PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HOMER STATE OF LOUISIANA

COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HOMER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER WITH MAYOR Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals presiding on the 15th day of October at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals gave Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Ronald Lattier Town Treasurer/Interim Town Clerk, Shenovia Harris Police Chief, Van McDaniel Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett Official Journal, Guardian Journal

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD ONE DAY ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR MAIN STREET HOMER FOR OCTOBER 19, 2024, FOR LEGENDS FEST

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to amend the agenda to add one day alcohol permit for Main Street Homer for Legends Fest for October 19, 2024. The motion was made by Sammy Kirk and seconded by Verletha Adams. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, AND THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2024.

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for the regular meeting held on September 9, 2024 and the special called meeting held on September 16, 2024. The motion was made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. The council unanimously approved the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Willie Fred Knowles inquired about the Town Attorney approved by the Town Council. Judge Jennifer Clason asked for clarity on agenda items #5 and #6. Ms. Barbara Morris inquired about the water/sewer rate increase. Ms. Laketha Banks inquired about the water/sewer rate increase for commercial businesses. Carl Wilburn, owner of Homer Hardware and the Regions Bank building addressed the council regarding cleanliness of the Town and his concern about Town growth.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE ONE-DAY ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR SUCCOTH LODGE #80 FOR SOCIAL EVENT/PARTY NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve a one-day alcohol permit for Succoth Lodge #80. The motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes unanimously.

APPROVE ONE-DAY ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR THURMAN WEBB RETIREMENT PARTY NOVEMBER 9, 2024

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve a one-day alcohol permit for Thurman Webb. The motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes unanimously.

APPROVE ONE-DAY ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR VINCENT COLEMAN RETIREMENT PARTY NOVEMBER 16, 2024

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve a one-day alcohol permit for Vincent Coleman. The motion was made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams and seconded by Councilman Jimmy Hand. Motion passes unanimously.

APPROVE REZONING COMMERCIAL TO COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve rezoning commercial property to commercial residential. The motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes unanimously.

INTRODUCE VARIANCE 103 NORTH MAIN STREET TO ALLOW A MOBILE HOME: PARCEL #073031250 -PROPERTY OWNER HAROLD CROSS

INTRODUCE REZONING OF 920 NORTH MAIN STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY TO R-3 TRIPLEX (PARCEL #0730035248)

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #24-003 AN ORDIANANCE TO REVISE WATER AND SEWER RATES BASED ON THE RATE STUDY WHICH BEGAN ON AUGUST 20, 2024, BY LOUISIANA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION.

APPROVE ONE-DAY ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR MAIN STREET HOMER FOR LEGENDS FEST HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2024

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve a one-day alcohol permit for Main Street Homer for Legends Fest to be held on October 19, 2024. The motion was made by Councilwoman Verletha Adams and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes by the following vote: (4) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstain (Councilman Jimmy Hand)

SPECIAL ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Greer addressed the Town Council with an update on the financial condition of the Town. Mr. Greer stated that he is unable to give an accurate financial condition of the Town due to inaccurate financial records. Mr. Greer stated that (10) leased vehicles have been returned to Enterprise Fleet. The Town is working on cleaning up Accounts Payable files with the assistance of Mr. Koskie. Mr. Greer also stated that the water increase was suggested by Louisiana Rural Water.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR

The Mayor addressed the DART ceremony to be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

Mr. Hightower addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Louisiana Legends Fest to be held on October 19, 2024. Mr. Hightower discussed the different activities that will be held during the Legends Fest and invited the public to attend.

COUNCIL

Councilman Alonzo Mitchell stated that he wants the Town to work together. Councilman Jimmy Hand spoke on the vacant building and the grant that was received by Main Street Homer and encourage everyone to promote Homer. Councilwoman Verletha Adams stated that she appreciates Mr. Wilburn for purchasing the commercial properties. Councilman Sammy Kirk stated that he appreciates Mr. Greer.

PUBLIC WORKS

Water Superintendent Vivian Moffett stated that the Fire hydrant plug near the hospital is in the process of being repaired.

AIRPORT

Mr. Jerry Whitton with the Airport stated that a battery had to be replace in the generator at the Airport.

POLICE

Police Chief Van McDaniel addressed his concern with police shortage at the department.

FIRE

Fire Chief Tommy Sanders presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr., Malcolm Gillis who rescued a lady from her apartment during a house fire on Hudd Drive.

ADJOURN

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion passes.

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 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER , 2024 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

INTERIM TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HOMER STATE OF LOUISIANA

PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

A public hearing was held on October 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers to discuss Ordinance #24-003 – An Ordinance to amend and establish water and sewer rates for the Town of Homer.

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, Ronald Lattier Town Treasurer/Interim Town Clerk, Shenovia Harris

Members Absent:

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

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals read Ordinance #24-003-An Ordinance to amend and establish water and sewer rates for the Town of Homer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jamie Leonard, 426 West 6th Street, addressed the Mayor and Town Council regarding excessive use of water and the maintenance of the water meters.

Councilman Jimmy Hand stated that alerts should notify customers when there is a leak at their residence.

Councilwoman Joyce Ivory stated that some customers are notified that there is a leak and plumber verifies no leak existed.

Serena Cox, 216 Dawson Street, questioned the quality of the meters and if the water meters were reliable.

Linda Mozeke addressed Bond requirements and special accounts set aside for Bond payments and she stated that customers should have been notified earlier regarding the increase of water and sewer rates.

Debra Sarpy, Homer Housing Authority Director, stated that the Homer Housing Authority have (100) units. Mrs. Sarpy stated the increased rates will affect their budget. The Housing Authority pays the utility bills for each unit.

Councilman Sammy Kirk stated that the Town should be in contact with contractors regarding the maintenance of the water meters.

Councilman Jimmy Hand stated that there should be a customer complaint log in the Business Office and log should document a response to the complaint.

The public hearing adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HOMER STATE OF LOUISIANA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HOMER MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER WITH MAYOR Dr. Xanthe Y. Seals presiding on the 22ND day of October at 6:40 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 400 East Main Street, Homer, Louisiana with a quorum present. Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals gave Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Ronald Lattier Town Treasurer/Interim Town Clerk, Shenovia Harris

Members Absent:

Police Chief, Van McDaniel

Public Works Superintendent-Street & Sidewalk, Derrick Burns Public Works Superintendent-Water & Sewer, Vivian Moffett Official Journal, Guardian Journal

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jamie Leonard addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the number of water leaks in Town and the sewer adjustment policy. Patrick Canterbury addressed the high water usage on his water bill and stated that his amount varies monthly. Ms. Linda Mozeke asked about more time to for customer to pay with the increased water rates in reference to the effective date of November 1, 2024 for the increase of the utility bill. Mr. Koskie addressed the operating expenses as well as the bond payments and the need for water pumps for the water well. James Austin addressed the Mayor and Council regarding his high water usage. Mr. Austin suggested the meters should be working accurately before an increase. Councilwoman Verletha Adams stated that residents can reach out to any councilperson for assistance that they may need. Councilman Sammy Kirk stated that there should be transparency between the customer and business office.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE ORDINANCE #24-003 An Ordinance to revise Water and Sewer Rates based on the Rate Study which began August 20, 2024, by Louisiana Rural Water Association

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Ordinance #24-003. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion passes unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no other matters present before the Mayor and Board of Selectmen with a motion made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams, the meeting was adjourned.

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 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

INTERIM TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF HOMER, HOMER, LA

BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE TOWN OF HOMER

ORDINANCE NO. __OF 2024

The following ordinance having been introduced at a meeting on November 18, 2024, and a public hearing having been held on December 9, 2024, was offered for final adoption by ______ and seconded by ______:

AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE

An ordinance supplementing and amending a bond ordinance adopted on April 1, 2013, authorizing the issuance of Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana, to modify the debt service schedule of such bonds, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2013, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), adopted a Bond Ordinance (the "Original Bond Ordinance") authorizing the issuance of \$2,280,000 of Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 of the Town (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given in the Original Bond Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to supplement and amend the Original Bond Ordinance to modify the debt service schedule of the Bonds and provide for other matters in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 25 of the Original Bond Ordinance the Town has requested the consent in writing of the Owners of two-thirds (2/3) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds outstanding with respect to the modifications to the debt service schedule of the Bonds and related matters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of the Act, the Governing Authority, by a vote of introduction adopted on November 18, 2024, gave notice of its intention to adopt this amending ordinance, which notice of intention was published on ______, 2024, and thereafter this Governing Authority held a public hearing on December 9, 2024 at which no objections were made to the adoption of this amending ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority now desires to supplement and amend the Original Bond Ordinance as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Definitions in Original Bond Ordinance. Section 1 of the Original Bond Ordinance is hereby amended by amending and restating the definitions of "Interest Payment Date" and "Principal Payment Date" in their entireties with the following:

"Interest Payment Date" means (a) prior to December 1, 2024, each June 1 and December 1, commencing December 1, 2013 and (b) on and after December 1, 2024, the first calendar day of each month.

"Principal Payment Date" means (a) prior to December 1, 2024, each December 1 commencing December 1, 2013, subject to early redemption of the Bonds in accordance with Section 3 hereof and (b) on and after December 1, 2024, the first calendar day of each month, subject to early redemption of the Bonds in accordance with Section 3 hereof.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Definitions in Original Bond Ordinance. Section 1 of the Original Bond Ordinance is hereby amended by adding the following definitions in alphabetical order:

"Original Bond Ordinance" means the Bonds Ordinance adopted on April 1, 2013 by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the Town authorizing the issuance of the Bonds.

"First Amending Bond Ordinance" means Amending Bond Ordinance adopted on December 9, 2024, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the Town authorizing the amendment of the debt service schedule for the Bonds.

SECTION 3. Amendment of Mandatory Redemption in Original Bond Ordinance. Section 3 of the Original Bond Ordinance is hereby amended by amending and restating subsection (b) thereof in its entirety with the following:

(b) Mandatory Redemption. (i) Prior to December 1, 2024, the Bonds are subject to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption prior to maturity, including interest accrued to the redemption date on an annual basis commencing December 1, 2013, and continuing on each December 1 thereafter until maturity, in the principal amounts in the years specified in Section 3(b) of the Original Bond Ordinance.

(ii) On and after December 1, 2024, the Bonds are subject to Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption prior to maturity, including interest accrued to the redemption date on a monthly basis commencing December 1, 2024, in the principal amounts in the months specified as follows:

Term Bond Due December 1, 2033

Payment Date	PRINCIPAL
12/1/24 1/1/25	\$10,697.89

PAYMENT	
DATE	PRINCIPAL
2/1/25	10,726.81
3/1/25	10,755.86
4/1/25	10,784.99
5/1/25	10,814.20
6/1/25	10,843.49
7/1/25	10,872.85
8/1/25	10,902.30
9/1/25	10,931.83
10/1/25	10,961.44
11/1/25 12/1/25	10,991.12
1/1/26	11,020.89
2/1/26	11,050.74 11,080.67
3/1/26	11,110.68
4/1/26	11,140.77
5/1/26	11,170.94
6/1/26	11,201.20
7/1/26	11,231.53
8/1/26	11,261.95
9/1/26	11,292.45
10/1/26	11,323.04
11/1/26	11,353.70
12/1/26	11,384.45
1/1/27	11,415.29
2/1/27	11,446.20
3/1/27	11,477.20
4/1/27	11,508.29
5/1/27	11,539.46
6/1/27	11,570.71
7/1/27	11,602.05
8/1/27	11,633.47
9/1/27	11,664.97
10/1/27 11/1/27	11,696.57
12/1/27	11,728.25 11,760.01
1/1/28	11,791.86
2/1/28	11,823.80
3/1/28	11,855.82
4/1/28	11,887.93
5/1/28	11,920.12
6/1/28	11,952.41
7/1/28	11,984.78
8/1/28	12,017.24
9/1/28	12,049.79
10/1/28	12,082.42
11/1/28	12,115.14
12/1/28	12,147.96
1/1/29	12,180.86
2/1/29	12,213.85
3/1/29	12,246.92
4/1/29	12,280.09
5/1/29	12,313.35

