

**CITY OF CENTRAL
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 6:00 P.M.
Kristenwood Building
14025 Greenwell Springs Road
City of Central, LA 70739**

MINUTES

I. Preliminary Business

- (1) Call to Order. *Mayor Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*
- (2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. *Billy Thompson*
- (3) Roll Call. *Present – Council members, DeJohn, Lansing, Moak, and Washington.
Absent – Councilman Ross*
- (4) Approval of minutes from the March 24, 2009 council meeting. *Motion was made by Councilwoman Lansing to approve minutes. No objections. Minutes were approved as printed.*

II. Old Business

None

III. New Business

- (1) Mayor's report and presentations.
- (2) Report from CH2MHILL concerning an update of the services being provided to the city.

Mr. Tommy Higgs with CH2M Hill gave an update on the services provided to the City of Central by the Central Municipal Services Center and responded to questions by Council members.
- (3) Introduction of the following item(s) (with public hearing to be held at the April 28, 2009 council meeting):
 - (A) An ordinance amending the 2008-09 Fiscal Year Budget to reflect various changes in income and expenses relating to sales and use taxes, franchise fees, state grants, permit fees, storm debris removal, city hall renovations, and other miscellaneous items. (by Councilman Washington).
 - (B) An ordinance to amend and re-enact Chapters 1 and 3 of Title 11 relative to the Traffic Code, including but not limited to enforcement of traffic regulations and to provide for related matters. (by Councilwoman Lansing)

(4) Discussion and action regarding the following instrument(s):

- (A) A resolution ratifying the appointment of Van Guarino and Chuck Langlois to the Board of Commissioners of the Central Fire Protection District Number 4. (by Councilwoman Lansing)

A motion was made by Councilman DeJohn to approve this resolution. No objections. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

- (B) An Ordinance Granting unto Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C. and to its successors and assigns for a period of forty (40) years, the right, privilege and franchise to conduct within the City of Central, Louisiana, an electrical lighting and power business under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, and to enter upon, erect, construct, maintain, operate, use, extend, repair, replace and remove in, under, upon, over, above, across, highways, parks, streets, lanes, and alleys and any other public areas and places of the City of Central, a system of works, underground conduits, poles, pole lines, towers, distribution lines, transmission lines, wires, guys, cable, conduits, transformers and other distribution and transmission instrumentalities, facilities and appurtenances (including telephone and telegraph poles and wires for Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C.'s use), necessary or proper for the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity into, in, within, from, across, and through the City of Central, as now existing or as said city limits may hereafter be extended; and granting Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C., the authority to use such for the purpose of generation, transmission, distribution, delivery and sale of electricity to the municipality and to its inhabitants and to any other governmental agency, governmental subdivision, person, firm or corporation, wherever located within or without the city limits of the City of Central, to be used by such purchaser or purchasers, for lighting, cooling, heating, power or any other purpose or purposes for which electricity may be used; granting to said company the right to adopt reasonable rules and regulations, demand deposits, charge for installation and to prevent the resale of electricity by Grantee's customers; providing for certain payments by Grantee to City of Central; and providing regulations and conditions for the exercise of said right, privilege and franchise, and penalties for violation thereof. (by Councilman Moak)

This item is deferred until the April 28, 2009 council meeting.

- (C) Amendment to Resolution 2009-1 designating Mayor Shelton "Mac" Watts as the contact person on behalf of the City of Central pertaining to the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning and Control, City of Central Administrative Building Project. (by Councilman Moak)

A motion was made by Councilman DeJohn to approve the amended resolution. No objections. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

- (D) Discussion of Base Compensation for the Contract with CH2M HILL, INC. for the year beginning March 3, 2009.

This item was deferred.

- (E) Discussion concerning drainage in Jackson Place subdivision.
(by Councilman Moak)

Speaking: Brian Balentine spoke representing the residents of Jackson Place subdivision. Mayor Watts, Councilman Moak and Councilman DeJohn addressed Mr. Balentine's concerns. Roy Hutchinson with the City of Central Public Works addressed and answered any questions by Mr. Balentine.

IV. Zoning Cases

- (1) Introduction of the following item(s) (with Public Hearing to be held at the April 28, 2009 council meeting):

None

- (2) Discussion and Action regarding the following case(s):

V. Other Business

- (1) Announcements

Councilman DeJohn thanked the City of Central and the committee for the success of "Cookin' for Kids."

Councilman Moak also thanked Councilman DeJohn and the committee as well.

Councilman Moak thanked Billy Thompson and congratulated Mark Miley for the Justice of the Peace election.

- (2) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm