

TOWN OF KENTWOOD
REGULAR MEETING

July 2, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held its regular session on Thursday, July 2, 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, Michael Hall, Paul Stewart and Jakoiya Wilkerson.

Absent: None.

The financial statements will be emailed to the councilmembers.

Lauren Anthony, AmWaste of Louisiana District Manager, discussed the recent changes that have taken place with garbage pickup in the Town of Kentwood.

There were no sealed bids for the 2014 Dodge Charger (VIN: 2C3CDXAT5EH348550, Minimum Bid amount of \$3,000.00).

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to decrease the minimum bid amount to \$2,000.00 and re-advertise, per recommendation of Chief Kazerooni.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hall, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 26-07 (Hazard Mitigation Plan Update).

The roll was called with the following results:

Yeas: Gary Callihan, Xavier Diamond, Michael Hall, Paul Stewart and Jakoiya Wilkerson.

Nays: None.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to approve Chief Kazerooni's recommendation, to hire Jermaine Irving as a full-time police officer, at a rate of \$15.50/hr.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to approve the Town of Kentwood to sponsor the 2026 Christmas Festival.

Mr. Michael Self from Coburn Supply, discussed their metering system.

Mr. Bruce Harrell, CPA, presented the 2025 Final Financial Statements. A motion was offered by Councilman Diamond, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the 2025 Final Financial Statements.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to set a special meeting date to July 27, 2026, for 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the FYE 12.31.25 audit, discuss budget updates, and award contractors for the park projects.

A motion was offered by Councilman Diamond, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to table resurfacing the North end of Martin Luther King Dr.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Fredrika M. Ruffin, Town Clerk

Irma T. Gordon, Mayor