

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

January 5, 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
Maria DeWees, Councilwoman Dist. 2
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:

None

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 December 1, 2025 as presented.

Motion: To approve minutes as presented

Made by: Councilman Nevils

Second: Councilwoman Sonnier

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0, passed

Mayor's Report

Mayor LaFargue announced that Chief of Police Paul Courville will be retiring on February 28, 2026, Mayor extended his deepest appreciation for his commitment and dedication to the community / town. Mayor announced that Lt. Brian Fontenot will be retiring on January 31, 2026, and extended his gratitude for decades of service.

Mayor LaFargue asks Royce Scimemi to consider audit report. Finding #2025-1 C: Local Governmental Budget Act Compliance. Finding #2025-2 C: Louisiana Public Bid Law and Disposition of Property Requirements in Vehicle Trade-in Transaction. Finding #2024-1 c: Local Governmental Budget Act Compliance.

Mayor asks the council to consider accepting the FY2024/25 Audit for the regular council meeting of January 5, 2026 as presented.

Motion: To approve FY 2024/25 Audit as presented

Made by: Councilman Tunwar

Second: Councilwoman Sonnier

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0, passed

Mayor asks the council to retain Royce Scimemi services for FY2025/26 Audit

Motion: To approve Royce Scimemi services for FY2025/26 Audit

Made by: Councilman Tunwar

Second: Councilman Nevils

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0, passed

Chief of Police Report

Chief Courville gives thanks to his family, staff/ officers, mayor and council and for their support throughout his 38 years of service. Courville thanked Sgt. Fontenot for his years of service.

Chief Courville asks the council to consider hiring Michael Hill as a parttime officer. Chief advised the that Hill is post-certified.

Mayor LaFargue requested a motion to hire Michael Hill as a parttime officer.

Motion: To approve hiring Michael Hill as parttime officer

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar

Second: Councilwoman VanNorman

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0, passed

Chief Courville commends Benjamin "Ben" Fontenot, Auxiliary Police Officer, for a job well done.

Town Attorney Report

Holmes requested to adopt Resolution 2026-01 for LMGA (Louisiana Municipal Gas Association) to allow Cynthia Tunwar to serve as an alternate Director in the absence of Mayor Wayland LaFargue.

Mayor LaFargue requested a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01 for LMGA (Louisiana Municipal Gas Association) to allow Cynthia Tunwar to serve as an alternate Director

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2026-01 for LMGA (Louisiana Municipal Gas Association)

Made by: Councilwoman Sonnier

Second: Councilwoman VanNorman

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0, passed

Holmes requested to adopt Resolution 2026-02 for CWF (Community Water Enrichment Fund) to replace aged and deteriorated water lines and water valves.

Mayor LaFargue requested a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-02 for CWF (Community Water Enrichment Fund) to replace aged and deteriorated water lines and water valves.

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2026-02 for CWF (Community Water Enrichment Fund)

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar

Second: Councilman Nevils

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0, passed

Holmes requested to adopt Resolution 2026-03 for LGAP (Local Government Assistance Program) to replace aged and deteriorated gas meters and registers.

Mayor LaFargue requested a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-03 for LGAP (Local Government Assistance Program) to replace aged and deteriorated gas meters and registers.

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2026-03 for LGAP (Local Government Assistance Program)

Made by: Councilwoman Sonnier

Second: Councilwoman VanNorman

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0, passed

Holmes requested the acceptance of Brittney Taylor's voluntary resignation letter from zoning board. Ms. Taylor was appointed to the board prior to her employment with the town, so it is incumbent upon her to resign from the board.

Mayor LaFargue requested motion to accept the resignation from zoning board.

Motion: To accept Brittney Taylor's resignation from zoning board.

Made by: Councilman Nevils

Second: Councilwoman Dewees

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0, passed

Engineer's Report

Rhett Deselle of Pan American Engineers (PAE) reported: (1) on status of Wastewater Treatment Plant; (2) status of Nixon Addition drainage project; (3.) status of Clearance Project – Waiting on approval letter for permission to accept bids / advertise.

Council Report

Councilwoman Tunwar questions if we will replace / appoint a new chief.

Mayor LaFargue advised we have until February 28th and 20 days thereafter to replace / appoint a chief.

Councilwoman Tunwar request Tom David with Pan American Engineers be present at the next council meeting in reference to Condemnation Hearing – Case No. 2024-20, 1301 Carver Ave. – Francis Bellow Estate

Town Clerk Report

None

Adjournment

Mayor LaFargue requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn.

Made by: Councilwoman Tunwar

Second: Councilwoman VanNorman

Vote: 5-0, passed

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 6:53p.m.

/s/Wayland LaFargue, Mayor

/s/ Cynthia Tunwar, Town Clerk