

***PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HOMER  
STATE OF LOUISIANA***

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER 14, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HOMER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER WITH MAYOR Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals presiding on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019 at 6:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Councilman Johnny West gave Invocation and Councilman Brandon Rich led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**On roll call, the following were present:**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals  
District 2, Councilman Johnny West  
District 3, Councilman Keldron Johnston  
District 4, Councilman Brandon Rich  
District 5, Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins

**Administrative Staff/Others Present:**

City Attorney, Lori Graham  
Town Clerk, Shenika Wright  
Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris  
Public Works Superintendent-Street, Lee Wells  
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett  
Steven Koskie, Financial Consultant  
Official Journal, Guardian Journal

**Members Absent:**

District 1, Councilwoman Linda Hardaway  
Van McDaniel, Police Chief

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

Minutes from regular meeting September 9, 2019 were unanimously approved by council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

John Poss stood before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen asking about agenda items 2 and 3. Mr. Poss wanted to know about the funds that were set aside in the enterprise budget to purchase the truck. Mr. Steven Koskie addressed to Mr. Poss that it was a prior year budget item and no longer is a budget item as of the first of the year.

Betty Musgrove stood before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen asking about the Code Enforcement Officer. Mrs. Musgrove wanted to know if the Code Enforcement Officer has been hired and has the cleanup process began. Mayor Seals did tell Mrs. Musgrove that Mr. Michael Dunn was hired as the Code Enforcement Officer and was in attendance tonight and would give all information once we get to Code Enforcement in Mayor's Report.

Mr. Tommy Sanders addressed the Mayor and Board of Selectmen on the Fire budget. Mr. Sanders had concerns on sales tax money that wasn't showing in the Fire Fund. Mayor Seals did let Mr. Sanders know that she wasn't aware of the situation but would get it taken care of as quickly as possible.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION #19-018-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE OR MORE DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS AT FIRST GUARANTY BANK ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF HOMER FOR THE DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR THE MAYOR, XANTHE Y SEALS TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED PERSON(S) TO ACT ON SUCH ACCOUNTS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #19-018. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. Ayes-4 (West, Johnston, Rich, Jenkins) Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Hardaway) Motion passes

**ADOPT AMENDMENT TO THE 2019 BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:**

**AMEND 2019 BUDGET UP TO \$125,490.69 TO ALLOW FOR PURCHASE OF 2019 FORD CBF550.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table this agenda item. Councilman Johnny West made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Brandon Rich. Ayes-4 (West, Johnston, Rich, Jenkins) Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Hardaway) Motion passes

## **DECLARE 2019 FORD CBF550 AS SURPLUS-PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table this agenda item. Councilman Johnny West made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Brandon Rich. Ayes-4 (West, Johnston, Rich, Jenkins) Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Hardaway) Motion passes

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **Mayor's Office**

Dr. Mayor Xanthe Seals expressed how the Town of Homer is a great community with great people.

### **Airport**

Airport Manager, Jerry Witton, gave update at the airport. Airport air conditioner has been repaired and carpet has been pulled up and tiles will be laid down. The leak going into the building has been repaired and restrooms are now accessible.

### **Recreation**

Recreation Director Terry Willis gave an update on the Football League. Mr. Willis will start process with Homer High baseball coach for preparation on getting fields ready for baseball and softball season. Mr. Willis stated he will be sending out Dixie League Baseball/Softball forms so the program can get an early start.

### **Grants**

Gene Coleman gave an update that 85% of the work is completed on the west side of town and 50% of the work is completed on the east side of town with water line installations.

### **Financial**

Steven Koskie gave update on financial reports for August and September.

### **Police**

#### **Code Enforcement**

Michael Dunn gave an update on how things were going to get the citizens in compliance with the ordinance. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of September Mr. Dunn had 41 cars in violation of the ordinance and now 23 are in compliance. Also 6 properties were in violation and 4 are in compliance. Complaints forms are on the website; [www.townofhomer.com](http://www.townofhomer.com) and available at city hall.

### **Main Street**

Jimmy Hand gave information about the Homer Harvest Fest, which will be held October 31, 2019 5:30-7:00 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

none

**ADJOURN**

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned. Ayes- (West, Johnston, Rich, Jenkins) Nays- 0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 (Hardaway)

I, SHENIKA WRIGHT, CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, DO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE CONSTITUTES A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MEETING MINUTES HELD BETWEEN THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF HOMER, THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA