

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

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR JULY 13, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020 at 6:01 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 2, Councilman Johnny West  
District 3, Councilman Keldron Johnston  
District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams

**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:**

District 1, Councilwoman Linda Hardaway  
District 5, Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED JUNE 8, 2020.**

Minutes from regular meeting June 8, 2020 were unanimously approved by council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVE TO AMEND RESOLUTION #20-005-CHANGE QUALIFYING DATES FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION DATES SET FOR JULY 22, 23, 24, 2020 INSTEAD OF JULY 15, 16 ,17, 2020.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve to amend Resolution #20-005. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. (3) Ayes-West, Johnston, Adams, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (2) Absent-Hardaway, Jenkins Motion Passes

**APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-006-HOMER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECT THE ELECTED OFFICERS FOR HOURS OF TRAINING AND THE EXPERIENCE OF NFPA 1021.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #20-006. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. (3) Ayes-West, Johnston, Adams, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (2) Absent-Hardaway, Jenkins Motion Passes

**APPROVE ORDINANCE #20-003-AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING VARIANCE OR SPECIAL USE TO B-2 COMMERCIAL ZONE AT 246 OLD LISBON ROAD TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A MANUFACUTED HOME.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table approval for Ordinance #20-003. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams (3) Ayes-West, Johnston, Adams, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (2) Absent-Hardaway, Jenkins Motion Passes

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #20-004-AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF UTILITY REVENUE BONDS (USDA), SERIES 2020, OF THE TOWN OF HOMER, PARISH OF CLAIBORNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA: PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS; DESIGNATING THE DATE, DENOMINATION AND PLACE OF PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT TEREOF IN PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**APPROVE TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT TO 15 MPH ON EAST SECOND STREET.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve to reduce speed limit to 15 mph on East Second Street. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. (3) Ayes-West, Johnston, Adams, (0) Nays, (0) Abstain, (2) Absent-Hardaway, Jenkins Motion Passes

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **Mayor's Office**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated that she hopes everyone does everything responsibly as we move forward in this COVID-19 pandemic. She stated to wear your mask and practice social distance.

### **Council**

Councilman Johnny West stated concerns he had about the old Homer Junior High School building and wanted to know who was responsible for the upkeep of the property?

Councilman Keldron Johnston stated how the football fields and Mayfield Park were in horrible condition as for as the grass being mowed.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams stated concerns about the potholes throughout the Town. She also stated where do we stand as far as code enforcement. She stated the warnings have worn out and it is time to take action.

### **Recreation**

Recreation Director, Terry Willis elaborated on Councilman Keldron Johnston concerns about the upkeep of the football fields and stated that Turf Solutions were suppose to do the upkeeps as for as mowing, but said it is the town's responsibility and it will get taken care of.

### **Police**

Chief Van McDaniel stated how the process with Blue Line Solutions with the photo/camera was going with violators speeding.

### **Main Street**

Jimmy Hand stated that Main Street is working with local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. They are also working on different grants, one which is the Main Street Recovery Grant. He also stated that a boutique from Grambling is thinking about bring business to the Town of Homer.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned. (3) Ayes- Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent (2)

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 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

