclosed trailer.

Motion: To approve declaring surplus of the 2024 Cove (VIN # 53FBE1624RF092393) enclosed trailer.
Made by: Councilman Nevils
Second: Councilwoman VanNorman
Discussion: None
Vote: 5-0, passed

Chief of Police Report

Chief Kevin advised the council that Ptm. Ben Fontenot will be attending the SW Regional Police Academy Training on August 10th.

Chief Doise advised he is working on a grant to furnish flashing light for the school zones.

Town Attorney Report

Holmes confirms that agenda item 8(a) is to consider approval of Class A – High Alcoholic Beverage License for Hometown Café (218 15th St).

Mayor asks the council to consider approval of Class A – High Alcoholic Beverage License for Hometown Café (218 15th St).

Motion: To approve Class A – High Alcoholic Beverage License for Hometown Café.
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman Nevils
Discussion: None
Vote: 5-0, passed

Holmes advised that agenda item 8(b) is to consider adopting Resolution No. 2026-05 for FY2025 LCDBG – Demolition and Clearance of Dilapidated and Blighted Structures Lot 3 (915 1st St – Case 2024-28)

Mayor asks the council to adopting Resolution No. 2026-05 for FY2025 LCDBG – Demolition and Clearance of Dilapidated and Blighted Structures Lot 3 (915 1st St – Case 2024-28)

Motion: To adopt Resolution No. 2026-05 for FY2025 LCDBG – Demolition and Clearance of Dilapidated and Blighted Structures Lot 3 (915 1st St – Case 2024-28)
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilman Nevils
Discussion: None
Vote: 5-0, passed

Holmes confirms that item 8 (c.) is to consider adopting a Vape Shop Ordinance prohibiting a smoke / vape shop being located within 500 feet of an educational institution, public or private, religious institution, public library, child daycare facility, or public park. There was a discussion but have not made any decisions on sunset period for those non-conforming shops that does not meet those requirements. For a smoke or vape shop or tobacco retailer, lawfully operation on the effective date of this ordinance, that is in violation of the location requirements, shall be deemed a non-conforming use. Non-conforming uses shall be bound by the regulations set forth in the United Development Ordinance: provided, however, it shall be unlawful for non-conforming uses under this ordinance to continue in operation except in strict compliance with this ordinance. There was a discussion about the need for councilmembers to try to

come up with a sunset clause / objective standard that will not compact the owner's ability to continue to operate / lease, with regards that the owners have a vested business, a vested right to operate a business subject to reasonable regulations. After further discussion, Councilwoman Tunwar request to table / gather more information and hold a public hearing to allow owners to voice their objections. Tunwar makes a motion to table it, due to lack of information.

Mayor asks the council to make a motion to table the adoption of Vape Shop Ordinance

Motion: To adopt table the adoption of Vape Shop Ordinance
Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar
Second: Councilwoman Dewees
Discussion: None
Vote: 5-0, passed

Holmes confirms that item 8 (d.) is to consider introducing an ordinance for electric sotter/ bicycle ordinance. Issues in town with scooters and bicycles on city streets. They will have to follow rules and local regulations to the rules of the roads of regulatory schemes, such as speed limit, stop signs, signal, etc. Holmes recommends council to familiarize themselves with rules and regulations and we'll discuss at next council meeting and once we have a consensus an ordinance will be drafted.

Engineer's Report

Rhett Deselle of Pan American Engineers (PAE) reported: (1) status of Nixon Addition drainage project; (2) LCDBG Clearance program - work is in progress (3.) Nanette Mayes subdivision has been completed.

Council Report

Councilwoman VanNorman asked council to consider the removal / selling of surplus of the old Town Maintenance building located at 508 N.10th St. Holmes advised that the council is free to pass a motion to remove from surplus. It is no longer considered surplus if you have use / potential use for it.

Town Clerk Report

None

Adjournment

Mayor LaFargue requested a motion to adjourn.

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

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/ Cynthis Tunwar, Town Clerk