

TOWN OF KENTWOOD
REGULAR MEETING

April 4, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held a public hearing at 5:45 P.M., followed by its regular session on Thursday, April 4 2024 at the Kentwood City Hall with Mayor Irma T. Gordon presiding. Mayor Gordon called the meeting to order following opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

A public hearing to provide an opportunity for citizens to offer comments on and discuss a Zoning Change request from Vanessa Weathersby.

The roll was called with the following results:

Present: Gary Callihan, Michael Hall, Paul Stewart, Jakoiya Wilkerson

Absent: Xavier Diamond

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to approve minutes of February's special meeting.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to approve minutes of March's regular meeting.

Financial Reports submitted to Council Members will be sent out at a later date.

Mayor and Council to Canvas Results and prepare "Proces Verbal" of the election was approved on motion of Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried.

Ordinance No. 1 of 2024, establishing the continuation of the 1% Sales Tax was introduced on motion of Councilman Hall, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried. The Public Hearing set for May 2, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Josephine Hookfin Brown will provide a letter from the property owners, giving her permission to place her storage structure at 1200 Martin Luther King, before the waiver requests for her storage structure can be addressed.

Mayor Gordon discussed loud music and disturbing the peace.

The Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Resolution was approved on motion of Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried.

Mr. Ronnie Harrell with the Zoning Board made a recommendation to deny the zoning request change from Mrs. Vanessa Weathersby, property located at 613 Ave. J, to be rezoned from R1-Single-Family Residential Attached and Detached Conventional Homes to R4, Single-Family Residential Non-Conventional Residential.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to approve the Zoning Board's recommendation to deny Mrs. Weathersby's zoning request change at 613 Ave J.

Ordinance No. 2 of 2024, Franchise Agreement Ordinance with Charter Spectrum, was introduced on motion of Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried. The Public Hearing set for May 2, 2024, at 5:45 p.m.

The bear and liquor license request for Smith Six Investments dba The Good Times Daiquiris were approved on motion of Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried.

A motion was offered by Council Callihan, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to declare the following vehicles as surplus property:

1994 Ford Mini Pumper (Fire Truck) VIN: 1FDLF47F1REA31699

2001 Chevy Sedan (Impala) VIN: 2G1WF52E719289280

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to table Mayor Gordon's request to set a Moratorium in place, prohibiting the keeping of Reptiles in the town limits and prohibiting Trail Rides in the town limits, until rules and regulations can be put in place to govern them.

Chief Kazerooni's recommendation to hire Brittney Rick as a full-time police officer, at \$13.75/hour, replacing the School Resource Officer was approved on motion of Councilman Callihan, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried.

Mayor Gordon and Council discussed the police department's vehicles, mileage, gas costs, upkeep, and officers taking the cars home.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Fredrika M. Ruffin, Town Clerk

Irma T. Gordon, Mayor