

TOWN OF KENTWOOD
REGULAR MEETING

December 5, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held its regular session on Thursday, December 5, 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 Hall and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of last month's regular meeting.

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

Financial Reports were emailed to the Council Members.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried to set the Public Hearing and Budget Meeting date for December 23, 2024, with the public hearing starting at 5:00 p.m. and the budget meeting starting at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the 2024 Engagement Letter from Ms. Minda Raybourn, for the Agreed-Upon Procedures.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried to approve Ms. Minda Raybourn, CPA, LLC of Franklinton, LA as Independent Auditor for the Town of Kentwood FYE 2024.

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

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of an Emergency cemetery plot for Mr. Bryan D. Tate – Section 3, Lot C, Plot 23, in the amount of \$1275.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a cemetery plot for Mrs. Rita Webb Tate – Section 3, Lot C, Plot 25, in the amount of \$1275.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the Beer, Liquor, and Tobacco License for I-55 Lounge & Bar.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried to approve the Beer and Liquor License for FiftyStar LLC dba Star Plus.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve Liquor License Renewal for 2025, incomplete applications or applications not received, will not be approved. The following were approved: Dollar General, Kentwood VFW (The Dub), Pilot (Kentwood Food Mart), and Sullivan's Inc.

Mr. David Atkins, Tangipahoa Parish Fire District No. 2, gave an update on Fire District No. 2 that relates to Kentwood Fire Department's financial situation. The 2018 contract renews every year and it has a \$250,000 maximum cap for fire protection. He informed everyone that as of now, the cap will not be lifted. They are seeking approval from the Fire Board to approve paying half of the remaining salaries that are due to the fire department through the end of the year, with the Town of Kentwood paying the other half.

The Board discussed the remaining amount for the firefighters' pay through the end of 2024. A motion was made by Councilman Hall, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve paying the other half of the remaining firefighters' salaries for the remainder of 2024.

Mr. William Lawson discussed the Christmas Festival.

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

Fredrika M. Ruffin, Town Clerk

Irma T. Gordon, Mayor