

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN OF KINDER, LOUISIANA**

February 2, 2026

The Notice of Meeting/Agenda having been duly posted in accordance with requirements, and a quorum being present, the council meeting was called to order by Mayor LaFargue at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor, Council and Staff Present:

Wayland LaFargue, Mayor
LaToya Tunwar, Councilwoman Dist.1
Jerry Nevils, Jr., Councilman Dist. 3
Angie Van Norman, Councilwoman Dist.4
Susanne Sonnier, Councilwoman at Large
Cynthia Tunwar, Town Clerk
Michael Holmes, Town Attorney
Paul Courville, Chief of Police
Rhett Deselle, City Engineer

Council and Staff Absent:

Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2

Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

Approval of Minutes

Mayor asks the council to consider approval of the minutes for the regular council meeting of January 5, 2026, as presented.

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Made by: Councilman Nevils

Second: Councilwoman Sonnier

Discussion: None

Vote: 4-0, passed

Mayor's Report

None

Chief of Police Report

Chief Courville ask council to consider hiring Ben Fonteont as a full-time patrol officer. Chief Courville commends Benjamin "Ben" Fontenot for a job well done.

Mayor LaFargue requested a motion to hire Ben Fontenot as a full-time officer.

Motion: To approve hiring Ben Fontenot as full-time officer

Made by: Councilwoman Sonnier

Second: Councilman Nevils

Discussion: None

Vote: 4-0, passed

Town Attorney Report

Holmes requested that a representative for the Condemnation Hearing -Case No. 2024-20, 1301 Carver Ave – Bellow Estate that was tabled on August 4, 2025 council meeting to step forward. Representative Trent stepped forward. Holmes asked to be updated on status before going forward with the Condemnation Hearing. Trent advised that they are still awaiting one signature from an heir who is stationed / living in Germany. He is a military liaison. Holmes sums it up with waiting on succession to be filed and the outline of the plan for someone to control an account that some people are going to contribute to. Requested town engineer – Rhett- to file proper paperwork for notice of condemnation. Holmes requests to dismiss the notice and asks council to cancel notice of condemnation.

Mayor LaFargue requested a motion to dismiss Case No. 2024-20, 1301 Carver Ave – Bellow Estate – from the Condemnation list.

Motion: To dismiss notice of condemnation Case No. 2024-20, 1301 Carver Ave – Bellow Estate

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar

Second: Councilman Nevils

Discussion: None

Vote: 4-0, passed

Holmes consider approval of Class B Alcoholic Beverage License for Johnson Daiquiri Shack

Mayor LaFargue requested a motion to motion to approve Class B Alcoholic Beverage License for Johnson Daiquiri Shack

Motion: To approve Class B Alcoholic Beverage License for Johnson Daiquiri Shack

Made by: Councilwoman VanNorman

Second: Councilwoman Tunwar

Discussion: None

Vote: 4-0, passed

Engineer's Report

Rhett Deselle of Pan American Engineers (PAE) reported: (1) on status of Wastewater Treatment Plant project being closed out; (2) status of Nixon Addition drainage project; (3.) status of Clearance Project – started advertising for bids on Thursday, February 5th, Thursday, February 12th, and Thursday, February 19th. Bid opening date will be March 4th, at 10a.m. at PAE office – 1717 Jackson Sr. Alexandria 71306. Currently advertising for 11 asbestos structures and 5 properties just for demolition.

Council Report

Councilman Nevils reminder of LMA Mid-Winter Conference

Councilwoman Sonnier reminder of Estes LeDoux cook off at Lambert Park. All proceeds goes to St. Jude

Mayor LaFargue advised of partial reimbursement of \$70,000 for Park Road bridge.

Holmes advised of regulations on the Vape Shop. Present findings and regulation at March 9th council meeting.

Town Clerk Report

None

Adjournment

Mayor LaFargue requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn.

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar

Second: Councilwoman VanNorman

Vote: 4-0, passed

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/ Cynthia Tunwar, Town Clerk