

Town of Pollock
Town Council Meeting Minutes
May 5, 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, Councilman Sheldon Smith, and Councilman Alan Williams.

Absent: Councilwoman Darlene Thorne

Mayor Beavers called the meeting to order.

Councilman Smith led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Hooter led the council in prayer.

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 Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the April 2024 meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Jon Bladel was present and was recognized by the mayor to speak. Mr. Bladel informed the council that he would like to have his property, which is located at the old sawmill, rezoned. He is requesting that the property which is currently zoned as HC – Historical Commercial be zoned Commercial only. Mr. Bladel was informed that he would have to go before the zoning committee and request a change. A zoning committee meeting will be held at a later date suitable for everyone on the committee as well as Mr. Bladel and the town attorney.

Engineer Tom David was present, and the following updates were provided:

- 1) EPA Community Grants Program
- 2) CWEF and LGAP Grant Status Reports
- 3) LDEQ Revolving Loan Fund – wastewater improvements pre application
- 4) LLOP project updates
- 5) CDBG/Water system applications
- 6) Legislative capital outlay request for festival and recreation pavilion
- 7) Police Department building / construction

Mr. David gave the council two different options to consider concerning the style and approximate cost of the new police department building/construction.

Option A) Metal Building Style - \$950,000 - \$1.2 million

Option B) Architectural Building – would match the current Town Hall in style and design. \$1.4 - \$1.6 million

Both plans would have an approximate 30% contingency.

There was discussion concerning the plans. Councilman Williams stated he was in favor of Option B because it looked more like the town hall and would be something special and move the town forward. Chief Paul stated that he just needed something functional and would be ok with whatever the council decided. Councilwoman Carte expressed concern over Option A style. Mayor Beavers stated that he wanted to be on record as having noted that he believed it would be better to save some money and go with the more conservative project which was option A. Councilwoman Hooter inquired as to how Option A could be dressed up and not so plain and still be less costly than Option B. The engineer stated that he could add an option, Option C. Option C would be the original build of Option A – the metal building but would be “dressed up” with stone or brick around the bottom and could have covered entrances at the doors.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Carte, seconded by Councilman Williams to put the options to a vote. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Votes: Option A – None Option B – Williams Option C – Carte, Hooter, Smith

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Williams to authorize a contract with Ballard CLC Inc. for the design of the police department.

CPA representative Dylan Spor was present.

Chief Chris Paul was present and presented his monthly report.

The water department supervisor was present and updated the council on several ongoing projects.

Town Attorney Greg Jones reminded the council members about Tier III reports due May 15th.

Motion by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Carte to publish a public notice request for statement of qualifications for engineering services. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Hooter, seconded by Councilman Smith to advertise a public notice request for proposals for grant management services. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Carte seconded by Councilwoman Hooter to adjourn. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

(s) Deborah Durham, Town Clerk

(s) Douglas Beavers, Mayor