

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH 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 March at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals gave Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following were present:

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals
District 1, Councilman Alonzo Mitchell
District 2, Councilman Timothy Ivory
District 3, Councilman Jimmy Hand
District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams
District 5, Councilman Sammy Kirk

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Town Clerk, Shenika Wright
Town Attorney, Lori Graham
Van McDaniel, Police Chief
Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

Members Absent:

Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2023.

Minutes from regular meeting February 13, 2023 were unanimously approved by council. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting dated February 13, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Linda Mozeke, who resides at 912 Howar Street stated her concerns to the Mayor and Board of Selectmen. Her concerns were in reference to the increase in her mother's water bill Jessie Ferrell, who resides at 906 Howard Street. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated she would get with Vivian Moffett, water supervisor, to get the situation handled.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE HIGH VOLUME ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT 2023 FOR DIXIE MART #7270 AT 4093 HIGHWAY 79.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve high volume alcohol beverage permit 2023 for Dixie Mart #7270 at 4093 Highway 79. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Timothy Ivory. 3-Ayes (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand) 1-Nay (Adams) 1-Abstain (Kirk) 0-Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE HIGH VOLUME ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT 2023 FOR DIXIE MART #7280 AT 824 WEST MAIN STREET.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve high volume alcohol beverage permit 2023 for Dixie Mart #7280 at 824 West Main Street. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Timothy Ivory. 4-Ayes (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Kirk) 1-Nay (Adams) 0-Abstain 0-Absent Motion Passes

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated information for the installation of new meters will be given in 2-3 weeks. She also stated there will be four new committees formed and is asking all citizens who would love to be a part of a committee to please attend the meetings as scheduled:

Housing/Rural Development Committee-Meeting March 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Special Events/Recreation Committee-Meeting March 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Economic Development/Annexation/Gaming Committee-Meeting March 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Street/Bridges/Sidewalk/Water/Sewer Committee-Meeting March 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Meetings will be held in Council Chambers at 400 East Main Street. Clean City Contest is scheduled for March 14, and judges will be here after 1:00 p.m.

Council

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell, Councilman Timothy Ivory, and Councilman Jimmy Hand discussed concerns about increase on water bills and would work on finding the solution to the problem.

Councilman Timothy Ivory thanked Shenovia Harris and business office for a job well don on completing audit that led to Town of Homer removal from compliance list.

Councilman Jimmy Hand stated he plans to hold an Alderman Advisory Meeting each month that will be open to the public. Councilman Hand stated there will be no voting, but informative. Councilwoman Verletha Adams asked Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals for an update on cameras for Joe Michael and Mayfield Park and asked what was the curfew time for youth. Councilwoman Adams also stated school will be out soon for the summer and there needs to be something in place to stop the fighting and other things our children can and will try to get in. Councilman Sammy Kirk thanked Public Works for repairing a leak in District 5.

Airport

Mr. Jerry Whitton stated the airport had three write ups from the last inspection.

Recreation

Mr. Terry Wills gave update on T-Ball and spring football. He also thanked Councilman Timothy Ivory for preparation of the Unity Prayer Breakfast, that turned out great.

Grants

Mr. Jimmy Hagan from Balar discussed grant information with council members in the Mayor's Workshop.

Financials

Ms. LaCasha Oyara had February 2023 financial statements prepared for council members.

Police

Chief Van McDaniel responded to concerns from Councilwoman Verletha Adams about cameras and curfew.

Main Street

Councilman Jimmy Hand gave update on Main Street upcoming meetings and how the process was going on the old gas station.

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 Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned. (5) Ayes- (0) Nays- (0) Abstain- (0) 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 17th DAY OF MARCH 2023, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

SHENIKA WRIGHT

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

