

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH 18, 2024

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 18th day of March 2024 at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Before the invocation and pledge, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals asked that everyone keep Water/Sewer Superintendent Vivian Moffett in prayers. He was involved in a serious care accident. 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 1, Councilman Alonzo Mitchell
District 2, Councilwoman Joyce Ivory
District 3, Councilman Jimmy Hand
District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams
District 5, Councilman Sammy Kirk

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Town Clerk, Shenika Wright
Town Attorney, Lori Graham (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)
Police Chief, Van McDaniel
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns

Members Absent:

Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2024.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held February 12, 2024. Motion was made Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Minutes from regular meeting February 12, 2024 were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals spoke on behalf of a complaint of dog noise from Linda Mozeke, who resides at 912 Howard Street. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals explained to her that an ordinance would be introduced at the next meeting for dog noise. Mrs. Linda Mozeke asked could the agenda be amended to add line item in the old business since it was an ongoing discussion from last meeting. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to add an agenda item on discussion of dog noise to old business. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. 5-Yays (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes

Mr. Moses Johnson, who resides at 915 Mayfield Street, stated to the Mayor and Board of Selectmen that he did have dogs and he purchased an equipment that would keep dogs from barking so much. If the problem still occurred, he would eliminate some of his dogs. He wants to keep peace in his neighborhood.

Mrs. Rhonda Baker requested a meeting with the mayor for a cleanup event that's happening statewide. She wanted to get all the help she could from the town to keep Homer beautiful.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE FOR DOG NOISE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF TOWN OF HOMER.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE LOW VOLUME ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT 2024 FOR H&S HOMER STORE LLC AT 215 WEST MAIN STREET.

With no further discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve low volume alcohol beverage permit 2024 for H&S Homer Store LLC at 215 West Main Street. Motion was made by Councilman Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. 5-Yays (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes

APPROVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR BARBARA WILLIAMS BIRTHDAY PARTY TO BE HELD MARCH 30, 2024.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve alcoholic beverage permit for Barbara Williams birthday party to be held March 30, 2024. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. 5-Yays (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals welcomed newly appointed elected official Ms. Joyce Ivory aboard. She also stated that the National Day of Prayer will be held May 2 at noon at the Kinnibrew Park.

Council

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell stated each council member is doing the best job possible and they need the continued from the community. He also stated the trash littering in the Town is becoming a problem again.

Councilwoman Joyce Ivory stated how everything is new to her and asking everyone for their prayers and help.

Councilman Sammy Kirk stated he had concerns about financial institutions, and citizens needed to be aware of economic financial stability.

Airport

Jerry Whitton gave information on the upcoming runway inspection.

Recreation

Terry Willis thanked everyone who had a part in helping and participating with the carnival. He also thanked Sheriff Sam Dowies and the Deputies who helped with security. He stated there will be more information coming forward on the Community Spring Event.

Grants

Nothing new at this moment. Mayor Seals stated she is going to reach out to engineers to meet with the Board of Selectmen.

Financials

Meeting set for Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Police

Chief Van McDaniel addressed Terry Willis on his comment about problem regarding carnival security. He also stated he had concerns about police department bills not getting paid on time.

ADJOURN

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. 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 18th DAY OF MARCH 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.



TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA