

Town of Pollock  
Town Council Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 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 Dee Thorne, Councilwoman Kassandra Hooter, Councilwoman Kayden Carte, Councilman Sheldon Smith, and Councilman Alan Williams.

Mayor Beavers called the meeting to order.

Councilwoman Carte led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Smith 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 Councilwoman Hooter seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the August 2024 meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Tripp Dungan from Cleco appeared before the council to present the Cleco Service Franchise Agreement, due for renewal at the beginning of 2025.

Councilman Williams asked to be recognized for discussion about an issue and request that he was approached about by a community member recently, that had already been presented to the council approximately two years previous. Councilman Williams explained that the community member would like to build an apartment complex containing forty apartment units near White RV Park but would like the town to absorb the costs of installing sewer and a wastewater treatment plant for the complex. At this time, the Water Department Supervisor explained the issues of costs and operations, and the town engineers explained how this type of project is typically done at the cost of the developer unless this is a project that would benefit economic development in which the government entity that is absorbing the costs to install would benefit.

A request was made by the property owner of 100 Wills Road, Teresa Williams, to address the council regarding an access issue that is located on her property. Mayor Beavers and the council granted Mrs. Williams' request.

Mrs. Williams expressed that during one of the hurricanes in 2020, a bridge located on her property at 100 Wills Road had been washed away, causing restricted access to the dwelling that is located on her property. Mrs. Williams also stated that the lack of a bridge has caused issues with power restoration to the dwelling and stated that there is a sewer lift station located near the dwelling, as well. Mrs. Williams requested assistance from the town to install culverts or assist in constructing a new bridge on her property located at 100 Wills Road to regain full access to the dwelling. The mayor requested that the town engineers also assess Mrs. Williams' property located at 100 Wills Road to evaluate the issue.

Engineer Tom David was present and provided updates regarding several ongoing projects and presented a resolution for council's consideration for the FY 2021 CDBG-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Project to be considered as substantially completed.

Motion by Councilwoman Carte seconded by Councilman Williams to add the resolution to consider the FY 2021 CDBG-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Project substantially completed. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Williams to adopt the resolution to consider the FY 2021 CDBG-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Project substantially completed. Roll call vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0, Absent 1, Abstain 0. Motion carried.

The CPA representative was not present.

Chief Chris Paul presented his monthly report, gave updates on a grant awarded to the department last year, and commended the Pollock Police Officers for their outstanding performance during a recent case that exceeded department history.

The water department supervisor was not present.

Town Attorney Greg Jones provided an update for the closing on the tract of land for the Dogwood Learning Academy property.

Councilwoman Hooter inquired if any further data or clarifying information had been provided by the Rapides Parish Planning Commission's transportation proposal from last month's meeting. None had been provided by their office at the

Mayor Beavers commended the town employees on a job well done on the Red, White, and Boom 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, and announced that at the 2024 Annual LRWA Conference held in Lake Charles, the town had been awarded the Source Water Protection System of the Year award for the year 2024. The mayor commended the town employees for their hard work and dedication that earned the town this prestigious award.

Motion by Councilman Williams, 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