

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER 12, 2022

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 12th day of December 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Reverend Ray Jiles gave Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was done in unison.

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, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Town Clerk, Shenika Wright
Town Attorney, Lori Graham
Police Chief, Van McDaniel
Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett (arrived at 6:13)
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
Guardian Journal, Official Journal

Members Absent:

District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2022.

Minutes from regular meeting November 14, 2022 were unanimously approved by council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE ORDINANCE #22-003, 2023 BUDGET

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve **Ordinance #22-003, 2023 Budget**. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. 3-Yays (Hardaway, West, Jenkins), 1-Nay (Johnston), 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR COMPUTER MAN SERVICES-MELVIN GOODSON.

With no further discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to **approve Computer Man Services-Melvin Goodson contract**. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. 4-Yays (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR TOWN OF HOMER ATTORNEY-ATTORNEY LORI GRAHAM.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve renewal contract for Town of Homer Attorney-Attorney Lori Graham. Motion was made by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. 3-Yays (Hardaway, West, Jenkins), 1-Nay (Johnston), 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR ADKINS PEST CONTROL.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve renewal contract for Adkins Pest Control. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilman Johnny West. 4-Yays (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

APPROVE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL CONSULTANT-LACASHA OYARA.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve renewal contract for Financial Consultant-LaCasha Oyara. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. 3-Yays (Hardaway, West, Jenkins), 1-Nay (Johnston), 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS LAND: 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, NORTHWESTER LAND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN WEST HOMER.

After discussion on declaration of surplus land, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to declare land surplus. Motion was made by Councilman Keldron Johnston and seconded by Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins. 4-Yays (Hardaway, West, Johnston, Jenkins), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) Motion Passes

APPROVE TO INCREASE COUNCIL SALARY FROM \$400 TO \$600 A MONTH, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to increase council salary from \$400 to \$600 a month, effective January 1, 2023. Motion was made by Councilman Johnny West and seconded by Councilwoman Linda Hardaway. Motion was a tie so therefore Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals had to break the tie. Votes are as follow: 2-Yays (Hardaway, West), 2-(Nays Johnston, Jenkins), 0-Abstain, 1-Absent (Adams) (2-2 Mayor breaks tie) Motion Passes

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Office

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals thanked the Council Members for their great work throughout the years. She also presented each council member with a plaque. She discussed maybe forming a community committee, which will be involved with the people in the community. She also thanked Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins and Public Works Department for getting the Town decorating for Christmas.

(Councilman Keldron Johnston, District 3 left the meeting)

Council

Councilwoman Linda Hardaway made a statement about her experience as a council member and what is expected of it. She also congratulated the newly elected members. She wanted to thank everyone who had a hand in the Christmas Festival and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Johnny West stated it was a great honor to serve District 2 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Public Works

Vivian Moffet congratulated Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals and stated his excited to work with the newly elected council members for the upcoming years.

Airport

Jerry Whitton stated there is a inspection coming up soon at the Airport.

Grants

Dr. Mayor Xanthe Seals didn't have any new grants detail, but she stated she meet with engineers on renovation for City Hall.

Financials

LaCasha Oyara gave out financial summaries and stated if there were any questions to let her know.

Main Street

Jimmy Hand gave important details regarding Main Street.

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. (3) Ayes- (0) Nays- (0) Abstain- (1) 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 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 2022, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.



TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA