

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

***COUNCIL MEETING FOR JANUARY 13, 2025***

**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025 at 6:02 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 5, Councilman Sammy Kirk

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Police Chief, Van McDaniel

Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer/Interim Town Clerk

Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns

Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

David Greer, Special Administrator

Guardian Journal, Official Journal

Members Absent:

District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams

Town Attorney Ron Lattier

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED DECEMBER 9, 2024 &  
SPECIAL MEETING DATED DECEMBER 18, 2024**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held December 9, 2024 and special meeting held December 18, 2024. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes by the following vote (4) Yeas (0) Nays (1) Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rhonda Baker inquired about Animal disposal on Hwy 79. She was advised that Hwy 79 is a state-owned highway and the Town does not provide animal control services in that area.

Willie Fred Knowles asked for more information on the Garbage fees charged to customers.

Vincent Williams asked if the Town have explored other options to help with the garbage fees charged to customers.

Mayor Seals asked that any customer's garbage that is not picked up notify the Business Office.

Mrs. Coates on Forest Drive notified the council the street is caving in near storm drainage near her home.

## **SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. David Greer addressed the Mayor and Council with an update on several items: All Bank Reconciliations are current. The 2022 Audit is in final review; 2023 and 2024 are pending. The IRS tax liability is \$300,000; Mr. Greer met with a Revenue Officer to request a reduction on penalties. Mr. Greer discussed the status of outstanding DHH/DEQ debt service loans, and discussed the Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office charging \$1,000 per call and deducting \$33,000 from Property Tax for this purpose.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVE HIGH & LOW VOLUME ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT 2025 FOR THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES:**

- Kenyan Enterprises-Piggly Wiggly, 402 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Brookshire Grocery Store, 817 West Main Street
- Super Stop, 208 North Main Street
- Homer Country Club, 193 Country Club Drive
- Dixie Mart #17270, 4093 Hwy 79
- Dixie Mart #17280, 824 West Main
- Gonzalez Mexican Restaurant, 512 North Main Street
- Bayou Butts & Booze #28, 907 West Main Street
- Dollar General Store, 835 West Main Street
- H & S Homer Store, LLC, 215 West Main Street (Low Volume Only)

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve the renewal of the 2025 Alcohol Permits. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. Motion passes by the following vote: (4) Yeas (0)Nays (1) Absent

### **Approve 1 Day Alcohol Permit for Tammy Hamilton for Birthday Party on January 18, 2025**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve the 1 Day Alcohol Permit for Tammy Hamilton for Birthday Party on January 18, 2025. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. Motion passes by the following vote: (4) Yeas (0)Nays (1) Absent

### **Approve 1 Day Alcohol Permit for Melisa Monroe for 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party on February 8, 2025**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve the 1 Day Alcohol Permit for Melisa Monroe for 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party on February 8, 2025. Motion was made by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. Motion passes by the following vote: (4) Yeas (0)Nays (1) Absent

### **Approve Resolution 25-001 –Additional Garbage Can Fee \$15.00 Monthly**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution 25-001 –Additional Garbage Can Fee \$15.00 monthly. The Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes by the following vote: (3) Yeas (1) Nays (Ivory) (1) Absent

### **Approve Surplus of Tract 1-2.888 Acres of Land at Homer Golf Course**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve the surplus of Tract 1-2.888 Acres of Land at Homer Golf Course. The Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Joyce Ivory. Motion passes by the following vote: (4) Yeas (0) Nays (1) Absent

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Seals advised that work has started on the bridge on Edgewood Drive near the Hospital. There are water and sewer lines that will need to be moved. Water Superintendent Vivian Moffett has been working with the Engineers on this project.

Mr. Michael Dunn addressed the Mayor and Council with a detailed report on Property Standards.

### **COUNCIL**

The Town Council recognized Mr. Michael Dunn for his service as Code Enforcement Manager.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Superintendent Vivian Moffett stated that CenterPoint Energy contractors have started making repairs on the west side of Town. The contractors will come back around and repave the roads once work has been completed.

Mayor Seals stated that Public Works does not currently have the manpower to remove limbs. Customers may call City Hall and make arrangements to drop them at the Green Hill Landfill.

### **AIRPORT**

Mr. Whitton reported that he had to replace the key pad entry lock at the Airport.

### **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 Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes.

**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 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.**

**INTERIM CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA**