

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 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 9th day of September 2019 at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals gave Invocation and Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins 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 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
Official Journal, Guardian Journal

Members Absent:

District 4, Councilman Brandon Rich
Steven Koskie, Financial Consultant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED AUGUST 12, 2019

Minutes from regular meeting August 12, 2019 were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Poss stood before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen on update on basketball court at Joe Michael Park and update on Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated to Mr. Poss that an update would be given in the Recreation report about the basketball court and in the Mayor's Report about the code enforcement officer.

Councilman Keldron Johnston asked Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals about Recreation Director Terry Willis contract, because it was for only 8 months and it was up. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated there are still recreation duties that are not finished. Terry Willis was setup on 8 months from previous administration and she kept it that way to see how things would go. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals said she is very satisfied with the work Terry Willis is doing. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals stated the contract would be extended to December 2019, whether its Terry Willis or someone else.

Councilman Keldron Johnston did leave council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION TO APPROVE UTILITY BILLING WRITE-OFFS AS UNCOLLECTIBLE DUE TO AGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,841.14.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve utility billing write-offs as uncollectible due to age in the amount of \$12,841.14. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. Ayes-3 (Hardaway, West, Jenkins) Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-2 (Johnston, Rich) Motion passed

APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-017- SUBMISSION OF THE CIP TO LADOTD AVIATION FOR FY 2020-2025.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #19-017-Submission of the CIP to LADOTD Aviation for FY 2020-2025. Motion was made by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. Ayes-3 (Hardaway, West, Jenkins) Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-2 (Johnston, Rich) Motion passed

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Dr. Mayor Xanthe Seals gave update on Code Enforcement Officer.

Council

Councilwoman Linda Hardaway gave information on two upcoming events. The Mayfield Colored High School Reunion, set for September 26-29 and Homer High School Homecoming, set for October 11. Councilwoman Linda Hardaway advised citizens to put their best foot forward getting things cleaned.

Public Works

Public Works Superintendent for Street Lee Wells gave update on Jessie T. Jones and Sanger Street. He said that street culverts have been replaced and cold mix has come in and will be down this week.

Public Works Superintendent for Water & Sewer Vivian Moffett let Mayor, Board of Selectmen, and Citizens know that they have mounted the bleachers down at Joe Michael Park.

Airport

Airport Manager, Jerry Witton, gave update on the airport. Mr. Witton is now in the process of acquiring additional poles/aircraft, which he has one coming.

Recreation

Recreation Director Terry Willis gave an update on parks and the maintenance that needed to be done for protection of the kids and citizens. Update on peewee football was discussed. Terry Willis also gave concerns about things going on at Joe Michael Park with the youths.

Grants

Gene Coleman gave an update on Grant and Long Range Planning.

Financial

Steven Koskie was not in attendance.

Police

None

Main Street

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion **to enter** executive session. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. Ayes-3 (Hardaway, West, Jenkins), Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-2 (Johnston, Rich) Motion passed

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion **to end** executive session. Motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. Ayes-3 (Hardaway, West, Jenkins), Nays-0, Abstain-0, Absent-2 (Johnston, Rich) Motion passed

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 Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned. Ayes-3 (Hardaway, West, Jenkins) Nays-0 Abstain-0 Absent-2 (Johnston, Rich)

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 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA