

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HOMER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER WITH MAYOR Xanthe Y. Seals presiding on the 11th day of February, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Councilwoman Linda Hardaway gave Invocation and Councilman Keldron Johnston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following were present:

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

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JANUARY 14, 2019

Minutes from meeting January 14, 2019 were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Verletha Adams who resides at 639 East Second Street, came before the Mayor and Council for concern about her neighbors and having a mess in their yard and feel they are not abiding by the laws and ordinance of the town.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVE CONTINUATION OF JW MENELEE CONTRACT

Mayor entertained a motion to continue contract with JW Menefee. Councilwoman Jenkins made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Johnston. With no discussion or questions, motion was passed unanimously. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE SEASONAL MOWING CREW WITHIN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mayor Seals entertained a motion to authorize a seasonal mowing crew within the public works. Councilwoman Linda Hardaway made a motion and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. With no further discussion, motion was unanimously passed. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR TRANSPORTATION AND CELL PHONE

Mayor entertained a motion to discuss and approve that the council receive a stipend for transportation and cell phone. After discussion, Mayor Seals entertained a motion to table it until next council meeting and speak with Accountant and City Attorney. Councilman Brandon Rich made a motion to table original motion and Councilman Keldron Johnston seconded the motion. Motion to table original motion was unanimously passed. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

AUTHORIZATION TO REMOVE/REPLACE EQUIPMENT AT JOE MICHAEL PARK WITH EQUIPMENT IN LINE WITH STATE GUIDELINES FOR MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS AS WELL AS COMPLETING PAVILLION AT JOE MICHAEL PARK

Mayor Seals entertained a motion to remove/replace playground equipment, as well as completing work on the pavilion at Joe Michael Park. Councilwoman Linda Hardaway made a motion and Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was passed unanimously. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

APPROVE TO STRIPE TWO FOOTBALL FIELDS AT MAYFIELD PART ALONG WITH GETTING UPRIGHT SEATING. ALSO POOLHOUSE BE RENOVATED FOR STORAGE AND DRESSING ROOM

Mayor entertained a motion to authorize that two football fields at Mayfield Park be striped as well with putting upright seating and poolhouse be renovated for storage and dressing room. Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins made a motion and Councilman Johnny West seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

AUTHORIZATION TO THIN CUT AND CUT ALL TIMBER ON TOWN PROPERTY AND ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GENERAL FUND

Mayor Seals entertained a motion for authorization on thin cutting/cutting all timber on town property and all proceeds go to General Fund. Councilman Brandon Rich made a motion and Councilwoman Linda Hardaway seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

APPROVE TAYLOR POWER SYSTEM CONTRACT

Mayor entertained a motion to approve maintenance renewal contract with Taylor Power Systems Contract at the City of Homer Airport and Town of Homer Water Plant. Councilman Brandon Rich made a motion and Councilman Keldron Johnston seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

DISCUSSION OF COMPLIANCE CODES FOR DILAPIDATED PROPERTIES

Mayor Seals entertained a motion to discuss compliance codes for dilapidated properties and having the police department to enforce codes. Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Johnny West. Motion was passed unanimously (5) Ayes (0) Nays

PLACEMENT OF SPEED BUMPS ON SCOTT STREET

Mayor entertained a motion to discuss and approve placement of speed bumps on Scott Street. After no further discussion, Councilman Johnny West made a motion and Councilwoman Linda Hardaway seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

RESOLUTION #19-002

Resolution #19-002 adopting approval of all new and returning hires before the council and all promotions, disciplinary actions, and dismissals by chief of police. Motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and seconded by Councilman Brandon Rich. Motion was passed unanimously. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND AGENDA

Recommendation to amend the agenda to add the following budget revision for equipment/vehicle purchase in Enterprise Fund for \$225,000, Recreation Fund for \$40,000 on pavilion at Joe Michael Park, and \$10,000 travel deductible payment to insurance for an open litigation. Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins made a motion to add items to agenda and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. (3) Ayes (2) Nays
Ayes passed by majority

After discussion on items was at a hold, Mayor Seals entertained a motion to table until next council meeting. Councilwoman Linda Hardaway made a motion and was seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. Motion was passed unanimously (5) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor discussed \$5.00 increase on water bills. Increase was adopted in June 2018 and started in January 2019

Council

Councilwoman Linda Hardaway made a comment to regards to contracted company and the water lines.

Public Works

None

Recreation

Terry Willis presented information in regards to getting Dixie Youth League Baseball/Softball started.

Grants

Mr. Gene Coleman and Mr. Jim Hagan with Balar discussed opened grants and how grants helped with projects for Town of Homer.

Police

Promotions of officers and new hire.

Financial

Mr. Steven Koskie gave brief detail regarding Bank Accounts

Main Street

Mr. Jimmy Hand discussed grant that is coming in for Main Street

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Seals entertained a motion **to enter** into executive session to discuss promotions of officers and new hire. A motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and seconded by Councilman Brandon Rich. Motion was passed unanimously. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

Mayor entertained a motion **to end** executive session and Councilman Brandon Rich made a motion and was seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. Motion was passed unanimously. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

Mayor entertained a motion to promote Steve Risner to Captain, Matthew Faulkner to Lieutenant, and Thomas Davis and Rickey Pearce to Sergeant. Also hire Jermaine Moore as a new officer. Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Rich and seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. Passed unanimously. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

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 Patricia Jenkins. Motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned. (5) Ayes (0) Nays

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 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA