

TOWN OF KENTWOOD
REGULAR MEETING

February 1, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held its regular session on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., 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.

The roll was called with the following results:

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

Absent: None.

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

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of last month's meeting.

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

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to set the July 2024 meeting date to July 2nd, due to the 4th of July holiday.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to set the August 2024 meeting date to August 8th, due to the LMA Annual Convention.

The resolution to approve council meeting dates for 2024 was approved on motion of Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to approve the 2024 LGAP (Local Government Assistance Program) Resolution.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the 2024 CWF (Community Water Enrichment Fund) Resolution.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to approve the Beer and Liquor License for Family Dollar.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to set the date at time for Love the Boot Cleanup to April 20, 2024, for 9:00 a.m.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried to adopt resolutions approving the filing and appointing of the Mayor as agent of the Town of Kentwood to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications for the 2024 grants; LGAP, Highway Enrichment Program, Local Road Safety Program, Delta Regional Authority, Federal Appropriations, CWF, Recreational Trails, Capital Outlay, USDA Rural Development, Land and Water Conservation Fund and LCDBG.

Mr. Bruce Harrell, CPA, discussed The Compliance Questionnaire.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried to adopt the Compliance Questionnaire.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the Special Meeting to open sealed bids for the WSP (Water Sector Program) Improvements Project on February 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., for Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation, Kentwood Lift Station Rehabilitation, and the Lagoon Levee Rehabilitation.

Mayor Gordon and Mr. Bruce Harrell discussed the gas department's rates and operation.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to set a public hearing to discuss the Recreation Department for February 22, 2024, following the special meeting.

Mayor Gordon discussed the building condemnation procedures and listing of locations that she and Mr. David Sellers have been working on.

Nicki Carrier Taylor, Kentwood Rotary President, discussed the Pet Parade that is set to roll on March 23, 2024, for 12:00 noon.

Jerney Robinson discussed the Men's Unity that will take place on February 24, 2024, for 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Gordon discussed the Mardi Gras Day of Activities.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried to amend the agenda.

A motion was offered by Councilman Stewart, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to add the discussion of the one-time service and payment to Chappapeela Park Services for some work to be done at the Kentwood Recreation Park.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to approve the one-time agreement for services to Chappapeela Park Services.

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

Fredrika M. Ruffin, Town Clerk

Irma T. Gordon, Mayor