

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

COUNCIL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 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 9th day of September 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. The invocation was given by Rev. Ray Jiles followed by the Pledge of Allegiance 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
District 5, Councilman Sammy Kirk

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Town Attorney, Ronald Lattier
Police Chief, Van McDaniel
Public Works Dept-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
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Members Absent:

Public Works Dept. Water and Sewer, Vivan Moffett
District 2, Councilwoman Joyce Ivory
Town Clerk & Treasurer, Shenovia Harris

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED August 12, 2024.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for the regular meeting held on August 12, 2024. The Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. The council unanimously approved the minutes for the regular meeting on August 12, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Willie Fred Knowles commended property standards for the Church- Clean-up in the area in front of Mt. Calvary. Jennifer Clason spoke concerning Map of rezoning and questions concerning the 2022 Audit. Barbara Morris spoke of a need for more Police Officers and funding. Maxine Wilson asked for the Job description for "Chief of Staff." Tasha Ferrell Williams ask questions about Water Billing and Rates

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE Ronald F. Lattier, L.L.C City Attorney— Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Ronald Lattier as City Attorney, a motion by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. 4 Yays (Mitchell, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent Motion Passes.

APPROVE Shenovia Harris as Interim Town Clerk– Mayor Dr. Xanthe Selas entertained a motion to approve Shenovia Harris as the Interim Town Clerk, a motion by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Verletha Adams. 4 Yays (Mitchell, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent Motion Passes.

Approval of Low Volume Alcohol and Beverage Permit for Family Dollar Stores of Louisiana, LLC Family Dollar #25666, located at 814 West Main St., Suite A. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve low-volume alcohol for Family Dollar Store. A motion was made and seconded. 4 Yays (Mitchell, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 1-Absent Motion Passes.

Introduce Rezoning Commercial to Commercial Residential, Beginning at the Corner of West Main Street and North Main Street, heading Northeast, Crossing over East Second Street and East Third Street, Turning Left immediately Passing 310 North Main Street, Following the route bordering the Street, Turning Left onto West Main Street, Ending at the Corner of West Main Street and North Main Street

Introduce Ordinance #24-002 an Ordinance to Authorize the execution Of A Promissory Note on Behalf Of The Town of Homer For the Borrowing Of Funds From The Fiscal Administrator Revolving Loan Fund, In accordance with LA. R.S. 39:1357. A special meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 8:30 am.

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Greer spoke mostly about water rates and continued examinations of the Financial Conditions of the Town.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Seals had no report

Council

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell wants us to continue to Support the town and be Patient.

Councilman Jimmy Hand spoke mostly concerning Fiscal cuts.

Councilwoman Verletha Adams had no comment

Councilman Sammy Kirk spoke of looking forward to a Better Future for Homer.

Public Works

No Report

Airport

No Report

Recreation

No Report

Financials

LACasha Oyara gave an overview of the financial statements. She presented the Mayor and Council with an estimated Financial Statement for the month ending August 31, 2024

Police

Chief McDaniel: A report was given by Chief stating that the crime rate is up. He needs more Police Officers. Concerned about Trash around Valero and 18 Wheelers Parking at Freds. Suggested to permit Mr. Dunn, "Code Enforcement Officer" to write criminal tickets.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Dunn reported on the removal of the tires at Freds. Trash around Valero. Property Standards need for its own budget

ADJOURN

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Hand and seconded by Councilman Adams. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned. (4) Ayes- (0) Nays- (0) Abstain- (1) Absent

I, SHENOVIA HARRIS, INTERIM CLERK, 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 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

INTERIM TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

***PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HOMER
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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 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 16th day of September 2024 at 8:30 a.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
District 3, Councilman Jimmy Hand
District 4, Councilwoman Verletha Adams
District 5, Councilman Sammy Kirk

Administrative Staff/Others Present:

Town Attorney, Ronald Lattier
Police Chief, Van McDaniel

Members Absent:

District 2, Councilwoman Joyce Ivory
Town Clerk & Treasurer, Shenovia Harris
Public Works Dept.-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns
Public Works Dept.-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett
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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments were made concerning Ordinance #24-002.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Ordinance #24-002 an Ordinance To Authorize The Execution Of A Promissory Note On Behalf Of The Town Of Homer For The Borrowing Of Funds From The Fiscal Administrator Revolving Loan Fund, In accordance with LA. R.S. 39:1357.

After a discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve ORDINANCE #24-002. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. 4-Yays (Mitchell, Hand, Adams, Kirk), 0-Nays, 0-Abstain, 1-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. (4) Ayes- (0) Nays- (0) Abstain- (1) Absent

I, SHENOVIA HARRIS, INTERIM CLERK, 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 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

INTERIM CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA