

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR MAY 13, 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 13th day of May 2024 at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. The invocation was given by Rev. Ray Jiles followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Xanthe Seals

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 Attorney, Lori Graham
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

Members Absent:

Police Chief, Van McDaniel
Town Clerk, Vacant
Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED APRIL 8, 2024.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held April 8, 2024 after a correction was entered into the record, that New Business item to Approve Resolution #24-002 was not approved but was tabled. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Minutes from the regular meeting April 8, 2024, were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Acknowledgements were made by Willie Knowles in District 5 to commend the Public Works Department and Councilman Sammy Kirk for fixing the watermain break on East 4th Street. Job well done.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE ORDINANCE #24-001 – AN FEES FOR ALL VIOLATORS FOR NUSSIANCE DOG BARKING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF HOMER, LOUISIANA, CLAIBORNE PARISH

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve ORDINANCE #24-001. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilman Verletha Adams. 5-Yays (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes
APPROVE ALCHOHOL PERMIT FOR CARLA ELLIS FOR CITY HALL RENTAL SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1, 2024

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve the alcohol permit for Carla Hall. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. 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 thanked Rhonda Baker for her coordinating the 2024 Love the Boot campaign.

Council

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell stated that garbage is a big and continuous problem, and we all must do our part.

Councilwoman Joyce Ivory commented about several streetlights being out are out.

Councilman Jimmy Hand commented on the Love the Boot statewide initiative that the Town participates in, and that Rhonda Baker is going further with a Keep Louisiana Beautiful Municipal Association to address litter and beautification on a regular basis. Tactical Urbanism

Council woman Verletha Adams stated she did understand the level of concern by the citizens, especially concerning the nuisance dog issues as well as property nuisance levels. She is willing to report the issues directly if she is provided with the information, she is also very concerned and would be working toward solutions.

Councilman Sammy Kirk stated he looks toward public works to do the heavy lifting on clean up and he hopes that we will be able to get them the equipment to help them do their jobs with greater efficiency.

Airport

Jerry Whitton stated the grass was getting high and needed to be cut. Spoke about the servicing of the generators.

Recreation

Absent, had no report.

Grants

There are no new grants at this time. Mayor Seals, stated she is going to reach out to engineers to meet with the Board of Selectmen.

Financials

LaCasha Oyara presented financial statements for review. Spoke about the monitoring of the police department's budget as well as other funds to bring expenditures and budgets into line.

Police

Chief Van McDaniel was absent

Code Enforcement

Officer Michael Dunn gave a presentation, updates and answered questions.

Main Street

Had no report

ADJOURN

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned. (5) Ayes- (0) Nays- (0) Abstain- (0) Absent

I, SHENOBI HARRIS, TREASURER, 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 8th DAY OF April2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

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