

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

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Before the invocation, there was moment of silence for victims of 9/11. The 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 2, Councilman Timothy Ivory  
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:**

Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer  
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED AUGUST 14, 2023**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held August 14, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Minutes from regular meeting August 14, 2023 were unanimously approved by council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Declaration of Surplus Land: BEG AT A PT. 2-1/2 FT. W. OF WHERE THE N. R/W LINE OF N. 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. INTERSECTION W. RAIL OF THE L&NW RR SPUR LYING BETWEEN N. 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. & n. 5<sup>TH</sup> ST. W. ALONG N. R/W LINE OF N. 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. 200 FT.: TH.N. 2 DEG. 10 MIN E. 220.5 FT.: TH. E. ALONG S. R/W LINE OF N. 5<sup>TH</sup> ST. 200 FT. TO A PT. 2.5 FT. W. OF W. RAIL OF L&NW RR SPUR LYING BETWEEN N. 4<sup>TH</sup> & N. 5<sup>TH</sup> STS., TH. IN S. DIR. PAR. TO W. RAIL OF SD. SPUR 220.5 FT. TO FT. OF BEG., WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A 15.00 FT WIDE STRIP OF LAND CONTAINING 0.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NE/4 OF SE/4), SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN WEST, HOMER.**

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to declare surplus land: BEG AT A PT. 2-1/2 FT. W. OF WHERE THE N. R/W LINE OF N. 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. INTERSECTION W. RAIL OF THE L&NW RR SPUR LYING BETWEEN N. 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. & n. 5<sup>TH</sup> ST. W. ALONG N. R/W LINE OF N. 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. 200 FT.: TH.N. 2 DEG. 10 MIN E. 220.5 FT.: TH. E. ALONG S. R/W LINE OF N. 5<sup>TH</sup> ST. 200 FT. TO A PT. 2.5 FT. W. OF W. RAIL OF L&NW RR SPUR LYING BETWEEN N. 4<sup>TH</sup> & N. 5<sup>TH</sup> STS., TH. IN S. DIR. PAR. TO W. RAIL OF SD. SPUR 220.5 FT. TO FT. OF BEG., WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A 15.00 FT WIDE STRIP OF LAND CONTAINING 0.04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NE/4 OF SE/4), SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN WEST, HOMER. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Timothy Ivory. Yays-5 (Mitchell, Kirk, Hand, Adams, Kirk) Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-0 Motion Pass

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor's Office**

In the Mayor's report, she allowed Feamula Bradley, Regional Manager Region VII, with Tobacco-Free Living to present information on the city becoming smoke-free. Also, Chad Robinson with ETEC Services, Inc. spoke about the installations of the new meters.

**Council**

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell encourages the citizen to show support to the new business, Ronda's Soul Food Café, located at 4229 Highway 79.

Councilman Sammy Kirk requested for Public Works to pick up liter. He stated he often sees it after crew's mow.

**Airport**

Mr. Jerry Witton gave an update on events that have occurred at the airport in the past weeks.

**Grant**

Dr. Xanthe Seals stated everything is still progressing with open grants.

**Financials**

Ms. LaCasha Oyara issued financial statements and stated to the council if anyone had any questions to please feel free to contact her.

**Police**

Chief Van McDaniel didn't have any report, but he did make it aware that he wasn't getting a pay raise, just wanted the money owed to him.

**Code Enforcement**

Mr. Michael Dunn gave an update on where he is with properties being in standard with the ordinance.

**Main Street**

Councilman Jimmy Hand gave update on Main Street.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to enter executive session. Motion was made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. Yays-5 (Mitchell, Kirk, Hand, Adams, Kirk) Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-0 Motion Pass

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to exit the executive session. Motion was made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Yays-5 (Mitchell, Kirk, Hand, Adams, Kirk) Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-0 Motion Pas

**ADJOURN**

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. 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 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

