

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR JUNE 12, 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 12th day of June at 6:00 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

Members Absent:

Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED MAY 8, 2023

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held May 8, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Timothy Ivory. Minutes from regular meeting May 8, 2023 were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nathan and Tara Hollis Burkhalter who resides at 655 West Third Street, stood before the Mayor and Councilmembers on concerns about her neighbors. She complained about a wild party that escalated into a huge fight that led in her front yard. She felt calling the Homer Police Department was a failure. Her concern was what could be done to keep the neighborhood a safe and quiet place again, one reason why she bought her home in that neighborhood. Afterwards Chief Van McDaniel did address her concerns and stated that officers will be patrolling the neighborhood more.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE VARIANCE OR SPECIAL USE IN ORDINANCE TO RESIDENTIAL (R-1 & R-2) ZONE AT 305 BEARDSLEY AVENUE, TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF A BED & BREAKFAST.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve variance of special use in Ordinance to Residential (R-1 & R-2) zone at 305 Beardsley Avenue, to allow for the use of a Bed & Breakfast. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. 5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-004-RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #23-004-Resolution to authorize acceptance of the LA Compliance Questionnaire. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. 5-Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated how the Safety Day turned out to be a success. She thanked Fire Chief Tommy Sanders and all who were on hand to help. She also gave details on the upcoming Juneteenth Festivals. She discussed information on the Capital Outlay as well.

Council

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell stated how excited he was with the Juneteenth Festivities and happy to see the community working together because that what it takes.

Councilman Timothy Ivory gave his apologies to the Burkhalter family and stated that there will be a solution to the problem.

Councilman Jimmy Hand gave information on plans that business owners are planning to build lofts upstairs of their businesses. He also spoke on details in regard to Main Street.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams also apologized to the Burkhalter family and told them whenever they needed her to give her a call. She also thanked Code Enforcer Michael Dunn and Billy Adams on the process of getting properties cleaned.

Councilman Sammy Kirk apologized to the Burkhalter family as well and assured them that the problem will be handled.

Airport

Mr. Jerry Whitton stated the grass has been cut at the airport.

Grants

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals gave details on the Street capital outlay.

Police

Chief Van McDaniel stated that all citizens please be aware and make sure car doors are locked because car burglary has started to rise. He also suggested to the council of changing curfew times since summer is now approaching and kids are finding things to get into that they shouldn't.

Code Enforcement

Michael Dunn gave an update on the process of property demolition and property citations.

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 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 12th DAY OF JUNE 2023, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA