

TOWN OF KENTWOOD
SPECIAL SESSION

December 22, 2025

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held a public hearing at 5:00 P.M., followed by its special session on Monday, December 22, 2025 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, and Jakoiya Wilkerson

Absent: None.

There was one 2025 liquor license renewal for approval. A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the beer, liquor and tobacco license renewal for Circle K.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to grant Ms. Sandy Welch's hardship request to stay in a camper and get utilities for the next 6 months. Ms. Welch can come back before the Council to request more time after 6 months, if needed.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to approve Fire Chief Schrimsher's recommendation to hire part-time firefighter, Brendan Digiovanni, as a full-time firefighter, at a rate of \$10/hr.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried for the Town of Kentwood to no longer give pennies as change, due to the bank no longer giving pennies as change. Our customers paying must have the exact change or any amount owed to them will be applied to their account as a credit, excluding property tax payments.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve amendments to FYE 2024 Budget and adopt FYE 2025 Budget, along with detail of salaries as required by L.R.S. 33:404.1. This motion was approved with the stipulation that all departments come back before the Council before making purchases that will affect the Town's budget.

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

Fredrika M. Ruffin, Town Clerk

Irma T. Gordon, Mayor