

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL 8, 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 8th day of April, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Councilwoman Patrick Jenkins gave Invocation and Councilman Brandon Rich 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 FOR SPECIAL CALL MEETING DATED MARCH 5, 2019

Minutes from special call meeting March 5, 2019 were unanimously approved by council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED MARCH 11, 2019

Minutes from meeting March 11, 2019 were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE LDEQ PROPOSED MWPP RESOLUTION #19-007 – TO INDICATE TO DEQ THAT NECESSARY ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE AND PREVENT EFFLUENT VIOLATIONS.

Mayor Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #19-007. Resolution to indicate to DEQ that necessary actions will be taken to maintain compliance and prevent effluent violations. After no further discussion, Councilwoman Linda Hardaway made a motion to adopt Resolution #19-007 and was seconded by Councilman Johnny West. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Motion was unanimously passed.

APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-008 – PROCLAIMING APRIL 22-APRIL 26, 2019 AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK.

Mayor Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution @19-008-Proclaiming April 22-April 26, 2019 as National Community Development Week. Block Grant has been received by Town of Homer since 1992. \$469,000.00 was granted to Town of Homer for the 2016/2017 Block Grant for the Wastewater Facility Improvements. They want the community to know the good things the grants are doing. Resolution #19-008 will be published in the official journal. With no further discussion, Councilman Brandon Rich made a motion to approve Resolution #19-008 and seconded by Councilman Keldron Johnston. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Motion was unanimously passed

APPROVE RESOLUTION#19-009 – OPPOSITION FO ALL PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT TRANSFERS THE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF LOCAL SALES & USE TAXES TO THE LOUISIANA OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

Mayor entertained a motion to approve Resolution #19-009-Opposing of all proposed legislation that transfers the administration and collection of local sales and use taxes to the Louisiana of Department of Revenue. After no further discussion, Councilman Brandon Rich made a motion to approve Resolution #19-009 and was seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Motion was unanimously passed

APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-010 – FUNDING PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR INDEPENDENT PIECES FOR MAYFIELD PARK AND JOE MICHAEL PARK.

Mayor Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #19-010 – Funding proposal and authorizing resolution for independent pieces for Mayfield Park and Joe Michael Park. Pieces are the stands, benches, and padding for support of the pavilion. Amount funded will be \$69,278.25 over five years at a 4.48% interest, with annual amount of \$15,773.55 beginning April of 2020. With no further discussion, Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins made a motion approve Resolution #19-010 and was seconded by Councilman Brandon Rich. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Motion was unanimously passed.

APPROVE PROCLAMATION OBSERVING MAY 2, 2019 AS NATIONAL DAY OR PRAYER

Mayor Seals entertained a motion to approve Proclamation observing May 2, 2019 as National Day of Prayer. With no further discussion, Councilman Brandon Rich made a motion to approve proclamation and was seconded by Councilman Johnny West. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Motion was unanimously passed.

APPROVE FUNDING FOR FOOTBALL FIELDS AT MAYFIELD PARK

Mayor Seals entertained a motion for funding for football fields at Mayfield Park. Fields are regulated fields and total are \$91,900.00. With no further discussion, Councilwoman Linda Hardaway made a motion to approve funding for football fields and Mayfield Park and was seconded by Councilman Johnny West. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Motion was passed unanimously

APPROVE FUNDING FOR COURT COVERS FOR MAYFIELD PARK AND JOE MICHAEL PARK

Mayor entertained a motion to amend budget for funding court covers for Mayfield Park and Joe Michael Park. Court covers are indoor/outdoor covers and approximately \$60,000.00 for Joe Michael Park and approximately \$50,000.00 for Mayfield Park. Councilman Keldron Johnston asked was covers rubberized, which they are. After no further discussion, Councilman Johnny West made a motion to approve/amend funds for court covers at Mayfield Park and Joe Michael Park, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor’s Office

Mayor Seals thanked the council for working with her with the parks. She also gave detail information on Phase 2 of the water project and informed the citizens about the monthly meeting held April 11 at 2:00 regarding upgrade to wastewater plant at Mayfield. Mayor Seals also encouraged the citizens to keep cleaning for the state judging set for April 17, 2019. She gave brief information on building new houses for Town of Homer.

Council

Councilwoman Linda Hardaway information about signing up for the Community Neighborhood Garden Club. Details will be forthcoming.

Public Works

None

Recreation

Terry Willis gave upcoming detail on softball tournament with Calvary Baptist Church.

Grants

Gene Coleman was not present, but Mayor Seals gave information about the Block Grant that coming up.

Financial

Steven Koskie gave monthly detail report on financial statements.

Police

Chief McDaniel updated the citizens about car burglaries and informed citizens to please lock all vehicle doors.

Main Street

Jimmy Hand discussed upcoming events for Main Street. April 22nd Art Center will open and May 4 the park will open.

Mayor Seals entertained a motion to amend budget on Item 7 on the agenda. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilman Brandon Rich. Ayes (5) Nays (0) Motion was passed unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Brandon Rich 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 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2019, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

