# PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HOMER STATE OF LOUISIANA

# **COUNCIL MEETING FOR JULY 8, 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 8th day of July 2024 at 6:09 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. A moment of silence was held for Community Leader James Ridley and Retired School Teacher Lenward T. Seals, Jr. 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 3, Councilman Jimmy Hand District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams

#### Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Police Chief, Van McDaniel Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns Guardian Journal, Official Journal

#### **Members Absent:**

District 2, Councilwoman Joyce Ivory District 5, Councilman Sammy Kirk Town Attorney, Lori Graham Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED July 8, 2024.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held June 10, 2024, and Special Call Meeting June 26, 2024. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Minutes from the regular meeting held June 10, 2024, and Special Call Meeting held on June 26, 2024.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were questions raised by Willie Fred Knowles concerning the upkeep of the extended property area owned by Chick-A-Dilly Francise, overgrown trees and other foliage were blocking the view of Mt. Calvary Church.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

# APPROVE ALCHOHOL PERMIT FOR LATASHA CARPENTER FOR CITY HALL RENTAL SCHEDULED FOR August 08, 2024

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve the alcohol permit for LaTasha Carpenter. Motion was made by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. 3-Yays (Mitchell, Hand, Adams), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 2-Absent Motion Passes

# APPROVE ALCHOHOL PERMIT FOR CARMESHA WADE WHITE FOR CITY HALL RENTAL SCHEDULED FOR August 17, 2024

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve the alcohol permit for Carmesha Wade White. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. 3-Yays (Mitchell, Hand, Adams), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 2-Absent Motion Passes

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

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Variance for 1212 Pearl Street. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. 3-Yays (Mitchell, Hand, Adams), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 2-Absent Motion Passes

# TABLED 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.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to table Resolution #24-004, Annexation of Tax Parcel #0700116200. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. 3-Yays (Mitchell, Hand, Adams), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 2-Absent Motion Passes

# ADJOURN

Due to severe weather and no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned. (3) Ayes- (0) Nays- (0) Abstain- (2) Absent

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 8th DAY OF JULY 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

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