

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR AUGUST 17, 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 17th day of August 2020 at 6:02 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
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:

District 1, Councilwoman Linda Hardaway

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED JULY 13, 2020.

Minutes from regular meeting July 13, 2020 were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Donald Malray approached the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with claims that overtime was included in his contributions submitted to the retirement system during his employment with the Town.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR HOMER COUNTRY CLUB

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve alcoholic beverage permit for Homer Country Club. Motion was made Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. 3-Ayes (West, Johnston, Adams) 0-Nays 0-Abstain 2-Absent (Hardaway, Jenkins) Motion Passes

Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins, District 4 arrived at 6:11 p.m.

APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-007-A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LA DOTD) FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE HOMER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #20-007-A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for improvements at the Homer Municipal Airport. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. 4-Ayes (West, Johnston, Adams, Jenkins) 0-Nays 0-Abstain 1-Absent (Hardaway) Motion Passes

APPROVE 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 THEROF 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.

Mayor Dr Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Ordinance #20-004. Motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. 4-Ayes (West, Johnston, Adams, Jenkins) 0-Nays 0-Abstain 1-Absent (Hardaway) Motion Passes

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #20-005-GRANTING CLAIBORNE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS, SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO ERECT, MAINTAIN, EXTEND AND OPERATE A SYSTEM OF WORKS, POLES, WIRES, UNDERGROUND CONDUITS, CABLES AND ALL NECESSARY APPARATUS AND APPURTENANCES UNDER, ACROSS, ALONG AND OVER CERTAIN STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHE RPUBLIC AREAS IN THE TOWN OF HOMER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING ELECTRICITY AND/OR FOR THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SAME AND/OR FOR THE OTHER SERVICES TO THE SAID TOWN AND TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL___

_____, 2045, WITHIN ONLY THE LIMITS AND AREAS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH.

Ordinance #20-005 was introduced and Mark Brown, General Manger/CEO, with Claiborne Electric will have information on ordinance at next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated that we where in good standing for applying for LCBDG upcoming grant. Mayor also stated concerns about COVID-19.

Council

Councilman Johnny West stated the town is starting to look a lot better and commended Lee Wells and the street department. Councilman West also had concerns about the property behind Chick-A-Dilly.

Councilman Keldron Johnston commended Public Works Department on the job they are doing throughout the town.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams asked if City Hall was still being rented out? Councilwoman Adams also had concerns about property upkeep.

Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins had concerns about properties as well.

Airport

Mr. Jerry Whitton, airport manager, stated he was working on one airplane and was now up to 9 totals.

Financials

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated that the July financial reports were not ready for meeting.

Police

Chief Van McDaniel discussed some ideas that may could happen with citizens and businesses when not wearing a mask, but NO ORDINANCE has been set in place for the discussion.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement officer, Michael Dunn, gave details on code enforcement ordinance and stated things were going good at first, but there will have to be a budget set in place for the ordinance.

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 Johnny West. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned. (4) Ayes- (0) Nays- (0) Abstain- (2) 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 17TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020, IN TOWN HALL, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA