

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

***COUNCIL MEETING FOR MARCH 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025 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

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held February 10, 2025. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Canada stated that she has been a resident at Senior Drive for the last (6) months and addressed the council regarding the meter readings on the monthly utility bills.

Timothy Bridges, owner of West Main Washateria, addressed the council regarding the high cost of sewer fees, late fees, and bond fees charged on his monthly utility bill at his laundromat business.

Donald Malray addressed the council in reference to an ongoing issue with his retirement.

Linda Mozeke addressed the council regarding the meter at her residence. Ms. Mozeke stated that she has had (2) plumbers to come out and there was no leak detected and stated that the meter should be investigated.

Billy Adams addressed the council in reference to his utility bill. Mr. Adams stated that his monthly utility bill was \$500 and there is only (1) person in the household. Mr. Adams stated there was a leak repaired at his residence recently and he will pay the bill, he just needed the Town to work with him to get the bill paid.

Michael Dunn addressed the council in reference to several issues: The Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office (CPSO) charging the Town \$1,000 per call—has the reimbursement been received?—Mr. Greer stated that the Town has not received the reimbursement from the CPSO to date and once the funds are reimbursed, the funds belong to the General Fund for property tax collections. Mr. Dunn stated that there has been 3-4 dog bites in the Town and there are several strays; he questioned an Animal Control Plan. In the reference to the 2025 Budget he questioned the Recreation Director position; Mayor Seals stated there is a volunteer but there is no paid Recreation Director. Mr. Dunn also had concerns regarding the monitoring of the security light at the Mayfield Park. Mr. Dunn also questioned the position and salary of the External Accountant.

### **SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Greer, Fiscal Administrator, stated that all financials and utility records are being monitored daily and once the Town is in a position to have fees reduced; he will make a recommendation to the council.

Mr. Koskie, external accountant, stated that all bank reconciliations are updated and all financials are complete. Mr. Koskie discussed the financial statements with the Mayor and Council.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Approve Variance or Special use in Ordinance to Residential (R-1) Zone at 314 Johnson Road, to allow for the construction of an AT&T Wireless Telecommunications Facility**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Variance or Special use in Ordinance to Residential (R-1) Zone at 314 Johnson Road, to allow for the construction of an AT&T Wireless Telecommunications Facility. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Seals announced the "Love the Boot" Campaign will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. and the National Day of Prayer will be held on May 1, 2025 beginning 11:30 a.m. the Kinnebrew Park at noon, in case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to City Hall. The Town is also getting prepared for the Clean City event and encouraged residents to get involved by cleaning their areas. Mayor Seals advised residents that if they are having limbs cut, to please contact City Hall and make preparations to bring them to the City dump on Green Hill Road during normal business hours. The Town no longer has the capacity to pick up limbs with a staff shortage.

### **COUNCIL**

Councilwoman Verletha Adams asked for an update on the delivery of new meters for change-outs. Derrick Burns, Street Superintendent, stated that the new meters arrived on Friday.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

None

## **AIRPORT**

Mr. Whittington stated that there was an inspection at the Airport last week and he will the submit report.

## **POLICE**

Chief Van McDaniel stated they are keeping the Town as safe they can. Chief stated that new businesses are needed in Town to increase revenue. Chief also stated that he has no MOU or contract with the CPSO and all law enforcement issues need to be addressed by him.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.**

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