

TOWN OF KENTWOOD
REGULAR MEETING

September 4, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held its regular session on Thursday, September 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, Michael Hall, Paul Stewart and Jakoiya Wilkerson.

Absent: None.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of our August 7th meeting.

A motion was offered by Councilman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Reports as submitted.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to approve the Constitution Week Proclamation (Sept. 17th – Sept. 23rd, 2025).

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2 of 2025 (Ordinance for Trail Ride Moratorium).

The roll was taken with the following results:

Yay: Callihan, Diamond, Hall, Stewart, Wilkerson.

Nay: None.

A motion was offered by Councilman Diamon and second by Councilwoman Wilkerson to table the Introduction of Ordinance No. 3 of 2025 (an Ordinance to Contract Municipal Boundaries and De-Annex the Old O.W. Dillon School Property from Within the Town of Kentwood city limits).

The roll was called with the following votes:

Yay: Diamond, Wilkerson.

Nay: Callihan, Hall, Stewart.

The motion failed.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall and second by Councilman Callihan to introduce Ordinance No. 3 of 2025 (an Ordinance to Contract Municipal Boundaries and De-Annex the Old O.W. Dillon School Property from Within the Town of Kentwood city limits).

The roll was called with the following votes:

Yay: Callihan, Hall, Stewart.

Nay: Diamond, Wilkerson.

The motion passed.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to approve Jeremy Alford's (new owner) request to move the snowball stand (formerly Hayden Snow Shack) from 900 3rd St. to Tiance Varnado's property (near 706 3rd St., the Hair Studio).

A representative for Mr. Don Bates, CLG, Owner/President of Osprey Initiative, discussed the Litter Getter system that will be placed in the Town of Kentwood for litter abatement. This system is funded through the Tangipahoa Parish Government and will be placed in the canal on Hwy. 51, behind Schilling Pharmacy.

The Town of Kentwood acknowledged and opened sealed bids for the MLK Park and the North Tangi Park.

RFP# 2025-MLK PARK-IPE (New Playground Equipment)

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

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

RFP# 2025-North Tangi Park 1051-IPE (New Playground Equipment)

Mr. Sher Singh, the Pilot Store owner, gave an update on the previous issues that were discussed at our August meeting. He informed everyone that he started working on digging a ravine and he plans to fix the property line issue that is at our Ave. I water well yard.

The Council thanked Mr. Singh and told him that his response was reasonable.

Mayor Gordon discussed the gas loss during the Smitty's Explosion. She informed everyone that our meter melted during the explosion, but we were still able to determine that there was not a lot of gas loss.

Mayor Gordon discussed the Town's Emergency Horn. It was placed at ground level during the test run, but the sound should flow all over, once it is elevated on the pole.

Mayor Gordon informed everyone that the Town will be doing another round of a Hearing to address overgrown and abandoned property.

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

Fredrika M. Ruffin, Town Clerk

Irma T. Gordon, Mayor