

TOWN OF KENTWOOD
REGULAR MEETING

October 2, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held its regular session on Thursday, October 2, 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 Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of our September 4th 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 Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to approve Mayor Gordon to renew the contract with RETC, Inc. (grant consultant) on behalf of the Town.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to approve Hannis T. Bourgeois' Compilation Engagement for the year ending December 31, 2025.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to set Trick-or-Treat Hours from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2025.

Fire Chief Schrimsher discussed the importance of the Town of Kentwood adopting a Fire Prevention Bureau.

Mr. William Lawson gave an update on the Christmas Festival and request the \$25 vendor's fee is waived. The Christmas Festival will be from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to waive the \$25 vendor's fee, for the Christmas Festival.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall and second by Councilman Callihan to adopt 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. The motion passed with the following votes:

Yeas: Callihan, Hall, Stewart, Wilkerson.

Nays: None.

Abstained: Diamond.

Absent: None.

Ordinance No. 4 of 2025 (an Ordinance to give Servitude of Passage) was introduced on motion of Councilman Hall, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried. The public hearing was set for 5:45 p.m., on December 4, 2025.

The following bid tabulation for the parks was presented:

Vendor	Project	Bid Amount	Budget
Bliss Products and Services, Inc.	RFP# 2025-MLK-IPE	\$96,000.00	\$110,000.00
Lanier Plans, Inc, dba KorKat	RFP# 2025-MLK-IPE	\$108,790.68	\$110,000.00
Planet Recess, Inc.	RFP# 2025-MLK-IPE	\$95,985.00	\$110,000.00
Swift Recreation, LLC	RFP# 2025-MLK-IPE	\$97,741.34	\$110,000.00
Noble Construction, LLC	RFP# 2025-MLK Park-RR	\$171,201.10	\$55,000.00
Bliss Products and Services, Inc.	RFP# 2025-North Tangi Park 1051-IPE	\$41,000.00	\$46,000.00
Lanier Plans, Inc, dba KorKat	RFP# 2025-North Tangi Park 1051-IPE	\$45,974.80	\$46,000.00
Planet Recess, Inc.	RFP# 2025-North Tangi Park 1051-IPE	\$39,693.00	\$46,000.00
Swift Recreation, LLC	RFP# 2025-North Tangi Park 1051-IPE	\$43,328.29	\$46,000.00
No Bids Received	RFP# 2025-North Tangi 1051 Park-CSSR (New Concession Stand)		\$205,000.00

A motion was offered by Councilman Diamond, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to approve the bid from Planet Recess for the new playground equipment at the MLK Park, in the amount of \$95,985.00.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to reject the bid from Noble Construction, LLC for the MLK Park Restroom construction, in the amount of \$171,201.10, due to the bid being over the budget and to re-advertise for bids.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to approve the bid from Planet Recess for new playground equipment at the North Tangi Park, in the amount of \$39,693.00.

There were no bids received for the North Tangi Park new concession stand construction. A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to readvertise for bids, for the North Tangi Park new concession stand construction.

Mayor Gordon, Russ Carter, and Mr. Neal Cutrer discussed the importance of increasing water rates for commercial and residential customers, per recommendation of Timmy Lemoine with LA Rural Water Association.

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