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PAYMENT	
DATE	PRINCIPAL
6/1/29	12,346.70
7/1/29	12,380.14
8/1/29	12,413.67
9/1/29	12,447.29
10/1/29	12,481.00
11/1/29	12,514.80
12/1/29	12,548.70
1/1/30	12,582.68
2/1/30	12,616.76
3/1/30 4/1/30	12,650.93 12,685.20
5/1/30	12,719.55
6/1/30	12,754.00
7/1/30	12,788.54
8/1/30	12,823.18
9/1/30	12,857.91
10/1/30	12,892.73
11/1/30	12,927.65
12/1/30	12,962.66
1/1/31	12,997.77
2/1/31	13,032.97
3/1/31	13,068.27
4/1/31	13,103.66
5/1/31	13,139.15
6/1/31	13,174.74
7/1/31	13,210.42
8/1/31	13,246.20
9/1/31	13,282.07
10/1/31	13,318.04
11/1/31	13,354.11
12/1/31	13,390.28
1/1/32 2/1/32	13,426.55
3/1/32	13,462.91 13,499.37
4/1/32	13,535.93
5/1/32	13,572.59
6/1/32	13,609.35
7/1/32	13,646.21
8/1/32	13,683.17
9/1/32	13,720.23
10/1/32	13,757.39
11/1/32	13,794.64
12/1/32	13,832.01
1/1/33	13,869.47
2/1/33	13,907.03
3/1/33	13,944.69
4/1/33	13,982.46
5/1/33	14,020.33
6/1/33	14,058.30
7/1/33	14,096.38
8/1/33	14,134.55
9/1/33	14,172.84

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PAYMENT	2
DATE	PRINCIPAL
10/1/33	14,211.22
11/1/33	14,249.71
12/1/33	14,288.30
TOTALS	\$1,340,000.00

SECTION 4. Amendment of Flow of Funds in Original Bond Ordinance. Section 14 of the Original Bond Ordinance is hereby amended by amending and restating the first paragraph of subsection (b) thereof in its entirety with the following:

The continuation and maintenance of the "Utility System Revenue Bond Sinking Fund" (the "Sinking Fund") sufficient in amount to pay promptly and fully the principal of and the interest on the Bonds by transferring from the Revenue Fund to the regularly designated fiscal agent bank of the Town, monthly in advance on or before the 20th day of each month as follows: (i) Commencing May 20, 2013 through November 20, 2013, one-seventh (1/7) of the interest due on December 1, 2013; (ii) prior to December 1, 2024, commencing December 20, 2013, and the 20th day of each month thereafter, onesixth (1/6) of interest due on the next Interest Payment Date and then (iii) on and after December 1, 2024, on the 20th day of each month thereafter, all interest due on the next Interest Payment Date; plus (iv) commencing May 20, 2013, through November 20, 2013, one-seventh (1/7) of principal due on December 1, 2013; (v) prior to December 1, 2024, commencing December 20, 2013 and the 20th day of each month thereafter onetwelfth (1/12) of principal due on the next Principal Payment Date, and then (vi) on and after December 1, 2024, on the 20th day of each month thereafter, all principal due on the next Principal Payment Date. All payments in items (i) through (vi) herein shall be made together with such additional proportionate sum (if any) as may be required to pay the full amount of such principal and interest as the same respectively become due.

SECTION 5. Amendment of Bond Certificate. The original bond certificate relating to the Bonds shall be amended and restated to reflect the amendments authorized by this Ordinance and delivered to the Owners thereof in exchange for the original bond certificate.

SECTION 6. Further Actions. Any one of the Mayor, the Court-Appointed Fiscal Administrator, or any deputy thereof, or person duly appointed in writing to act in the stead of such officer (collectively, the "Responsible Officers"), is hereby authorized and directed for and in the name of and on behalf of the Town to take such actions and to execute such documents and certificates as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance, including tax documentation, and execution and delivery of any and all memorandums of agreement or understanding, assignments, certificates, requisitions, agreements, notices, consents, instruments of conveyance, warrants and other documents, which they, or any of them, deem necessary or advisable in order to consummate the transactions and requirements as described herein.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall be published one time in the official journal of the Town; however, it shall not be necessary to publish any exhibits hereto if the same are available for public inspection and such fact is stated in the publication.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately and the amendments to the Original Bond Ordinance contained herein shall be effective as if initially contained in the Original Bond Ordinance. The provisions of the Original Bond Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically supplemented and amended hereby.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Clerk

Mayor

BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE TOWN OF HOMER

ORDINANCE NO. __OF 2024

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF CLAIBORNE

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the Town, on ______, 2024, supplementing and amending an ordinance adopted on April 1, 2013, authorizing the issuance of Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 of the Town of Homer, State of Louisiana, to modify the debt service schedule of the bonds, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature on this, the ____ day of _____, 2024.

Clerk