

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR AUGUST 14, 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 14th day of August at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Invocation and pledge was done in unison.

ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following were present:

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals
District 1, Councilman Alonzo Mitchell
District 3, Councilman Jimmy Hand
District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams
District 5, Councilman Sammy Kirk

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Town Attorney, Lori Graham
Town Clerk, Shenika Wright
Van McDaniel, Police Chief
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

Members Absent:

District 2, Councilman Timothy Ivory
Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED JULY 10, 2023

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held July 10, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. Minutes from regular meeting July 10, 2023 were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR LORI ROBINSON-CLASS REUNION EVENT TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2023.

With no further discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve alcoholic beverage permit for Lori Robinson-Class Reunion event to be held September 22-23, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. Yays-4 (Mitchell, Hand, Adams, Kirk) Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 (Ivory) Motion Passes
APPROVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR BRITTANY PROBST-WEDDING RECEPTION EVENT TO BE HELD OCTOBER 28, 2023.

With no further discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve alcoholic beverage permit for Brittany Probst-Wedding Reception event to be held October 28, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. Yays-4 (Mitchell, Hand, Adams, Kirk) Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 (Ivory) Motion Passes
APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-005-RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM CLAIBORNE PARISH POLICE JURY IN CLAIBORNE PARISH, TO THE TOWN OF HOMER.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #23-005-Resolution accepting donation of real property from Claiborne Parish Police Jury in Claiborne Parish to the Town of Homer. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Yays-4 (Mitchell, Hand, Adams, Kirk) Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 (Ivory) Motion Passes

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals expressed concerns about trying to stay cool from the extreme heat. She also spoke on the LMA conference she attended in Alexandria along with three council members.

Council

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell thanked Linda Hardaway for all the hard work she was putting in to get the Homer Alumni Association kicked off.

Councilman Jimmy Hand spoke on his district and stated giving back to the community is very important in keeping the town as it should. He encouraged not only his district but all districts that if it's anything they need to please let their council person know.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams thanked Derrick Burns for the hard work he does for the Town of Homer. She also thanked Michael Dunn and Billy Adams for maintaining that property is keeping in property standards. She encouraged the citizens if you see something, say something.

Councilman Sammy Kirk thanked Public Works Department for repairing drainage in his district. Repairs will stop any citizens' home from flooding due to heavy rain.

Airport

Mr. Jerry Whitton gave a report on airport maintenance and inspections.

Grants

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated there were no new grants at the time and the process of City Hall renovation and street repairs were still forth coming.

Financials

Financials were issued and at the time there were concerns. Dr. Mayor Xanthe Seals stated she will set a meeting with council members to discuss any questions on financials.

Code Enforcement

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

Main Street

Amri Douglas was not present at meeting, but Councilman Jimmy Hand stated how excited he was that she has plans of forming a Junior Main Street Board with students at Homer High School.

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. (4) Ayes- (0) Nays- (0) Abstain- (1) 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 14th DAY OF AUGUST 2023, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA