

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR JULY 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 10th day of July at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Invocation was given by Pastor Clean Warren and pledge in unison.

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
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

Members Absent:

Town Attorney, Lori Graham
Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED JUNE 12, 2023

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held June 12, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Minutes from regular meeting June 12, 2023 were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Joe Ellis Michael, a board member for Arlington Cemetery stood before the Mayor and Council Board to address concerns on the upkeep of the cemetery. He stated that this has never been an issue with lawn care and it's starting to become a problem. Lawn care was promised to be mowed every holiday or every two to three weeks. Mayor Seals did address Mr. Michael's concerns and stated that the lawn was mowed just two days ago. She did apologize and stated that public works street department is working the best that they can being that they don't have the manpower like they use to have in the past. Being short on manpower to keep the town cleaned and mowed, and the Airport plus the Cemetery is very timely. Mayor stated that herself and the council will get with the Cemetery board to see what other solutions can be done for the lawn upkeep of the cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated that fan donations are continuing and can be dropped off at the Police Department or Council on Aging. She also discussed the unveiling of Friendship CME Louisiana Civil Rights Trail Marker in Lisbon, LA.

Council

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell spoke about the new grocery store in Homer, Firesale Grocery Store and hoped the citizens would go and support.

Councilman Timothy Ivory stated for everyone to stay cool during these hot days.

Councilman Jimmy Hand thanked Derrick Burns and the street department for all they do in his district.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams thanked Derrick Burns for always getting things done whenever she calls him. She also thanked Code Enforcer Michael Dunn and Billy Adams for the ongoing process of the properties being cleaned. She also asked has a plan been set in place for fines of violating curfew.

Councilman Sammy Kirk thanked Public Works for all they do in the Town of Homer.

Airport

Mr. Jerry Whitton stated that fence was being placed back and grass had been cut.

Grants

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

Code Enforcement

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

Main Street

Amri Douglas gave an update on Main Street and encouraged the citizens to take the survey and help Main Street grow.

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 Councilman Timothy Ivory. 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 10th DAY OF JULY 2023, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA