

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

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER 9, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019 at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Councilwoman Linda Hardaway gave Invocation and Councilman Johnny West 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

**Administrative Staff/Others Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

District 5, Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins  
Public Works Dept./Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

Minutes from regular meeting November 18, 2019 were unanimously approved by council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVE CONTRACT WITH INSTITUTE FOR BUILDING TECHNOLOGY AND SAFETY.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table Item 1 to next meeting until fees were set. Councilman Brandon Rich made a motion to table Item 1 until next meeting and was seconded by Councilman Keldron Johnston. Ayes-4 (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Rich) Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Jenkins) Motion Passes

**APPROVE RENEWAL OF BEER/ALCOHOL LICENSES.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve renewal of Beer/Alcohol Licenses. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. Ayes-3 (Hardaway, West, Rich) Nays-1 (Johnston), Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Jenkins) Motion Passes

**APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR COMPUTER TECHNICIAN-MELVIN GOODSON**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table item to the next meeting to get 2020 budget completed and approved. Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Rich and seconded by Councilman Keldron Johnston. Ayes-4 (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Rich), Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Jenkins) Motion passes

**APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR J.W. MENELEE CONTRACTORS, LLC**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table item to the next meeting to get 2020 budget completed and approved. Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Rich and seconded by Councilman Keldron Johnston. Ayes-4 (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Rich), Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Jenkins) Motion passes

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

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table item to the next meeting to get 2020 budget completed and approved. Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Rich and seconded by Councilman Keldron Johnston. Ayes-4 (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Rich), Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Jenkins) Motion passes

**APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL CONSULTANT-STEVEN KOSKIE.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table item to the next meeting to get 2020 budget completed and approved. Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Rich and seconded by Councilman Keldron Johnston. Ayes-4 (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Rich), Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Jenkins) Motion passes

**APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES-TERRY WILLIS.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table item to the next meeting to get 2020 budget completed and approved. Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Rich and seconded by Councilman Keldron Johnston. Ayes-4 (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Rich), Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Jenkins) Motion passes

**APPROVE 2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve 2020 Holiday Schedule. Motion was made by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway and seconded by Councilman Brandon Rich. Ayes-4 (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Rich) Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Jenkins)

**APPROVE 2020 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve 2020 Council Meeting Schedule. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. Ayes-4 (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Rich) Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Jenkins)

**APPROVE 2020 CITY COURT SCHEDULE.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve 2020 City Court Schedule. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. Ayes-4 (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Rich) Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-1 (Jenkins)

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor's Office**

Mayor Xanthe Seals addressed to the citizens on working together and looking forward for better things for the Town of Homer in 2020.

**Council**

Councilwoman Linda Hardaway addressed how nice the Christmas Parade was and thanked everyone who participated.

Councilman Johnny West addressed working together and moving forward.

Councilman Brandon Rich wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Airport**

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

**Public Works**

Lee Wells wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Recreation**

Coaches Brandon Wright and Kent Kimble were presented plaques by the Mayor and Council for an outstanding job done with the 7/8 football boys. The 7/8 football team was also the champions in their division. Terry Willis gave update on fields at Armory for the upcoming season for Homer High baseball program.

**Grants**

Gene Coleman was not present, but LGAP AND CWEF applications have been submitted to Baton Rouge.

**Financial**

Steven Koskie gave update on financial statements and will begin working on the 2020 budget this week.

**Police**

Chief Van McDaniel warned citizens to please lock all vehicle and house doors because this is the time of the year when burglarizing starts to happen. And to be safe.

**Main Street**

Jimmy Hand was not present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

none

**ADJOURN**

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned. Ayes-4 (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Rich,) Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 (Jenkins)

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 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

