

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

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Councilman Brandon Rich gave Invocation and Councilwoman Linda Hardaway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals  
District 1, Councilwoman Linda Hardaway  
District 2, Councilman Johnny West  
District 3, Councilman Keldron Johnston  
District 4, Councilman Brandon Rich  
District 5, Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins

**Administrative Staff/Others Present:**

Town Attorney, Lori Graham  
Town Clerk, Shenika Wright  
Police Chief, Van McDaniel  
Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris  
Public Works Superintendent-Street, Lee Wells  
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett  
Official Journal, Guardian Journal

**Members Absent:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED DECEMBER  
JANUARY 13, 2020.**

Minutes from regular meeting January 13, 2020 were unanimously approved by council.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Linda Mozeke who resides at 912 Howard Drive, asked exactly what was the Bond Assessment Fee and was it necessary to increase the fee at this time? Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals explained to Ms. Mozeke what the Bond Assessment Fee was to best of her knowledge. Mr. Jimmy Hagan was on for presentation but couldn't make the meeting. Mr. Gene Coleman also spoke to give more detail on the Bond Assessment Fee. Linda Mozeke also asked does increasing the Bond Assessment Fee have anything to do with the Budget crisis the Town is in? Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated to Ms. Linda Mozeke the Town was not in a budget crisis.

Timothy Bridges addressed the Mayor and Council about his concerns on Carter Drive with the sewer backing up when it rains heavy. Also speaking was Travine Burks, who resides at 400 Carter Drive, also addressed her concerns about the same issue. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals told them we do have solutions to get it done properly and not just patch the problem and getting it done soon.

Elicia Armes who resides at 868 Edgewood Drive, had concerns on her water bill being high. She also stated how hard it is now to pay the bill and with the increase it will be a financial burden.

Brad Rogers, who resides at 111 Maple Street, addressed the Mayor and Council about not having water at his house about three weeks ago. He stated his neighbors had water and his house was the only won with no water, He had concerns on why, when he knows his bill was paid and why bills are so high. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated to Mr. Rogers that she didn't know why his meter was off and if anyone have any concerns about their bills to please call the office.

John Poss who resides at 944 North Main didn't understand how the company that installed the new meters were able to leave with so many not working. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals told him she wouldn't know because it was already done before she took office. Mr. Poss also stated information giving about the Bond Assessment Fee from the previous administration and wanted to know what changed from then to now on increasing the fee after it was stated that \$5.00 would be enough.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **APPROVE PEST CONTROL**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Pest Control with Adkins Pest Control. Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Rich and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. (5) Ayes, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #20-001-TOWN OF HOMER BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals introduced Ordinance #20-001

**APPROVE CONTRACT FOR TAYLOR POWER SYSTEMS-EQUIPMENT BALDOR 50KW-MARCH 2020-MARCH 2021.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve contract for Taylor Power Systems-Equipment Baldor 50KW-March 2020-March 2021. Motion was made by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. (5) Ayes, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

**APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-002-LDEQ PROPOSED MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION RESOLUTION TO INDICATE TO DEQ THAT NECESSARY ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE AND PREVENT EFFLUENT VIOLATIONS.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #20-002-LDEQ Proposed Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Resolution to indicate to DEQ that necessary actions will be taken to maintain compliance and prevent effluent violations. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. (5) Ayes, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

**MOTION TO APPROVE INCREASE ON BOND ASSESSMENT FEE.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table item to the next meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. (5) Ayes, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

**PRESENTATION FROM COMMISSIONER FOSTER CAMPBELL.**

Commissioner Foster Campbell gave presentation for \$150,000 on LED Lighting that the Town of Homer received through a grant.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor's Office**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals

**Council**

Councilwoman Linda Hardaway wishes everyone a Happy New Year and in 2020 are looking for the Town of Homer to be a great place to live, work, and play.

Councilman Johnny West addressed what's behind should stay behind and lets move forward, because we can do it and we will do it.

Councilman Keldron Johnston, Councilman Brandon Rich, and Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**Airport**

Airport Manager, Jerry Whitton, gave update on completed work at airport.

**Recreation**

Recreation Activities Director, Terry Willis, stated to the Mayor and Council that the Town will only have to supply personnel and the school is going to take of everything else at Armory Park for the upcoming baseball season.

**Grants**

Mr. Gene Coleman passed out the Grant and Long-Range Planning Update sheet.

**Financial**

Steven Koskie commended Mayor Seals on cuts that she had made toward the budget so far.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

none

**ADJOURN**

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

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 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2020, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA