

Town of Pollock
Town Council Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023

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 called the meeting to order.

Councilman Smith led the council in prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Carte.

Mayor Beavers 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 Councilwoman Carte seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the monthly minutes of October 2023 regular town council meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0. Motion carried.

The engineers were not present; however, Spencer had reached out to let the mayor know that the request for a non-competitive procurement had been approved and that Pan American would be sending the contracts to the contractor for signatures and procurement of bonds so the work to be done with the LLOP project could begin.

CPA representative, Dylan Spor was present.

Motion by Councilwoman Thorne, seconded by Councilman Williams to add to the agenda the discussion of the amended budget for fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 and the proposed budget for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Roll call vote: Yeas: 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Thorne, seconded by Councilman Williams to introduce, discuss, and vote upon the amended budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, at the December 4, 2023, regular council meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Motion by Councilman Williams seconded by Councilman Smith to introduce general fund proposed budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Roll call vote: Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Chief Chris Paul was present, and the police department report was reviewed. Nothing to report.

Town Attorney, Greg Jones was present and reported on the Sales Tax that will be on the ballot. We have never had a sales tax and we have not had property tax for 15 years. The grant money is drying up and the tax is dedicated, it will mostly affect those passing through Pollock, not the residents. All of the information collected for the sales tax ordinance was gathered from the tax assessor, and the state tax committee. This tax would only help the policing and upkeep of the entire community especially if we annex more businesses are in. also reported that the meeting with State Representative Gabe Firment to acquire funding for improvements for the festival grounds at LaCroix Park but mentioned that this will most likely be the last year that anyone will be able to acquire any funding for recreational projects, and the town is still in the running for the grants from Appropriations Committee for the water/sewer infrastructure improvements. The mayor added that it is not financially responsible to have most of the funding for the town from one source.

The mayor reported that the Halloween event was a tremendous success with over 700 people in attendance and thanked all the volunteers for their help to make the Halloween event a success. Discussed the upcoming Christmas Festival, Christmas Parade, and activities.

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Hooter to adjourn. Roll call vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

(s) Deborah Durham, Town Clerk

(s) Douglas Beavers, Mayor