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

September 14, 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
Kevin Doise, Chief of Police
Rhett Deselle, City Engineer

**Council and Staff Absent:**
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney *

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**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

None

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**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor asks the council to consider approval of the minutes for the regular council meeting of August 10, 2026, as presented.

Councilwoman Tunwar adds that before approval of the minutes, she would like to add to where it has that Councilwoman Tunwar advised that at the resent LMA convention she was informed that the council should provide the minutes are to be sent / receive by the council members five (5) days before the scheduled meeting. Unsure when it went into effect, but we were informed at the meeting, which is what I stated. It further stated that Holmes advised he will research to see if it is a legal requirement or suggested. Attorney Holmes sent an email on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 5:18 p.m., and it said quote, "LA Act 867 of 2026 amended the provisions of LaRevStat 42:20 to add section 1b. Section 1b requires the circulation of draft minutes of a public body meeting 5 days prior to the meeting at which the minutes will be adopted. So practically that means that the proposed minutes should be provided to each council member five days prior to the monthly meeting. It might be good practice to simply prepare and circulate the agenda along with the draft minutes on the Wednesday prior to the Monday meetings. This law took a fact on August 1 2026, so the minutes from the meeting we just had are the first two come under this new law". Tunwar states that the minutes from the meeting we just had was the first to come under the new law and I would like to add that to it.

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

***** Holmes enters the meeting

Mayor asks the council to consider approval of the minutes for the public hearing meeting of August 10, 2026, as presented.

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

Mayor asks the council to consider approval of the minutes for the special council meeting of August 18, 2026, as presented.

**Motion:** To approve minutes as presented
**Made by:** Councilwoman VanNorman
**Second:** Councilman Nevils
**Discussion**: None
**Vote:** 4-1, passed

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**Mayor's Report**

Mayor asks the council to consider moving the regular council meeting scheduled for November 2nd to November 9th , due to the upcoming election.

**Motion:** To approve moving regular council meeting from November 2nd to November 9th , due to election
**Made by:** Councilman Nevils
**Second:** Councilwoman VanNorman
**Discussion**: None
**Vote:** 4-1, passed

Mayor would like to commend Kevin, Marie, Terrell Deshotel and Brandon Deshotel for helping the police department and fire department go into a burning house two weeks ago and try to save a person's life.

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**Chief of Police Report**

Chief Doise gave council update on police department.

Chief Doise ask the council to consider moving Tavis Lafosse from Patrolman to Corporal. The council was presented with a progress report on Lafosse from a year prior to going to the academy compared to

the past 4 months – since becoming P.O.S.T. certified, along with him becoming the Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

Mayor asks the council to consider the approval of moving Tavis Lafosse from Patrolman to Corporal.

**Motion:** To approve moving Tavis Lafosse from Patrolman to Corporal.
**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar
**Second:** Councilwoman VanNorman
**Discussion**: None
**Vote:** 5-0, passed

Chief Doise updated the council on cameras on the corner of 11th, 12th and 13th Street by Kinder Elementary.

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**Town Attorney Report**

Holmes confirms that agenda item 8(a) is to consider approval of Resolution #2026-09 FY2026 PHMSA (Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) Gas System Replacement Project - Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant

Mayor asks the council to consider approval of Resolution #2026-09 FY2026 PHMSA (Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) Gas System Replacement Project - Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant

**Motion:** To adopt Resolution #2026-09 FY2026 PHMSA (Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) Gas System Replacement Project - Natural Gas Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant

**Made by:** Councilwoman Tunwar
**Second:** Councilman Nevils
**Discussion**: None
**Vote:** 5-0, passed

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**Engineer's Report**

Rhett Deselle of Pan American Engineers (PAE) reported: (1) status of Nixon Addition drainage project; (2) LCDBG Clearance program - work is almost complete (3.) Still waiting to hear from CWEF and LGAP applications.

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**Council Report**

Councilwoman Tunwar questions funds used to repair Park Rd bridge; the town receiving funds from Dewith Carrier for the bridge; funds for overlay of Nielsen Rd, Guillory Rd and Attale Fontenot Rd; and resolution for entering a Joint Service Agreement with Allen Parish Police Jury.

Councilwoman VanNorman addressed the allegations of high utility /water bills

**Town Clerk Report**

None

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**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 6:33 p.m.

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**/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor**

**/s/ Cynthis Tunwar, Town Clerk**