

TOWN OF KENTWOOD
REGULAR MEETING

December 4, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held its regular session on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:00 P.M., included a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. with continued session after the hearing, at the Kentwood City Hall with Mayor Irma T. Gordon presiding. Mayor Gordon called the meeting to order following the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called with the following results:

Present: Gary Callihan, Xavier Diamond (Late #4), Michael Hall, Paul Stewart and Jakoiya Wilkerson.

Absent: None.

A motion was offered by Gary Callihan, second by Paul Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of our November meeting.

A motion was offered by Jakoiya Wilkerson, second by Michael Hall and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Reports as written and submitted.

A motion was offered by Gary Callihan, second by Michael Hall and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2025 (Ordinance for Donation of Servitude Passage).

A motion was offered by Jakoyia Wilkerson, second by Paul Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the Introduction of Ordinance No. 1 of 2026 (Amendment to Chapter 24, Article II, Section 24-19, Noise Control).

A motion was offered by Gary Callihan, second by Paul Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the renewal contract with O & M Services (gas) on behalf of the town.

A motion was offered by Gary Callihan, second by Michael Hall and unanimously carried to approve the 2026 Liquor License for FiftyStar LLC dba Star Plus.

A motion was offered by Michael Hall, second by Paul Stewart and unanimously carried to not approve the 2026 Liquor License for Kentwood VFW (The Dub).

The roll was called with the following votes to not approve Liquor License for Kentwood VFW (The Dub):

Yay: None

Nay: Callihan, Diamond, Hall, Stewart, Wilkerson

The motion passed not to approve the 2026 Liquor License for Kentwood VFW (The Dub).

A motion was offered by Jakoyia Wilkerson, second by Xavier Diamond and unanimously carried to approve the 2026 Liquor License for Market Max.

A motion was offered by Xavier Diamond, second by Paul Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the 2026 Liquor License for SK Kentwood Inc/Kentwood Food Mart (Pilot).

A motion was offered by Michael Hall, second by Paul Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the 2026 Liquor License for Sullivan's Inc.

A motion was offered by Michael Hall, second by Paul Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the 2026 Liquor License for Wine on Main.

A motion was offered by Gary Callihan, second by Michael Hall and unanimously carried to give the mayor authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tangipahoa Parish Rural Fire Protection District No. 2.

A motion was offered by Gary Callihan, second by Michael Hall and unanimously carried to approve Mayor Gordon to extend the WSP Gravity Sewer contract with Insituform.

The Town of Kentwood acknowledged and open sealed bids for the MLK Park and the North Tangi Park. All bids will be taken under consideration.

RFP# 2025-MLK Park-RR (Restroom Facilities)

1. Nobles Construction (\$171,201.10)
2. Shaw AC & Electric (\$26,500.00)
3. Burke (Incomplete)

RFP# 2025-North Tangi 1051 Park-CSSR (New Concession Stand)

1. Shaw AC & Electric (\$125,00.00)

A motion was offered by Gary Callihan, second by Paul Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the Fire Chief Schrimsher's recommendation to accept the resignation of Rachel Passman, effective December 4, 2025.

A motion was offered by Gary Callihan, second by Jakoyia Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the Fire Chief Schrimsher's recommendation to hire part-time fire fighter Samuel Gilliland to a full-time fire fighter, with the pay rate of \$10 an hour.

A motion was offered by Jakoyia Wilkerson, second by Gary Callihan and unanimously carried to approve Fire Chief Schrimsher's recommendation to hire Bailey LeJeune as a part-time firefighter, with the pay rate of \$9.75 an hour.

Mayor Gordon gave Xavier Diamond to give updates about the Water Rate Study that him and the committee has been discussing. During the discussion we were told that Well #3 was currently off line and we were working to get in back up and running.

Mayor Gordon discussed the upcoming Christmas Festivities, set for December 6, 2025. The festival was cancelled due to the weather but the Mayor still wants the kids to come out and see Santa and get toys. This will take place at the Kentwood Community Center between the times of 12 noon- 3 PM.

A motion was offered by Xavier Diamond, second by Paul Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the mayor to amend the agenda to add an item. A roll call vote was done to approve the adding of agenda item.

Yay: Callihan, Diamond, Hall, Stewart, Wilkerson

Nay: None

The motion passed to amend the agenda to add an item.

A motion was offered by Micheal Hall, second by Jakoyia Wilkerson and unanimously carried to Add the Introduction of Ordinance No. 2 of 2026 (Amendment to Chapter 4, Section 4-3, Code of Ordinances prohibits persons under the age of 21 years from entering “any business or the parking area surrounding it”).

A motion was offered by Micheal Hall, second by Gary Callihan and unanimously carried to approve the Introduction of Ordinance No. 2 of 2026 (Amendment to Chapter 4, Section 4-3, Code of Ordinances prohibits persons under the age of 21 years from entering “any business or the parking area surrounding it”).

A motion was offered by Micheal Hall, second by Xavier Diamond and unanimously carried to adjourn the December 4, 2025 council meeting.

Donnisha Alexander, Deputy Clerk

Irma T. Gordon, Mayor