

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

**COUNCIL MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 18, 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 18th day of November 2024 at 6:00p.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:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Town Treasurer, Shenovia Harris

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING DATED November 18, 2024.**

Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting held October 15, 2024, and Special Call Meeting October 22, 2024. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Sammy Kirk. Minutes from the regular meeting held October 15, 2024, and the Special Call Meeting held on October 22, 2024 we unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were several questions and concerns raised by numerous citizens pertaining to the increase in water bill rates. How the rates were calculated, what is the generated increase for, why now, how long has this situation existed, are there funds available to assist those in need where just some of the questions. Also. the additional cost of living increase to the water rates were discussed. Several Citizens: Marvin Brown, Joe Ellis Michael, Donald Willis, Ree Champ, Rita Curry, Lemario Harris, Rev. Edward Murphy and Minister Henderson all made comments concerning these issues.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #24-004** - 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 of such bonds, and providing for other matters in connection therewith  
Ordinance 24-004 was introduced by Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals and discussed.

**APPROVE VARIANCE – 103 North Main Street- to allow for mobile home – Parcel #73031250**, Property belonging to Harold Cross.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Variance. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilman Alonzo Mitchell. Motion Passes Unanimously.

**APPROVE REZONING – 920 North Main from Street Residential Single Family to R-3 for Triplex- Parcel #0730035248.**

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Rezoning. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion Passes Unanimously.

**APPROVE AUTHORIZATION for the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with the Claiborne Parish School Board Concerning Homer High Baseball and Softball Teams as it relates to Armory Park** after Town Attorney approval.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Authorization. Motion was made by Councilman Sammy Kirk and seconded by Councilwoman Verletha Adams. Motion Passes Unanimously.

**APPROVE BID AND FINAL SALE of Parcel #8730089892**, formally known as Walmart/Fred's Parking Lot with a minimum bid that will include current appraised value and all related fees and approved by the Town Attorney and Special Administrator.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Bid and Final Sale. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion Passes Unanimously.

**APPROVE AUTHORIZATION** to survey property (3) ACRES more or less adjacent to Homer Golf Course to prepare property for surplus.

After discussion, Mayor Dr. Xanthe Seals entertained a motion to approve Property Survey. Motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Hand and seconded by Councilman Sammy Kirk. Motion Passes Unanimously.

## **SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. David Greer addressed the Town Council and Citizens answering numerous questions concerning the water and wastewater rate increases. Also, spoke to the Town of Homer overall indebtedness and still working through all bills and reviewing all funds.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **MAYOR**

The Mayor had no report.

### **COUNCIL**

Councilman Mitchel had no report.

Councilwoman Ivory had no report.

Councilman Hand commended the Citizens interest in what was going on in the town.

Councilwoman Adams had no comment.

Councilman Kirk expressed his compassion for the citizens.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Superintendent Moffitt spoke about the issues with the South Mayfield Well and flushing lines in Town to remove residue that is making water brown/cloudy in certain areas.

Superintendent Burns had no comment.

### **AIRPORT**

Mr. Whitton had no comment.

## **POLICE**

Chief Van McDaniel addressed his concerns and issues regarding the Homer Police Department and the community.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Officer Dunn addressed questions and issues concerning nonmoving vehicles.

## **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 Councilman Sammy Kirk.  
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 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOMER, LOUISIANA.

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