

TOWN OF KENTWOOD  
REGULAR MEETING

May 2, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held a public hearing at 5:30 P.M. and at 5:45 P.M., followed by its regular session on Thursday, May 2, 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 an Ordinance Establishing the continuation of the 1% Sales Tax.

A public hearing to provide an opportunity for citizens to offer comments on and discuss an Ordinance Establishing a Franchise Fee on Cable and Video Service Providers.

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 Hall and unanimously carried to approve minutes of April's regular meeting.

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

Ordinance No. 1 of 2024, establishing the continuation of the 1% Sales Tax was adopted on motion of Councilman Stewart, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried.

Ordinance No. 2 of 2024, establishing a Franchise Fee on Cable and Video Service Providers, was adopted on motion of Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried.

Mayor Gordon and Ms. Tonya Mabry discussed the Section 8 Housing Authority. They informed everyone of the new regulations that will be implemented this year and the Kentwood Housing will be consolidated with the Tangipahoa Parish Housing Authority.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to amend the agenda to add the Resolution for the Voluntary Transfer of the Town of Kentwood Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV) to Tangipahoa Parish Housing Authority.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to adopt the Resolution with the correction of 73 vouchers, approving the Voluntary transfer of the Town of Kentwood Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) to the Tangipahoa Parish Housing Authority.

A motion was offered by Councilman Diamond, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the waiver request from Mrs. Josephine Hookfin, to move her storage structure and get utilities in it for a Snack Shop.

Nikki Carrier Taylor, President of the Town of Kentwood's Chamber of Commerce, discussed the park located by the Kentwood Community Center.

A motion was offered by Councilman Diamond, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to give Mayor Gordon authority to negotiate the contract with Jaimee Harness and approve it based on Mayor's Gordon review of the contract for the Town of Kentwood's website proposal.

No action was taken on Mr. William Lawson's request for the Town of Kentwood to purchase the signage for the Christmas Festival.

Mayor Gordon and the Council heard responses from Homeowners of Abandoned properties.

The Moratorium to prohibit the keeping of reptiles in the Town limits, until rules and regulations can be put in place to govern them were approved on motion of Councilman Diamond, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Diamond, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to table the Moratorium prohibiting the Trail Rides in the Town limits, until rules and regulations can be put in place to govern them.

A motion was offered by Councilman Diamond and second by Councilwoman Wilkerson to approve the Beer and Liquor license for the Vibe, with revisiting in 30 days. The motion passed with a majority vote as follows:

Yay: Councilman Callihan, Councilman Diamond, and Councilwoman Wilkerson.

Nays: Councilman Hall and Councilman Stewart.

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

Fredrika M. Ruffin, Town Clerk

Irma T. Gordon, Mayor