

TOWN OF KENTWOOD
REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held its regular session on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 6:00 P.M., 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 and Michael Hall.

Absent: Paul Stewart and Jakoiya Wilkerson.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of last month's regular meeting.

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

Ms. Wanda Evans, from the North Tangi Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., informed everyone that they are sponsoring a Community Care Saturday, on May 16, 2026, at the Kentwood Community Park, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Candace Picard spoke on the upcoming dedication service with the combined efforts of the Kentwood community and Oak Grove AME Church, honoring the "Silent Voices." It will be on May 23, 2026, at the Kentwood Community Center Pavillion, at 11:00 a.m. The placing of the Headstone will be at the Oak Grove AME Cemetery, immediately after.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to declare the following vehicle as Police Surplus and approve the advertisement for bids, with a minimum bid of \$3,000.00: 2014 Dodge Charger VIN: 2C3CDXAT5EH348550

Mayor Gordon reminded everyone of our Curfew Ordinance in the Town of Kentwood; Sundays through Thursdays from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to approve Fire Chief Schrimsher's request changing Tanner Parnell's employment from full-time to part-time, due to personal circumstances.

Mayor Gordon reminded everyone 4-wheelers and/or golf carts are not allowed on our roads.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to approve Fire Chief Schrimsher's request changing Bailey LeJune's employment from part-time to full-time, with a pay rate of \$10/hr.

Mr. Chad Robinson from Environmental Technical Sales and Mr. Ethan Stanley from Kamstrup, discussed the different options available for water meters.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to approve the Evaluation committee's recommendation, to deny Shaw AC & Electrical's proposals on the MLK and North Tangi Park.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to approve the request to seek new proposals for the construction of the MLK Park restrooms and the construction of the North Tangi Park concession stand, storage and bathrooms park projects.

Mayor Gordon and the Council discussed options to replace our broken sewer machine.

The Kentwood Museum Committee gave an update on the progress they are making in getting the new museum opened.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Fredrika M. Ruffin, Town Clerk

Irma T. Gordon, Mayor