

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

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL 10, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April at 6:05 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  
Van McDaniel, Police Chief  
Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer  
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns  
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**Members Absent:**

Town Attorney, Lori Graham  
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED MARCH 13, 2023.**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-001-RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MILLAGE RATE OF 8.680 MILLS FOR TAX YEAR 2023.**

With no further discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #23-001-Resolution to adopt Millage Rate of 8.680 Mills for tax year 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. 5-Yays (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent. Motion Passes

**DECLARATION OF SURPLUS OF VEHICLE:**

- **2019 FORD CB F550 VIN #1FDUF5DT7KEE58262.**

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to declare 2019 Ford CB F550 Vehicle as surplus. Motion was made by Councilman Timoty Ivory and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. 5-Yays (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent. Motion Passes

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor's Office**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated the Clean City State Judging will be held May 3 at 9:30 a.m. Shen also stated National Day of Prayer is May 4 at 12:00 and the Kinabrew Park and Love the Boot cleanup will be April 22.

**Council**

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell stated how excited he was to see so many kids participate at the Easter Egg hunts at the Boys and Girls Club and at Joe Michael Park, and Kite Flying at Mayfield Park. He thanked the individuals who sponsored the events.

Councilman Timothy Ivory thanked Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals for allowing Succoth Lodge #80 the use of Joe Michael Park to host their Easter Eggstravaganza. He stated it was a great turnout and the kids had a blast.

Councilman Jimmy Hand spoke on the events from both Councilman Alonzo Mitchell and Timothy Ivory and stated how events for the children is a great for the community. He also thanked Code Enforcement Office Michael Dunn for the hard work he's doing to keep the town in compliance.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams also thank Code Enforcement Officer Michael Dunn and thanked Derrick Burns for the cleanup in her district.

Councilman Sammy Kirk thanked Derrick Burns for keeping his district cleaned as well. He also stated to Chief Van McDaniel to have eyes and enforcement with the youth to keep them on track for the summer.

### **Airport**

Jerry Whiton stated locating fence was in process.

### **Recreation**

Terry Willis gave an update with Tee-Ball and the upcoming sports. He stated basketball goals for Joe Michael Park will be installed soon.

### **Grant**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated there are no new grants but will be attending the LA Economic Development group out Shreveport for a grant meeting.

### **Financials**

LaCasha Oyaro presented the Mayor and Board with the March 2023 financials. She asked if anyone had any questions to please get in contact with her.

### **Code Enforcement**

Michael Dunn stated he had issued 26 letters, 6 warnings, and 2 destructions were in progress.

### **Main Street**

Jimmy Hand gave an update on trip to Boston. He also stated that Main Street would be in ownership of land in the forthcoming months.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2023, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

**SHENIKA WRIGHT**

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA