

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**October 8, 2018  
DeQuincy, LA**

The city council of the city of DeQuincy met in regular session on the above date in the city hall council chambers located at 300 Holly Street, DeQuincy, Louisiana, with the following members present: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Absent: None.

Council Chairman Mark Peloquin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Lawrence Henagan gave the invocation and James Harris led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to approve the September 10, 2018 regular session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Valecia Royer, CPA, gave the financial report. As of September 30, 2018, the overall total revenue, the actual year to date is \$4,457,408.90 with the amended budget being \$4,510,110.00, with a remaining budget of \$52,701.10. The total expenses, as of September 30, 2018, are \$4,076,120.53, with the amended budget being \$5,535,070.00, with a remaining budget of \$1,458,949.47.

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland gave the fire report for the month of September 2018. They had six (6) calls for the month.

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$24,501.00.

Eddy Dahlquist is on vacation and there was no public works report.

## **CITY REPORTS GIVEN BY MAYOR HENAGAN**

- Mayor Henagan provided the council a copy of an email received from Bryan Beam, with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, which asked that they consider voting for the courthouse and Jail Maintenance Tax Renewal.
- Reminder that the Holy Smoke Cook-off is scheduled for October 27.
- November 3, 2018 is the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the KCS Depot. The Museum Board has planned a big celebration at the Railroad Museum.
- A surveyor for Verizon has put up the flagging on the south side of City Hall. They have had it surveyed to put a tower. They will pay \$850.00 a month. The council need to decide whether to approve the project that will be on next month's agenda.

Ronda Jacobs made a motion to approve the October 8, 2018 agenda with the addition of the condemnation of 309 Perkins Street, to be numbered as 15. Denise Maddox seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Without objection, the motion carried.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

### **Items not on the agenda.**

Marjorie Harrison, Director of the Calcasieu Parish Library addressed the council and asked that they consider voting for the Tax renewal on the November 6 ballot for a ten-year tax renewal. She also advised the council that the Library is in the process of purchasing the Capital One Building in DeQuincy.

### **Items on the agenda.**

- **None**

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the appointment of Arnold Blagrove, Keithen Perkins, Elizabeth Skinner, Tracy Brown and Rickey Brummett to the Zoning Board. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to proceed to the next step of condemnation on the house situated at 305 S. Division Street, owned by Freeca Hunt. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The council asked that a certified letter be sent to the owners of 308 N. Perkins Street property regarding the debris on the property.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to table, until January 2019, the condemnation of the house on 331 Hall Street, owned by Tracy Ogea, as long as long as the yard is maintained and the stairs are secured. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the Lease Agreement regarding 211 N. Pine Street, as amended, stating a month to month rental rather than yearly. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by James Harris to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Henagan to execute an Agreement with the LaDOTD for improvements at the Dequincy Industrial Airport (Obstruction Removal, State Project No. H.013160). Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Denise Maddox to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Henagan to execute an Agreement with the LaDOTD for improvements at the Dequincy Industrial Airport (Install Solar Powered Led Taxiway Centerline & Edge Reflectors. State Project No. H.013723). Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to authorize Mayor Henagan, on behalf of the City of DeQuincy, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish District Attorney's Office regarding the Louisiana Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program (S.A.N.E.). Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by James Harris to authorize Mayor Henagan to renew the agreement with Georgia-Pacific Wood Products, LLC for wastewater disposal into our system. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Denise Maddox to proceed with the condemnation of 309 N. Perkin's Street. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

### **COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Judy Landry asked that a letter be sent to the owner of a mobile home on the West end of Yoakum Street. The property is overgrown and the mobile home needs to be torn down. She also advised the Mayor of a large pothole on Harrison Street that needs to be filled. Mrs. Landry then asked the Mayor and Police Chief why the majority of our streets no longer have street signs. Council Member Denise Maddox asked that the DeQuincy News put a notice in the paper asking that signs be returned anonymously and no questions would be asked.

James Harris will be putting some houses on the condemnation list. He also let the council know the signs have been put up at the Grand Avenue Gym. The Gym Board is also working on a Lease Agreement to bring before the council.

Ronda Jacobs thanked everyone involved in putting on the political forum. There was a good turnout and she got very positive feedback.

Denise Maddox advised Halloween would be celebrated on October 31. She also advised the Grand Avenue Board had a very productive meeting regarding a Lease Agreement with the city and they will be getting back with the council on that matter.

Mark Peloquin received a phone call about the high grass along Buxton. Asked why the grass is so high and who sprays for the City.

Denise Maddox made a motion to adjourn and Ronda Jacobs seconded the motion.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk Lawrence Henagan Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Peloquin