

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

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH 9, 2020**

**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 March 2020 at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Councilwoman Linda Hardaway gave Invocation and Councilman Brandon Rich 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  
District 5, Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins

**Administrative Staff/Others Present:**

Town Attorney, Lori Graham  
Town Clerk, Shenika Wright  
Police Chief, Van McDaniel  
Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris  
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Lee Wells  
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett  
Official Journal, Guardian Journal

**Members Absent:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2020.**

Minutes from regular meeting February 10, 2020 were unanimously approved by council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Linda Mozeke who resides at 912 Howard Drive, asked the Mayor and Council what is the need for an increase on the bond assessment fee, if the Town is not in a financial distress? Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals explained to Ms. Mozeke that it was necessary, and the Town was not in a financial distress. She also explained it was things that were not done at this point and if they're not done we would be in a financial distress. Mr. Jim Hagan with Balar Engineers was in attendance and gave an explanation on increase on bills and why. Additional information was also given by James Colvin, last administration financial advisor.

Tommy Sanders who resides at 735 West Main Street, asked the Mayor and Council have they ever compared other municipalities water bills, and where do we stand? Mr. Sanders stated the biggest problem was communication. Mr. Sanders also wanted to know what the breakdown charges were on the water bills.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**APPROVE INCREASE ON BOND ASSESSMENT FEE**

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table Item 1 in old business. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. (5) Ayes, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVE ORDINANCE #20-001-TOWN OF HOMER BUILDING CODE ORDINANCE.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Ordinance #20-001-Town of Homer Building Code Ordinance. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilman Keldron Johnston. (5) Ayes, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #20-002-AN ORDINANCE ADDING AND ENACTING ARTICLE V. ELECTRONIC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, SECTIONS 14-80 THROUGH 14-87, INCLUSIVE, OF THE TOWN OF HOMER CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BY AUTOMATED MEANS AND PROVIDE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES FOR THOSE CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS ENFORCED BY AUTOMATED MEANS.**

Mark Hutchinson, CEO with Blue Line Solutions was in attendance and gave presentation on how the system will work.

**APPROVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR GREER'S BBQ AND SOULFOOD**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve alcoholic beverage for Greer's BBQ and Soulfood. Motion was made by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. (5) Ayes, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **Mayor's Office**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals announced that judges will be here March 26, 2020 at 10:00 am for Clean City Contest and she's encouraging all citizens to beautify their areas.

### **Council**

Councilwoman Linda Hardaway gave details on the project Dr. Bates and herself are working on called Go Green Initiative Project for building communities.

Councilman Johnny West gave his opinion on the water increase.

Councilman Keldron Johnston thanked the citizens for coming out to the meeting.

Councilman Brandon Rich was happy to see so many concerned citizens at the meeting and to please come again to next month meeting.

### **Airport**

Airport Manager, Jerry Whitton stated once the leak is repaired on the roof, they can begin to install the tile. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals explained that some LGAP funds could be redirected to help with the roof.

### **Recreation**

Recreation Director, Terry Willis gave details on upcoming activities for recreation.

### **Grants**

Mr. Gene Coleman gave detail on infrastructure projects.

### **Police**

Chief Van McDaniel thanked everyone for their interest in the new devices that are going to be installed.

## **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. (5) Ayes Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent (0)

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 MARCH, 2020, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

