

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

**COUCIL MEETING FOR JANUARY,14 2019**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HOMER AND MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER WITH MAYOR XANTHE Y. SEALS PRESIDING ON January 14, 2019 AT 6:02 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 E MAIN HOMER LA WITH A QUORUM PRESENT. IVOCATION WAS GIVEN By Linda Hardaway, District 1 Councilwoman and pledge was led by Brandon Rich, District 3 Councilman.

## **Roll Call:**

**At approximately 6:00 pm the roll was called by Deputy Clerk Timothy Ivory and the following was noted as present:**

Mayor Xanthe Y. Seals  
Councilwoman Linda Hardaway  
Councilman Johnny West  
Councilman Keldron Johnston  
Councilman Brandon Rich  
Councilwoman Patricia Jenkins

## **Other Administration and staff present:**

Chief of Police Elvan McDaniel  
Town Treasurer Shenovia Harris  
Deputy Clerk Timothy Ivory  
Public Works Supervisor Lee Wells  
Official Journal Guardian Journal

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED DECEMBER 10, 2018**

Minutes from meeting dated December 10, 2018 were unanimously approved by council as printed.

**Public Comments :** None

**Old Business:** None was discussed

**New Business:**  
**Item**

1. Mayor entertained a motion and recommended Attorney Lori Graham for town attorney at a yearly rate of 50,000.00 A motion was made by Mrs. Patricia Jenkins Second by Mr. Johnny West and was approved unanimously by all 5 members by a vote of yay.
2. Motion was entertained by Mayor Seals to obtain Mr. Steve Koskie CPA as Financial Consultant at a rate of 2,500.00 per month Mr. Brandon Rich made a motion Mr. Johnny West second motion was unanimously approved by board
3. A motion was entertained by Mayor Seals to appoint Mrs. Shenika Wright, Motion was made by Patricia Jenkins and second by Brandon Rich and was unanimously approved by all 5 members with a yes vote.
4. A motion was entertained by Mayor Seals for the appointment of Patricia Jenkins as Mayo Pro Temp, Mrs. Linda Hardaway made the motion and it was second by Mr. Johnny West and was unanimously approved by board.
5. Mayor Seals recommended the separation of public works into a street dept. and water/sewer department with Lee Wells being supervisor of Streets and Vivian Moffett the supervisor for Water /Sewer Mr. Brandon Rich motioned, Mrs. Patricia Jenkins second motion was unanimously approved by board.
6. A recommendation was made by Mayor Seals to table item 6 upon advisement and reference to Louisiana statue Rs. 43:141 Guardian Journal will remain official journal will revisit item in June 2019
7. Discuss and amend budget to include following :
  - A. Recommendation of Terry Willis as activities director at a rate of 1100 a month for 8 months Councilwoman Hardaway made a motion Councilman Brandon Rich seconded the motion all approved motion passed.  
A-1. Mayor recommended the agenda be amended to add item A-1 to include the discussion of the advertisement to hire of an assistant activities director at a rate of 900.00 a month for a 8 month calendar motion made by Councilman West second by Councilman Rich.
  - B. Discussion and approval of Information Specialist Tiffany Flournoy at 50.00 per occurrence a Motion was made by Councilman Rich Second by Councilwoman Hardaway motion passed.
  - C. Discussion of Airport contract was tabled till February Meeting
  - D. Recommendation of hiring a mowing crew of Town of Homer properties March –Oct Motion tabled till February.
  - E. Discussion and approval of pay increase for Town of Homer employees the Police Dept. and Public works both expressed pay raises be based on merit, business office employees Timothy Ivory and Latrina Grant be given a .50 raise the was motion made by councilwoman Hardaway second by Councilman West roll call vote: Councilwoman District Hardaway 1 yay, Councilman West District 2 yay Councilman Rich District 3 abstained, Councilman Rich District 4 No, and Councilwoman Jenkins Yay  
  
Recommendation to amend the agenda to add agenda item F. Tommy Sanders salary recommendation to the agenda motion made by Councilman Rich second by Councilman Johnston motion passed unanimously.
  - F. Discussion to add to the budget to include the salary of the fire chief Tommy Sanders at 11.00 an hour for a max. of 30 hours per week 18,500 a year Councilman Johnston made the motion Councilman Rich second motion passed unanimously.

8. Resolution #19-001 adopting the Updated Hazard Mitigation plan of 2017 as approved by Region IV of FEMA and GOHSEP, motion was made by Councilman Rich second by Councilwoman Jenkins motion was approved.

9. Discussion of Speed Bumps be placed on Washington St. recommendation was made by Mayor Seals to Attorney Graham to check the liability to the TOH of damage to vehicles motion was made by Councilman Rich as along as it is within the boundaries of the Law second by councilwoman Jenkins motion passed unanimously.

10. Recommendation of Slow Kids At Play signs be placed on N 4<sup>th</sup> street Councilwoman Jenkins addressed Chief McDaniel of increasing police patrol Police Chief recommended speed limit signs be placed at 15 mph Councilman Rich made the motion Councilman Johnston second the motion all approved .

11. The discussion was made to allow Claiborne Electric to place a wireless router in the existing bell tower on City Hall to have wifi a connection around the square at no cost to TOH except for fees required by provider, motion was made by Councilwoman Jenkins second by Councilman West motion was approve

12. Discussion of a one alcohol permit pending state approval Motion made by Councilwoman Hardaway second by Councilwoman Jenkins roll call vote: Hardaway yay, West yay, Johnston no, Rich no Jenkins Yes motion passed by majority.

Vote was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss the hire Police officers at the recommendation of Chief McDaniel A motion was made by Councilwoman Jenkins second by Councilwoman Hardaway motion carried.

*\*\*Any other discussion and comments made can be heard on audio file kept on file in clerk's office.*

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman West Second by Councilman Rich all approved motion carried the meeting was adjourned.

I \_\_\_\_\_ TIMOTHY IVORY INTERIM CLERK , TOWN OF HOMER DO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE CONSTITUTES A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 14, 2019 BETWEEN THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF HOMER HELD THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 400 E MAIN STREET HOMER, LOUISIANA