



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**



**April 13, 2026
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers**

Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals, Mayor

Council Members:

- *Alonzo Mitchell - District I*
- *Joyce Ivory-District II*
- *Jimmy Hand-District III*
- *Verletha Adams -District IV*
- *Sammy Kirk -District V*

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Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals, Mayor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL & MAYOR

April 13, 2026
Council Chambers
400 East Main St. Homer, LA

MAYOR'S WORKSHOP-5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

Administration

- *Mayor Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals
- *Councilman Alonzo Mitchell, District 1
- *Councilwoman Joyce Ivory, District 2
- *Councilman Jimmy Hand, District 3
- *Councilwoman Verletha Adams, District 4
- *Councilman Sammy Kirk, District 5

Administrative Staff

- Pamela Breedlove, Town Attorney
- Van McDaniel, Police Chief
- Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer/Town Clerk
- Derrick Burns, Public Works Dept./Street & Sidewalk
- Vivian Moffett, Public Works Dept./Water & Sewer
- Guardian Journal, Official Journal

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Motion to Approve Agenda as Presented
- VI. Motion to adopt the minutes for the Regular Meeting held March 9, 2026
- VII. Public Comment on Agenda Items

(Citizens' Communication to Council may be made on agenda items only. Louisiana Open Meeting Laws provide that the public has the opportunity to address the board prior to taking any action on an agenda item at today's meeting. As you speak, please identify yourself by name and address and state the agenda item on which you intend to speak. Please limit comments to 3 minutes.)

VIII. Special Administrator's Report

1. March 2026 Financial Report

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

1. Approve Resolution #26-001-Resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to Establish the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Proposed Actions for 2026.
2. Approve Alcohol Permit for Roslyn Merritt for event to be held April 25, 2026.
3. Approve Alcohol Permit for Priscilla Shine for event to be held May 2, 2026.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor's Office**
- **Council**
- **Public Works**
- **Police**

XI. Adjourn

Twenty-four hour notice is hereby given and publicly posted on Friday, April 10, 2026 by 5:00 P.M.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Shenovia Harris at (318) 927-3555 describing the assistance that is necessary.

Shenovia Harris, Interim Town Clerk

(Name and Position of Authorized Person)

Town of Homer

400 East Main St – Homer, LA 71040

(318) 927-3555

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH 9, 2026

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 9th day of March 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. The Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance was 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

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Pamela Breedlove, Town Attorney
Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer/Interim Town Clerk
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett
Police Chief, Van McDaniel

Administrative Staff/Others Absent:

David Greer, Special Administrator
District 5, Councilman Sammy Kirk
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for the regular meeting held February 9, 2026. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Koskie reviewed the financials with the Mayor and Council. Mr. Koskie reported that the Town has been doing a great job managing expenses as well as collecting police fines; he reported that all legacy liabilities have been paid off and audits are current. Mr. Koskie presented a list of (11) surplus vehicles to add to the next agenda. Attorney Breedlove will draft a resolution once a minimum value is established.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Seals announced that "Love the Boot" Campaign week begins April 18, 2026-April 24, 2026; she encouraged citizens to adopt a street. Mayor Seals reported that the Trash Bash yard on Oil Mill Street has (3) large bins for dumping; however the Public Works Department does not remove limbs for residents due to manpower; they must be removed by the contractor that performs the job. The Mayor also reminded citizens that Republic Services only is required to pick-up (1) garbage can per household. Mayor Seals expressed thanks to Mr. Greer, Mr. Koskie, and the Business Office; as well as the Public Works Department.

COUNCIL

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell expressed appreciation to Mr. Koskie for getting the financials back on track. Councilman Mitchell also reminded citizens that with it being Spring season, that they should be mindful of snakes, etc. and stay safe.

Councilwoman Joyce Ivory had no comments.

Councilman Jimmy Hand had no comments.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams expressed appreciation to the Homer Police Department and also encouraged citizens to clean up around their area.

PUBLIC WORKS

Water & Sewer Superintendent Vivian Moffett reported that Public Works has repaired several sewer leaks and sewer mains on Belmont Street. Mr. Moffett reported that Tuesday, March 17-18, 2026, he would be attending recertification classes with Louisiana Rural Water Association (LRWA). Mr. Moffett reported that Tech Serve installed a rebuilt pump at the Caver Well; the pump went out the following day and has been pulled and shipped by to the company.

POLICE

Police Chief Van McDaniel reported that the parking lot of the vacant Valero store on Hwy 79 was trashy and needed to be cleaned and he would try to notify the owners. Chief McDaniel reported that in reference to the drive-by shooting last month on Monroe Avenue there have been (4) arrests from Webster Parish and (4) guns recovered. Chief McDaniel reported that he has hired (1) officer for night shift and need (1) more officer; also equipment is needed for the police department. Chief also voiced his concern regarding events held at the Homer Events Center on Hwy 79; there are large crowds and security should be enforced at the location. Attorney Breedlove stated there should be licensed security or off duty officers during those events.

