

TOWN OF KENTWOOD  
REGULAR MEETING

March 7, 2024

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held its regular session on Thursday, March 7, 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 Diamond and unanimously carried to approve minutes of February's regular monthly meeting.

Financial Reports submitted to Council Members will be sent out at a later date.

Mr. David Kozan presented the bid tabulation and gave an update on the Water Sector Program, via telephone conference. A motion was offered by Councilman Diamond, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to give Mayor Gordon authority to accept bids, issue notice of awards and enter into contracts for the Town of Kentwood, contingent upon the State's approval of reallocation.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to approve the updated contract with Pipeline Integrity Partners, LLC.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan and second by Councilman Hall to approve the waiver request to put lights in her storage structure, based on proof from the fire marshal and the building meets the code. The motion passed with the following votes:

Callihan: Yea          Diamond: Nay          Hall: Yea          Stewart: Yea          Wilkerson: Yea

Mayor Gordon and the Council discussed an alert system that would notify the residents/customers in the event of an emergency in town.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to accept the proposal of USG Water Solutions Maintenance Program for our annual water tank upkeep.

Nicki Taylor discussed the Cajun 2 Step's Crawfish Festival and announced that it will be on April 6, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. George Hayes discussed the Main Street Conservation. Mayor Gordon recommended the following people to sit on the committee:

Irma Clines

Karen Griffin

Chief Kazerooni

Ronnie Harrell

Georg Hayes

Alice Mary Honeycutt

Brad Dill

A motion was offered by Councilman Diamond, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to accept Mayor Gordon's recommendation for the Main Street Conservation committee.

Nichelle Cook and Councilwoman Wilkerson discussed the Newly Proposed Magnet Program Opportunity at KHMS, the MC Moore Leadership and Social Justice Academy. They announced the Community Meeting will be at the KHMS cafeteria on Monday, March 11, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Gordon and the Council discussed proof of liability insurance is required for all events held in the Town of Kentwood, unless the Town of Kentwood is giving it. Even so, the Town will have to add the events to our liability insurance.

Mayor and Council discussed putting rules and regulations in place, for trail rides held in the Town of Kentwood city limits.

Mr. Ronnie Shaw gave an update on the generator work at the back of City Hall. A motion was offered by Councilman Diamond, second by Councilman Callihan and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Shaw's request of an additional \$15,000 for supplement work done on the back wall.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Stewart and unanimously carried to approve Chief Kazerooni's recommendation to accept Timothy Samuel's resignation, effective 02/10/2024.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to approve Fire Chief Griffith's recommendation to accept William McGregor's resignation, effective 02/29/2024.

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