

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

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR JULY 8, 2019**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Councilwoman Linda Hardaway gave Invocation and Councilman Brandon Rich 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 4, Councilman Brandon Rich  
District 5, Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins

**Administrative Staff/Others Present:**

City Attorney, Lori Graham  
Town Clerk, Shenika Wright  
Police Chief, Van McDaniel  
Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris  
Public Works Superintendent-Street, Lee Wells  
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett  
Financial Consultant, Steven Koskie  
Official Journal, Guardian Journal

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED JUNE 10, 2019**

Minutes from regular meeting June 10, 2019 were unanimously approved by council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

With no public comments, meeting moved forward with Chief Van McDaniel recognizing two heroic officers, Officer Chase Williams and Officer Dennis Smith. He expressed to the Mayor, Council, and Citizens how the officers were very brave the night of May 30, 2019 shooting that occurred on Washington Street. They disregarded their own safety to do what was needed to save a life.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **HIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief Van McDaniel presented Corporal Michael Dunn to the Mayor and Council Members for hire as the Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals entertained a motion to hire Michael Dunn as the Code Enforcement Officer. Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Rich and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. Ayes-4 (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Rich) Nays-0 Abstain-1 (Jenkins) Absent-0 Motion passed

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

##### **Mayor's Office**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals set the official grand re-opening for Joe Michael Park for July 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

##### **Council**

Councilwoman Linda Hardaway gave date for Family Movie Night to be held Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Event will be FREE.

Councilman Johnny West expressed how excited that a date to re-open Joe Michael Park has been set.

Councilman Keldron Johnston had a question about funds being set aside in an undedicated account. Mayor Dr Xanthe Seals told him that funds are there but haven't officially been moved yet but will be getting with Mr. Steve Koskie to officially get that done. Councilman Keldron Johnston also had concerns about the roads buckling on Edgewood Drive up to Pelican Drive and concerns for safety of the buses. Mr. Lee Wells, Public Works Superintendent for streets and drainage stated he wasn't sure if the Town of Homer or Claiborne Parish School Board owned property, but Recreation Director Terry Willis said he would look into it at the school board meeting to see who owned property so it can be taken care of.

Councilman Brandon Rich stated he's glad Joe Michael Park is finally re-opening.

Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins thanked the public works department and wade crew for all their help at the park and excited it's close to re-opening.

##### **Public Works**

none

## **Recreation**

Recreation Director Terry Willis gave information about an event in the making for little girls with Diane M. Grigsby, orchestra dance instructor at Grambling State University and a judge on the Lifetime Network Bring It. No age for this event has been set yet. He also gave update on the Football League and Basketball League.

## **Grants**

Mr. Coleman was not present, and Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals gave information regarding LCDBG Grant and funds that will be used for the Dutchtown Well.

## **Financial**

Mr. Steven Koskie gave monthly detail report on financial statements.

## **Police**

None

## **Main Street**

None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to enter executive session. Motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and seconded by Councilman Brandon Rich. Motion was passed unanimously. (5) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent

With no further discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to end executive session. Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Rich and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. Motion was passed unanimously. (5) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent

## **ADJOURN**

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Brandon Rich and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. Motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned. Ayes-5 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 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2019, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