ADJOURN

With no other business to be addressed, Mayor Seals entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

I, SHENOVIA 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 9th DAY OF MARCH 2026, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

INTERIM CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

RESOLUTION NO. 26-001

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF HOMER TO
ESTABLISH THE MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION
PROPOSED ACTIONS FOR 2026**

WHEREAS, annually, the Town of Homer submits an annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Environmental Audit Report to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution by the Board of Selectmen is necessary to establish the intent of the Town of Homer to comply with the provisions of Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit number LA 0038521; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Homer has initiated several projects to improve the Wastewater Treatment Plant infrastructure including:

- Install new controls and get (2) 6-inch pumps functioning properly
- Install SCADA system for wastewater treatment plant
- Repairs to main wet well/transfer station
- Replace air filters on blowers. Clean out and service both air actuator valves to control the air flow during process
- Install small sump pumps on both the inlet actuator valve pits, locate backflow on transfer line and system check valves, Clean chlorine chamber
- Replace lighting in upper and lower areas of pump building, install sump pump in pump building, clean dry pit for pump equipment
- Rebuild 2 good working 10 inch pumps and install with new bolts and gaskets, Install 2 new drives with all required electrical components to operate the 2 pumps
- Gain control of the SBR system to allow the operator to see and adjust everything on the system

WHEREAS, the Town of Homer also addressed an emergency clean-up of a discharge from the wastewater treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Homer Engineers, Balar and Associates, submitted a capital outlay request for the 2026 Louisiana Legislative Session for Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades in the amount of \$1,164,000, however, this request is not included in the State Capital Outlay Bill in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer continue to seek solutions to make the necessary improvements to the critical wastewater infrastructure of the town.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen will continue to seek funding for wastewater system improvements; and

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen will continue to provide funding within available budgets for sewer improvements, maintenance, and operations to maintain the wastewater collection and treatment system, and

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen will also meet with the system operator on a regular basis and monitor the operations of the wastewater systems to ensure that the system is operating as required and that any infrastructure needs are being addressed; and

THEREFORE, the Mayor and the Board of Selectmen will work with the contract operator of the wastewater treatment plant to improve and continue to ensure Environmental Compliance of the LPDES permit.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be in full force and effect after its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon is as follows:

YEAS:_____ **NAYS:** _____ **ABSENT:**_____ **ABSTAIN:** _____

WHEREUPON, the resolution is declared adopted on the _____ day of _____ 2026,



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FACILITY RENTAL AGREEMENT

Date of Event: April 25, 2026
Name of Organization or Individual Roslyn B. Merritt
Responsible Party Roslyn B. Merritt
Phone: (318) 265-1337 927-6367 Mobile (318) 265-1337
Address: 1408 Pearl St. Homer LA 71040
Street City State Zip
Email Address ros.merritt56@gmail.com

Type of Event:
 Meeting/ Training Seminar/Fair Conference School Event Special/ Private

Please provide details of event: 70th Birthday Celebration

Date of Use: April 25, 2026 Attendance 100

Event Start Time: 6:30 pm Event End Time: 10:30 pm

Contact Person Driver's License No: LA 003528112 (Copy of driver's license)

2nd Person of Contact: Booker T. Merritt

Phone: (318) 927-6367 Mobile: (318) 548-4407

Deposit Amount \$50.00 Date Paid _____

Rental Balance pl. 02/20 - 2-18-26 \$9108 Remainder Due Date: April 7, 2026

***** All Rentals Must Secure Liability Insurance***
No Alcoholic Beverages permitted without ATC Permit & Council Approval**

****No Date is Confirmed or Booked Until Deposit Is Received**
**The person paying deposit will be the only person to receive refund from any event
**Deposit is due at the time of booking, Rental Fee is due 48 hours before date of event
**All Rentals are subject to Approval of Mayor, Chief, and/or City Council
Refunds from any event WILL NOT be returned if venue is NOT cleaned or if there are any damages
No Alcoholic Beverages Permitted without Council Approval**

Roslyn B. Merritt 1-8-26
Responsible Party Signature Date

Patricia Walker 1-8-26
City Hall Manger Date

Mayor Xanthe Seals Date Police Chief Van Mcdaniel Date



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FACILITY RENTAL AGREEMENT

Date of Event: May 2, 2026
Name of Organization or Individual Priscilla Shine
Responsible Party _____
Phone: 318-225-0686 Mobile _____
Address: 5174 Athens Ave Athens La 71003
Street City State Zip
Email Address _____

Type of Event:
 Meeting/ Training Seminar/Fair Conference School Event Special/ Private

Please provide details of event: Birthday

Date of Use: 5-2-2026 Attendance _____

Event Start Time: 7:00 Event End Time: _____

Contact Person Driver's License No: 002786088 (Copy of driver's license)

2nd Person of Contact: Tiffany Williams

Phone: 318-245-0007 Mobile: _____

Deposit Amount \$50.00 Date Paid _____

Rental Balance \$200 Remainder Due Date: 1-24-26

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Priscilla Shine 1-20-26
Responsible Party Signature Date

Patricia Walker 1-20-26
City Hall Manger Date

Mayor Xanthe Seals Date

Police Chief Van Mcdaniel Date