

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR JUNE 8, 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 8th day of June 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium, 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, Councilwoman Linda Hardaway
District 2, Councilman Johnny West
District 3, Councilman Keldron Johnston
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 MARCH 9, 2020.

Minutes from regular meeting March 9, 2020 were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVE INCREASE ON BOND ASSESSMENT FEE

After discussion of increasing Bond Assessment Fee up \$5.00, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to increase Bond Assessment Fee up \$5.00. Motion was made by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway and seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. (3) Ayes-Hardaway, West, Jenkins, (1) Nays-Johnston, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE 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.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Ordinance #20-002. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. (4) Ayes-Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain (0) Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH BLUE LINE SOLUTIONS, LLC-AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AGREEMENT.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve agreement with Blue Line Solutions, LLC-Automated Speed Enforcement System. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. (4) Ayes-Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-003-TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE OF 8.680 MILLS FOR TAX YEAR 2020.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #20-003-To adopt the Millage Rate of 8.680 Mills for tax year 2020. Motion was made by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. (3) Ayes-Hardaway, West, Jenkins, (1) Nays-Johnston, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-004-AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #20-004-Authorize Acceptance of the LA Compliance Questionnaire. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. (4) Ayes-Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

APPOINT SELECTMAN TO FILL VACANCY FOR DISTRICT 4.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to nominate the three candidates to fill vacancy for Councilman, District 4. Those nominated were Jackie Roberts, Benny Holyfield, and Verletha Adams. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilwoman

Patricia Jenkins. (4) Ayes-Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain (0) Absent Motion Passes

After a vote by each council member, Councilwoman Linda Hardaway (Benny Holyfield), Councilman Keldron Johnston and Councilman Johnny West (Verletha Adams,) and Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins (Jackie Roberts), Verletha Adams was chosen to serve for District 4.

APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-005-TO SCHEDULE SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY FOR DISTRICT 4 SELECTMAN.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #20-005- To schedule special election to fill vacancy for District 4 selectman. Motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. (4) Ayes-Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR H&S HOMER STORE, LLC.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve alcohol beverage permit for H&S Homer Store, LLC. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilman Keldron Johnston. (4) Ayes-Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE TOWN OF HOMER.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve the Guardian Journal for official journal for the Town of Homer. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. (4) Ayes-Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (0) Absent Motion Passes

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated that some revenues are down, and some are better. She also stated that we are not in a bad place. Bills are being paid and sale tax is coming in as well. She also gave information about COVID-19 testing.

Council

Councilman Keldron Johnston and Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins complimented Vivian Moffett, Water & Sewer Superintendent and Lee Wells, Street & Sidewalk Superintendent on the outstanding job they have been doing throughout the Town and from the cleanup from Friday night storm.

Public Works

Lee Wells, Street & Sidewalk Superintendent stated that both the Arlington and Homer Cemetery are taking care of and will start on tree limbs pickup.

Airport

Airport Manager, Jerry Whitton had nothing new, but the roof was still leaking. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated by next council meeting the roof should be repaired.

Recreation

Recreation Director, Terry Willis stated he was getting clarity from the Governor's office on what activities can get started in Phase II.

Grants

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals will be working on proposal for LCDBG Grants to start on sewer repairs at Lift Stations.

Financials

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals let the council know that we have someone working on reconciliation of the bank statements.

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 Councilman Keldron Johnston. 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 8TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA