

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 10, 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 10th day of February 2025 at 6:03 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

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

David Greer, Special Administrator

Guardian Journal, Official Journal

Members Absent:

Town Attorney Ronald Lattier

Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED JANUARY 13, 2025

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held January 13, 2024. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Mozeke addressed the council regarding the variance in her utility bill. She stated that she has no water leaks per a plumber even though her water meter is indicating a leak. Ms. Mozeke asked if the water meter could be faulty. Derrick Burns indicated that the leak indicator is in working order. Councilman Hand questioned the calibration of the water meters. Councilwoman Ivory questioned if meters are read correctly. Mayor Seals stated that she will continue to monitor the meters with Mr. Moffett.

Michael Dunn addressed the council regarding the payment of call-out fees that the Claiborne Parish Sheriff Office (CPSO) charges in the amount \$1,000 per call. Mr. Greer explained that the fees are being deducted from property tax revenue that is collected for the Town through the CPSO. The Town has not

authorized this transaction or made any payments to the CPSO for call-outs. Chief Van McDaniel stated that he has no contract with CPSO to answer any calls. Chief also stated that all 911 calls go to the CPSO and there is no call center in Claiborne Parish.

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. David Greer addressed the Mayor and Council with an update on the restructure of the DHH and DEQ Bonds and the Sales Tax Reallocation.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Resolution 25-002 Town of Homer Sales Tax Allocation for 2025

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #25-002- Town of Homer Sales Tax Allocation for 2025. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

Approve Resolution 25-003 Approve Town of Homer Garbage Rate decrease from \$8 to \$0 effective February 1, 2025

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #25-003- Approve Town of Homer Garbage Rate decrease from \$8 to \$0 effective February 1, 2025. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

Approve Resolution 25-004 Approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2023 Audit

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #25-004- Approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for 2023 Audit. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes unanimously.

Approve Resolution 25-005 Approve Resolution for the Town of Homer to submit application for LGAP, Local Government Assistance Program for Renovations to the Homer Town Hall in the amount of \$35,000

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution 25-005- Approve Resolution for the Town of Homer to submit application for LGAP, Local Government Assistance Program for Renovations to the Homer Town Hall in the amount of \$35,000. Motion was made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. Motion passes unanimously.

Approve Resolution 25-006 Approve Resolution for the Town of Homer to submit application for CWF, Community Enrichment Fund for Rehabilitation and Improvement of the Homer Water Plant in the amount of \$35,000

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution 25-006- Approve Resolution for the Town of Homer to submit application for CWF, Community Enrichment Fund for Rehabilitation and Improvement of the Homer Water Plant in the amount of \$35,000. Motion was made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. Motion passes unanimously.

Authorize the Mayor to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the Claiborne Parish Police Jury concerning the management of the Town of Homer Golf Course with the final agreement to be approved by the Town Council.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the Claiborne Parish Police Jury concerning the management of the Town of Homer Golf Course with the final agreement to be approved by the Town Council. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

Approve Alcoholic Beverage Permit for Helen Phillips 80th Birthday Party event March 8, 2025

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Alcoholic Beverage Permit for Helen Phillips 80th Birthday Party for March 8, 2025. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

COUNCIL

Councilwoman Joyce Ivory addressed the Capital Outlay funds awarded to the Town for sewer lines and the sewer plant. Mayor advised her that the Town is currently at Priority 5.

Councilman Sammy Kirk commended Mr. Greer and his staff on a job well done since August.

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Superintendent Derrick Burns stated the bridge on East 2nd Street has been repaired and reopened. Mr. Burns reported that public works changed out a number of curb stops that were broken, and a 6' water valve was installed on Hwy 540 near the hospital so that water can be turned off during bridge repairs.

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 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 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

INTERIM CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA