

Town of Pollock  
Town Council Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2024

The Town Council met on said date in a Regular Session at 6 P.M. in the Pollock Municipal Building Council Room, Pollock, La.

The following members were present: Councilwoman Kayden Carte, Councilwoman Kassandra Hooter, Councilwoman Dee Thorne, Councilman Sheldon Smith, and Councilman Alan Williams.

Mayor Beavers was absent Councilwoman Dee Thorne sat in as Mayor Pro Tem and called the meeting to order.

Councilman Smith led the council in prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Williams.

Mayor Pro Tem Thorne welcomed all guests.

Meeting opened for public comments or questions from anyone in attendance concerning agenda items following LSA R.S. 42:14. There were no comments.

Motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilwoman Hooter to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 regular town council meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Carte, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2023 special town council meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Bids were opened and awarded for the surplus police equipment that was advertised in the official journal.

The following bids were received: Dixie Auto Sales, \$3,386.00 JJMerchant, \$1,877.77 Stephen Scott Sr., \$1,100.00

Motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Hooter to accept the bid from Dixie Auto Sales. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried. The bid was awarded to Dixie Auto Sales.

Engineer Tom David was present. He updated the council on current projects and presented the following:

Resolution FY 2023/2024 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF)

Motion by Councilwoman Hooter, seconded by Councilman Smith to adopt the CWEF Resolution: Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Resolution FY 2023/2024 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP)

Motion by Councilwoman Hooter, seconded by Councilwoman Carte to adopt the LGAP Resolution: Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

CPA was not present.

Chief Chris Paul was present. The Police Department report was reviewed. A new building is needed for the police department and an additional officer is needed.

Motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Hooter to authorize Chief Paul to work closely with the engineer and the mayor to start gathering information and to present plans to the council for construction of a new police department. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Carte, seconded by Councilman Williams to hire a new police officer. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

The water department supervisor was present and updated the council on the future well projects.

Town Attorney Greg Jones reported that the Dogwood Learning Academy owner/operator is interested in purchasing the land where the building is located. Mr. Jones requested a public hearing be set for the month of February 5, 2024 at 5:45 P.M. to discuss the sale or lease of the land to the owner/operator of the Dogwood Learning Academy.

Motion by Councilwoman Hooter, seconded by Councilman Smith to set a public hearing for 5:45 P.M. for the discussion of the possible sale or lease where the Dogwood Learning Academy is located. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilwoman Hooter to adjourn. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

(s) Deborah Durham, Town Clerk

(s) Douglas Beavers, Mayor