

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HOMER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER WITH MAYOR Dr. Xanthe Seals presiding on the 13th day of November at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. The invocation and pledge were done in unison.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following were present:

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals
District 1, Councilman Alonzo Mitchell
District 3, Councilman Jimmy Hand
District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams
District 5, Councilman Sammy Kirk

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Town Attorney, Lori Graham (Arrived at 6:20 p.m.)
Town Clerk, Shenika Wright
Van McDaniel, Police Chief
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

Members Absent:

District 2, Councilman Timothy Ivory
Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED OCTOBER 10, 2023

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held October 10, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Minutes from regular meeting October 10, 2023 were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #23-001-2024 BUDGET.

Ordinance #23-001-2024 Budget was only introduced; no votes were cast on this agenda item at this time.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #23-002-DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

Ordinance #23-002-Downtown Development District was only introduced: no votes were cast on this agenda item at this time.

APPROVE 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. Yays-4 (Mitchell, Hand, Adams, Kirk) Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 (Ivory) Motion Pass

APPROVE 2024 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve the 2024 Council Meeting Schedule. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. Yays-4 (Mitchell, Hand, Adams, Kirk) Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 (Ivory) Motion Pass

APPROVE 2024 CITY COURT SCHEDULE.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals thanked all the men and women for their services. Men In Action was in attendance and members present were, Roy Mardis, Co-Founder & President, Mack Banks, Chaplain, Benny Holyfield, Secretary, and member Terry Willis. Mack Banks presented what the Men in Action is and what is the purpose. Meetings will be held every second Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the Claiborne Parish Library in Homer.

Council

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell thanked Men in Action for their presence and presentation.

Councilman Jimmy Hand also thanked Men in Action for coming and excited to see the great things they have planned in the community and thanked Hebert Taylor for the preparation of the Ordinance for Downtown Development District.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams wished all those that served a Happy Veterans Day. She also stated she is expected to see great things come from Men in Action.

Councilman Sammy Kirk wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to all be safe during the holidays.

Public Works

Vivian Moffett stated they have been installing new sewer taps and repairing water leaks as they occur.

Airport

Mr. Jerry Witton stated there were a couple of write-ups from the inspection and was preparing to correct them.

Recreation

Terry Willis gave an update on youth football. He stated the Turkey Bowl for youth football will be November 19 at 2:00 at Mayfield Park and encouraged everyone if they weren't busy to come out and support our young people.

Grants

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated the Capital Outlay had been submitted by Balar.

Financials

LaCasha Oyara gave information about the budget and the monthly financial report and encouraged the mayor and the council, if they had any questions, to give her a call.

Main Street

Councilman Jimmy Hand gave update on Main Street.

ADJOURN

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned. (4) Ayes- (0) Nays- (0) Abstain- (1) Absent

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 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA