

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

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER 12, 2022**

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Reverend Ray Jiles gave Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was done in unison.

**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 5, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins

**Administrative Staff/Others Present:**

Town Clerk, Shenika Wright  
Town Attorney, Lori Graham  
Police Chief, Van McDaniel  
Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris  
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett (arrived at 6:13)  
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns  
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

**Members Absent:**

District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2022.**

Minutes from regular meeting November 14, 2022 were unanimously approved by council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVE ORDINANCE #22-003, 2023 BUDGET**

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Ordinance #22-003, 2023 Budget. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. 3-Yays (Hardaway, West, Jenkins), 1-Nay (Johnston), 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

**APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR COMPUTER MAN SERVICES-MELVIN GOODSON.**

With no further discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Computer Man Services-Melvin Goodson contract. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. 4-Yays (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

**APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR TOWN OF HOMER ATTORNEY-ATTORNEY LORI GRAHAM.**

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve renewal contract for Town of Homer Attorney-Attorney Lori Graham. Motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. 3-Yays (Hardaway, West, Jenkins), 1-Nay (Johnston), 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

**APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR ADKINS PEST CONTROL.**

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve renewal contract for Adkins Pest Control. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. 4-Yays (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

**APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL CONSULTANT-LACASHA OYARA.**

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve renewal contract for Financial Consultant-LaCasha Oyara. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. 3-Yays (Hardaway, West, Jenkins), 1-Nay (Johnston), 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

**DECLARATION OF SURPLUS LAND: A 15.00 FT WIDE STRIP OF LAND CONTAINING 0.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NE/4 OF SE/4), SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NORTHWESTER LAND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN WEST HOMER.**

After discussion on declaration of surplus land, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to declare land surplus. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. 4-Yays (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

**APPROVE TO INCREASE COUNCIL SALARY FROM \$400 TO \$600 A MONTH, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to increase council salary from \$400 to \$600 a month, effective January 1, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. Motion was a tie so therefore Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals had to break the tie. Votes are as follow: 2-Yays (Hardaway, West), 2-(Nays Johnston, Jenkins), 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) (2-2 Mayor breaks tie) Motion Passes

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor's Office**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals thanked the Council Members for their great work throughout the years. She also presented each council member with a plaque. She discussed maybe forming a community committee, which will be involved with the people in the community. She also thanked Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and Public Works Department for getting the Town decorating for Christmas.

**(Councilman Keldron Johnston, District 3 left the meeting)**

**Council**

Councilwoman Linda Hardaway made a statement about her experience as a council member and what is expected of it. She also congratulated the newly elected members. She wanted to thank everyone who had a hand in the Christmas Festival and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Johnny West stated it was a great honor to serve District 2 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Public Works**

Vivian Moffet congratulated Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals and stated his excited to work with the newly elected council members for the upcoming years.

**Airport**

Jerry Whitton stated there is a inspection coming up soon at the Airport.

**Grants**

Dr. Mayor Xanthe Seals didn't have any new grants detail, but she stated she meet with engineers on renovation for City Hall.

**Financials**

LaCasha Oyara gave out financial summaries and stated if there were any questions to let her know.

**Main Street**

Jimmy Hand gave important details regarding Main Street.

**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 Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned. (3) 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 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2022, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA