

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

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR JUNE 10, 2024**

**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 June 2024 at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. A moment of silence was held for Retired School Teacher Rev. Rosie Mae Combs Walker. 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:**

Town Attorney, Lori Graham  
Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns  
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**Members Absent:**

Police Chief, Van McDaniel  
Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris  
Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED MAY 13, 2024.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held May 13, 2024. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Minutes from the regular meeting May 13, 2024, were unanimously approved by the council.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were questions concerning the old versus the new proposed Millage Rate increase. There were many public comments given concerning the fairness and legality of the current water rate increase. Additional questions were asked about the proposed annexation concerning who the developers are, would the development increase the water rates of the town, and possible beginning date of construction. Many citizens expressed concern about the needs of the community and a need for more police on the streets.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-003. 2024 ADJUSTED MAXIMUM MILLAGE RATE 9.490 MILLS.**

After a discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve ORDINANCE #24-003. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. 5-Yays (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes

### **APPROVE ALCHOHOL PERMIT FOR DEBBIE WHITE FOR CITY HALL RENTAL SCHEDULED FOR JULY 13, 2024**

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve the alcohol permit for Debbie White. Motion was made by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. 5-Yays (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes

### **INTRODUCE VARIANCE OR SPECIAL USE IN ORDINANCE TO RESIDENTIAL (R-1 & R-2) ZONE AT 1212 PEARL STREET TO ALLOW FOR A COMMUNITY STORE STORE.**

Was Introduced be Mayor Xanthe Seals

### **INTRODUCE RESOLUTION #24-004. Annexation of TAX PARCEL NUMBER 0700116200 IN THE CLAIBORNE PARISH TAX ASSESSOR TAX ASSESSOR ROLES, ARE PETITIONING TO THE TOWN OF HOMER TO ANNEX THIS PARCEL. THIS PROPERTY CONTAINS APPROXIMAT 4.22 +/- acres. THIS PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY UNDEVELOPED.**

Was Introduced be Mayor Xanthe Seals

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **Mayor's Office**

Mayor Seals, let's work together. Mayor Seals report was interrupted on questions concerning the water rate increase. After lengthy comments and discussion. No resolution was reached but need for more dialog to work toward solutions.

## **Council**

**Councilman Alonzo Mitchell** stated that we're going to look at everything and figure out fix what needs to be fixed.

**Councilwoman Joyce Ivory** commented about several streetlights being out are out.

**Councilman Jimmy Hand** commented that according to Louisiana Revised Statutes the correct processes that should have been followed to raise the water rates.

**Councilwoman Verletha Adams** stated she wasn't happy with several things that have going on in the town and the lack of Transparency.

**Councilman Sammy Kirk** stated he feel as a councilman that he is taking the flax for things that have been going on at City Hall. Also that he is never called to City Hall for anything

## **Airport**

Jerry Whitton reported the grass had been cut and spoke of some maintenance needs of the airport.

## **Recreation**

Recreation Director gave report and answered questions

## **Grants**

There are no new grants at this time

## **Financials**

LaCasha Oyara was absent from the council meeting

## **Police**

Chief Van McDaniel was absent

## **Code Enforcement**

Officer Michael Dunn gave a presentation, updates and answered questions.

## **Main Street**

Had no report

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made to enter EXECUTIVE SESSION by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Verletha Adams. 5-Yays (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes

## **ADJOURN**

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned. (5) Ayes- (0) Nays- (0) Abstain- (0) Absent

I, SHENOBI 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 JUNE 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

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***PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HOMER  
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**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR JUNE 26, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HOMER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER WITH MAYOR Dr. Xanthe Seals presiding on the 26th day of June 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present.

**ROLL CALL**

**On roll call, the following were present:**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals  
District 1, Councilman Alonzo Mitchell  
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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments on Resolution #24-005.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**APPROVE RESOLUTION #24-005. TO APPROVE FISCAL ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TOWN OF HOMER APPOINTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR.**

After a discussion, which included a reading of the resolution. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals

entertained a motion to approve ORDINANCE #24-005. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. 5-Yays (Mitchell, Ivory, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 0-Absent Motion Passes

### **ADJOURN**

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