

TOWN OF KENTWOOD
REGULAR MEETING

August 13, 2026

The Town Council of the Town of Kentwood, Louisiana held its regular session on Thursday, August 13, 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.

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

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

The financial statements will be emailed to the councilmembers.

A motion was offered by Councilman Diamond, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve the emergency cemetery plot for Tammy Terrebone, Sec 3, Block C, Plot 32, in the amount of \$2,775.

A motion was offered by Councilman Stewart, second by Councilwoman Wilkerson and unanimously carried to approve 1 cemetery plot for purchase for Bryan Terrebone, Sec 3, Block C, Plot 34, in the amount of \$2,775.

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

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan and second by Councilman Diamond to approve Chief Kazerooni's recommendation to hire Davontae Kagler as a full-time police officer, at a rate of \$13.75/hr. The motion passed with the following results:

Yeas: Gary Callahn, Xavier Diamond, Paul Stewart and Jakoiya Wilkerson.

Nays: Michael Hall.

Absent: None.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to approve Walter King's request for a permit to bring a storage building to 926 Ave G and get utilities to the building.

Mayor Gordon gave an update on CivicSource. The Council was informed that the company had suspended their operations while handling a litigation in court with another municipality.

The council recommended that a representative from the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office Ad Valorem Tax Division, meet with the Town officials to answer some questions and explain how their process will work, if the Town of Kentwood enters in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with them.

The Mayor and Council discussed repairing the old sewer machine or purchasing a new one.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to approve the Resolution regarding a Lease-Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Financing a new sewer jetter. The terms are 60 payments of \$1,678.90 a month.

The roll was taken with the following results:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Wilkerson, second by Councilman Diamond and unanimously carried to approve Mayor Gordon the authorization to search for grants for water meters and water system improvements

William Lawson gave an update on the 2026 Christmas Festival.

A motion was offered by Councilman Callihan, second by Councilman Hall and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Fredrika M. Ruffin, Town Clerk

Irma T. Gordon, Mayor