

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH 14, 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 14th day of March 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium, 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, Councilwoman Linda Hardaway
District 2, Councilman Johnny West
District 3, Councilman Keldron Johnston
District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams
District 5, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Town Clerk, Shenika Wright
Town Attorney, Lori Graham-arrived at 6:08
Police Chief, Van McDaniel
Public Works Superintendent-Street& Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett
Official Journal, Guardian Journal

Members Absent:

Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED FEBRUARY 14, 2022.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

DATA CENTER REDISTRICTING UPDATE-CEDRIC FLOYD

Cedric Floyd with Data Center was in attendance and presented information on redistricting of each district. After presentation and discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals and the Council Members agreed to meet on Thursday, March 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

APPROVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR WEST HILL RANCH GROUP, LLC.

After discussion of permit, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve alcoholic beverage for West Hill Ranch Group, LLC. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. 5-Yays (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Adams, Jenkins), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE RESOLUTION #22-001-A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FROM FORT WORTH, TEXAS THROUGH THE CITY OF HOMER, LOUISIANA TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA ALONG THE I-20 CORRIDOR AND RELATED ISSUES.

After discussion of Resolution, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #22-001-A Resolution to support the development of passenger rail service from Fort Worth, Texas through the city of Homer, Louisiana to Atlanta, Georgia along the I-20 corridor and related issues. Motion was made by two council members, Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. Motion was seconded by Councilman Johnny West. 5-Yays (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Adams, Jenkins), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals announced Clean City Contest will be April 7, 2022. Homer will also take part in the Love The Boot Project.

Council

Councilman Keldron Johnston asked did the Town of Homer receive and stimulus money, which was part of the American Rescue Plan? In response to his question, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals did tell him the Town of Homer did receive funds. He also wanted to know was Phillip Smart still employed with the Town of Homer and Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals response was yes. Councilman Keldron Johnston also has concerns about Park Drive and stated the condition of the road is terrible and both ends needed to be closed for traffic coming through.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams asked if the Town of Homer received funds to redo the City Hall roof? In response Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals explained to her about the Capital Outlay.

Airport

Mr. Jerry Whitton discussed about the bid received for removal of trees.

Recreation

Terry Willis announced their will be 7 on 7 football starting next month. He also mentioned an upcoming meeting to be announced for youth flag football.

Police

Chief Van McDaniel stated he received a verbal complaint about pot holes on Edgewood Drive that needed repaired. Derrick Burns stated that Centerpoint gas was in the area working and will be making the repairs. Chief also stated about street lights being out at East Fifth and Beardsley Avenue. Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins stated she would look into getting it handle.

Main Street

Mr. Jimmy Hand discussed the project with the Homer Elementary to keep the campus clean. Main Street is also working to create a new historical district on Highway 79. Louisiana Legend Festival will be October 22 and plans are coming along to elect the next legend.

ADJOURN

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. 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 14th DAY OF MARCH 2022, IN TOWN HALL, HOMER, LOUISIANA.



TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA