

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

***COUNCIL MEETING FOR JULY 14, 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 14th day of July 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:

Shenovia Harris, Town Treasurer/Interim Town Clerk

Police Chief, Van McDaniel

Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett

David Greer, Special Administrator

Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED JUNE 9, 2025**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held June 9, 2025. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Coates addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the drainage ditch that is clogged on Beverly Drive. Public Works Street Superintendent, Derrick Burns, stated that the area is a flood area and due to staff shortage the department has no set schedule to address the drainage ditch. Councilman Jimmy Hand suggested that feedback is provided on the all work orders to the resident.

Cautasha Ferrell addressed the Mayor and Council in reference to the completion date of the bridge repair on Edgewood Drive due to the damage being done to her driveway by vehicles utilizing her driveway to turn around due to the bridge outage. Mayor Seals stated that Entergy was in the process of moving lines and she would get a completion date for the project.

## **SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Koskie reviewed the Financial Statements with the Mayor and Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Approve Resolution #25-012- Resolution to adopt the Millage rate of 9.49 mills for the Tax Year 2025.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #25-012- Resolution to adopt the Millage rate of 9.49 mills for the Tax Year 2025. Motion was made by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes unanimously.

#### **Approve Resolution #25-013 – Resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to provide water and sewer services to a new development known as Pelican Grove Townhomes.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #25-013 – Resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to provide water and sewer services to a new development known as Pelican Grove Townhomes. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. Motion passes unanimously.

#### **Approve Resolution #25-014 – Resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to Appoint Pamela N. Breedlove as Town Attorney.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Resolution #25-014 – Resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to Appoint Pamela N. Breedlove as Town Attorney. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes unanimously.

#### **Approve Resolution #25-015- Resolution of the Town Council of Homer, Louisiana, approving the Transfer of Airport Assets to the Claiborne Parish Airport District No. 31.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to Approve Resolution #25-015- Resolution of the Town Council of Homer, Louisiana, approving the Transfer of Airport Assets to the Claiborne Parish Airport District No. 31. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

#### **Approve Beer Permit for Dollar General Store #31399**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Beer Permit for Dollar General Store #31399. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Joyce Ivory. Motion passes unanimously.

**Approve Alcohol Permit for Phyliss Frazier for August 16, 2025 for Birthday Celebration.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion Approve Alcohol Permit for Phyliss Frazier for August 16, 2025 for Birthday Celebration. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Joyce Ivory. Motion passes unanimously.

**Approve Alcohol Permit for SheRon Casey for August 23, 2025 for Birthday Celebration.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion Approve Alcohol Permit for SheRon Casey for August 23, 2025 for Birthday Celebration. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Seals welcomed new Town Attorney Pamela Breedlove as well as Pelican Grove Townhomes to Homer. Mayor Seals reminded citizens that Trash Bash is held once a month on Oil Mill Street and that Republic Services only picks up one trash can per household. Mayor Seals stated that all cut trees should be hauled off by the company performing the job because the Public Works Department does not have the manpower to pick-up trees or other items that are placed on the curb. Residents can contact City Hall to see if Town bins are full before dropping items off.

**COUNCIL**

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell welcomed new Town Attorney Pamela Breedlove and encouraged citizens to keep their areas clean.

Councilwoman Joyce Ivory recommended that a notice be posted in the newspaper or on the monthly water bill notifying customers that Republic Services will not pick up items placed on the curb such as furniture.

Councilman Jimmy Hand welcomed new Town Attorney Pamela Breedlove and Pelican Grove Townhomes to Homer; he stated that this project will be a great resource to the Town and also acknowledged appreciation for Mr. Greer and Mr. Koskie, and encouraged other council members to meet with them. Mr. Hand addressed his approval of the Airport District transferring to the Parish. Mr. Hand stated that he is highly concerned about the amount of legacy liabilities and encouraged the Council to monitor the budget.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams agreed with posting the trash notice for residents and welcomed new Town Attorney Pamela Breedlove.

Councilman Sammy Kirk welcomed new Town Attorney Pamela Breedlove and Pelican Grove Townhomes to Homer.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Vivian Moffett, Water & Sewer Superintendent, reported that several leaks have been repaired in Town and he has three scheduled for repair. Mr. Moffett reported that renovations to the Talley Lift Station are 50-60% complete.

### **AIRPORT**

None

### **POLICE**

None

### **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 11th DAY OF JULY 2025, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.**

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