

CITY OF CENTRAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**Kristenwood Building
14025 Greenwell Springs Road
Central, LA 70739**

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

6:00 PM

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. *Pastor Ron Erickson*
- (2) Roll Call. *Present – Council members, DeJohn, Lansing, Moak, Ross, and Washington.*
- (3) Approval of minutes from the July 28, 2009 council meeting and amendments to the minutes from the July 14, 2009 and June 24, 2009 council meetings.

Councilwoman Lansing made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2009 council meeting. No objections. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Councilman Washington made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the July 14, 2009 council meeting. No objections. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Councilwoman Lansing made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the June 24, 2009 council meeting. No objections. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

II. Unfinished Business

- a) A ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the City of Central by annexation of a portion of a tract of land north of Highway 64 at 9787 Greenwell Springs Port Hudson Road to include the entirety of the tract within the boundaries of the City of Central. (By Councilman Moak)

This item will be held for public hearing at the August 25, 2009 council meeting.

III. New Business

- (1) Mayor's report and presentations.
 - a) Appointment of City Prosecutor.

Mayor Watts appointed Ross Dooley with Roedel, Parsons, Koch, Blache, Balhoff & McCollister as the City Prosecutor for the City of Central's Mayor's Court.

Speaking: Councilman Washington, Mayor Watts, Sheri Morris, and Don Thompson

Ross Dooley was highly recommended because of his extensive experience with Mayor's Court. There was a brief discussion regarding aspects within Mayor's Court.

- (2) Renewal of the contract between the City of Central and Roedel, Parsons, Koch, Blache, Balhoff & McCollister.

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

- (3) Renewal of the contract between the City of Central and Hardy, Carey, Chautin & Balkin, L.L.P.

A motion was made by Councilman Ross to accept this contract. No objections. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

- (4) Report from CH2M HILL concerning an update of the services being provided to the city.

Mr. Derek Parnell 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.

- (5) Public Discussion concerning the 2009-2010 budget for the City of Central.
(By Councilman Moak)

Due to the rescheduling of the June 23, 2009 Council meeting, Councilman Moak requested that this item be placed back on the Agenda for public discussion and opened the floor for questions or concerns. There was no discussion regarding the 2009-2010 budget.

- (6) Discussion and selection of gateway entrance sign designs for the Gateway Enhancement Project
(by Council members Moak and Lansing)

Councilman Moak asked for any questions or concerns regarding the three designs submitted by Moore Planning Group.

Speaking: Don Thompson, Mayor Watts, Rodney Bonvillain, Councilman Moak, Russell Starns, Councilman DeJohn, Councilman Washington, and Jeff Bell.

After discussion and recommendations from the public and City Officials, Councilman Moak thanked everyone for their input concerning the gateway entrance sign designs.

- (7) Discussion concerning rescheduling the September 8, 2009 Council Meeting.
(By Councilman Ross)

After discussion, the Council decided to keep the September 8, 2009 meeting as scheduled.

- (8) Introduction of the following item(s) (with public hearing to be held at the August 25, 2009 council meeting):

None

- (9) Discussion and action regarding the following instrument(s):

None

IV. Zoning Cases

- (1) Introduction of the following item(s) (with Public Hearing to be held at the August 25, 2009 council meeting):

None

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

- (a) **RZ-03-09 Rezoning Modification.** This property is located on the south side of Wax Road between Willowbrook Drive and W. Brookside Drive on Lot Y, to rezone from R (Rural) to LC2 (Light Commercial Two) for a retail shopping center per the provided site plan. (Applicant: Mike Kimble, Engineer: N/A)

Zoning Commission Action: A motion to defer this item until the July 23, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting per the applicant's request was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Burns. Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Blough).

Zoning Commission Action: The Planning Commission deferred this item until the August 27, 2009 Planning & Zoning meeting.

V. Other Business

- (1) Announcements
- (2) Adjournment – Mayor Watts adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.