

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR MAY 8, 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 18th day of May 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
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

Members Absent:

Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED APRIL 10, 2023.

Minutes from regular meeting April 10, 2023 were unanimously approved by council. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting dated April 10, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Timothy Ivory and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE DECLARATION OF SURPLUS OF VEHICLE-1993 FREIGHTLINER FL80 HEAVY DUTY DUMP TRUCK VIN #1FVXJLBB7PL485164.

With no further discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve declaration of surplus vehicle-1993 Freightliner FL80 Heavy Duty Dump Truck VIN# 1FVXJLBB7PL485164. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. 5-Ayes (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk) 0-Nay 0-Abstain 0 Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE TWO DAY ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR JUNETEENTH FESTIVALS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 17-18-TOWN OF HOMER.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve two-day alcohol permit for Juneteenth Festivals scheduled for June 17-18-Town of Homer. Motion was made by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Timothy Ivory. 5-Ayes (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk) 0-Nay 0-Abstain 0 Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-002-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (LDH), OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH (OPH) AGENCY FOR THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (“DWSRF”) LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT GRANT.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seal entertained a motion to approve Resolution #23-002-A resolution authorizing preparation and submittal of an application to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Public Health (OPH) Agency for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (“DWSRF”) Lead Service Line Replacement Grant. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. 5-Ayes (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk) 0-Nay 0-Abstain 0 Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-003-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LA DOTD) FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE HOMER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #23-003-A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Homer Municipal Airport. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. 5-Ayes (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk) 0-Nay 0-Abstain 0 Absent Motion Passes

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day. She also stated that on May 12, COVID Pandemic will be officially closed. She said to continue to be careful because it is still out there, and people will get it and expressed the importance of getting vaccinated. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated that complaints at the Arlington Cemetery are being addressed. She wanted to thank everyone who helped with the Clean City Contest and every council member and participant who came out for Love the Boot clean up.

Council

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell stated to be watchful for the people around you because you never know when someone is dealing with mental issues.

Councilman Jimmy Hand stated how excited he was for the forthcoming of things happening for the Town of Homer.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams stated she enjoyed the Love the Boot cleanup. If the town is a clean place, it is a safe place. She also stated the importance of getting the curfew advertised in the Guardian Journal to make parents and children aware of it. She said school will be closing for the summer in a week. She also had a question about the sign coming into town, which the mayor addressed. She also wanted to thank Michael Dunn and Billy Adams for their hard work on getting property cleaned up.

Councilman Sammy Kirk stated he was excited about the street project coming up.

Airport

Mr. Jerry Whitton stated the fence has been relocated and it's time for the grass to be cut.

Recreation

Mr. Terry Wills gave an update on tee ball and football. He also detailed information for Juneteenth activities. He also stated that cameras for the parks are progressing.

Grants

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated the process of work for Capital Outlay.

Financials

Ms. LaCasha Oyara prepared April financials for the mayor and council members.

Police

Chief Van McDaniel stated he will be prepared to have security for Juneteenth events and also asked Terry Willis about cameras for the parks.

Main Street

Councilman Jimmy Hand stated Amri W. Douglas had been appointed as Interim Executive Director. He also gave information on the USDA Rural Development Grant Main Street had received.

ADJOURN

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. 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 8th DAY OF MAY 2023, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA