

CITY COUNCIL

**August 9, 2021
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, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Absent: Daisy Cole.

Council Chairman Denise Maddox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Smith gave the invocation and Judy Landry led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the July 12, 2021, regular meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Valecia Royer read the financial report. As of July 31, 2021, the overall total revenue, actual year to date is \$4,939,786.42 with the FYE 9/30/2021 budget being \$4,471,100.00 and a remaining budget of (\$486,686.42). The total expenses, as of July 31, 2021, actual year to date totals are \$4,660,206.12, with the FYE 9/30/2021 budget total expenses being \$5,604,970.00, and the remaining budget of \$944,763.88.

FIRE REPORT

Chief Johnny Copeland read the fire report. There were four (4) calls for July 2021.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Casey Whitehead gave the police report for July 2021. There were 201 violations, 18 arrests, 260 complaints filed, 7 warrants served and 109 warnings given. The fines and bonds collected for the month of July totaled approximately \$17,423.95. There were 60 calls for service in District 1, 39 in District 2, 50 in District 3 and 73 in District 4. The PD Officers patrolled approx. 4567 miles during the month of July 2021.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Carroll was absent but the council was given a copy of his monthly report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Eddy Dahlquist, our Public Works Director, was absent. Hank Frazier gave the Public Works report. A new gas line was installed for a Doctor's Office on Fourth Street, two gas services were killed and a gas line was dug up which was to be abandoned in the alley for The Pentecostal Church. Also, the crew is digging ditches, cutting grass and putting up street signs.

SEWER PLANT REPORT

Hank Frazier gave the sewer report. The contractor installed the handrails on the head works at the water treatment plant, a new sewer tap was installed on Yoakum Street, dug up a sewer tap on Velmer Street for the Church, and dug up and repaired the sewer main on Hwy. 389 and Hayes Street where a contractor bored through our sewer main.

CITY REPORT GIVEN BY MAYOR SMITH

- The city has received word they were approved for the American Rescue Plan funds and should be receiving the first installment of this payment in the very near future.
- Interfor Corp. (of Georgia Pacific Sawmill) will be contacting the City for help in conducting a Job Fair for the people they are needing to hire.
- The new windows have been installed in the Council Chambers at City Hall and hopefully new blinds will be ordered soon.
- We will start cleaning up the Railroad Museum so hopefully it can be partially reopened to the public.

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Ronda Jacobs approve the August 9, 2021 agenda. Without objection, the motion carried.

Public Input

Items Not on the Agenda:

- Arnold Blagrove, 212 Gordon Street - Voiced his concerns about the mobile home ordinance as far as the Zoning Board is concerned. Denise Maddox suggested the mobile home committee meet to discuss their concerns.
- David Brawner, Amber Circle – asked the council to please try to be present at the council meeting when the Zoning Board submits their recommendation on a variance. Only having three (3) members present for the last variance vote put a lot of stress on the members voting.
- Gay Blagrove asked when Ms. Cole would be attending council meeting again. Mayor Smith explained she was still off for medical reasons and hopefully would be able to attend the September meeting.
- Joshua Thrash, 210 E. LeBlanc Street asked when the city would be able to put dirt around the pump station by his house on Page Street. Mr. Thrash also asked that the city mowers be advised they should not be mowing the right of ways on yards that do not have ditches and further asked if speed bumps could be put up on LeBlanc Street because of the reckless drivers on LeBlanc and Page Street.

Items on the Agenda:

- None.

A public hearing was held regarding an ordinance on the proposed Budget of Expenditures for the FYE 9/30/22. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to adopt the ordinance regarding the proposed Budget of Expenditures for the FYE 9/30/22. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Daisy Cole. Abstain: None.

A public hearing was held regarding adopting a resolution on the adjusted millage rate of 5.630 set by the parish tax assessor. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to adopt a resolution on the adjusted millage rate of 5.630 set by the Parish Tax Assessor. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Daisy Cole. Abstain: None.

A public hearing was held regarding a resolution setting forth the adjusted millage rate and roll forward to millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate of 6.020. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Mark Peloquin to adopt a resolution setting forth the adjusted millage rate and roll forward to millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate of 6.020. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Daisy Cole. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Judy Landry to table the approval of the CEA between the Vinton Fire Department and the Dequincy Fire Department until the actual paperwork is received. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Daisy Cole. Abstain: None.

There was a discussion regarding the city going out for bids for a contractor that will do all of the city demolitions and contracted property cleanup. The council all agree it would be in the best interest of the city to do this and gave the go ahead.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Judy Landry has no concerns but did comment on how much better the ditches were looking.

Ronda Jacobs has been receiving complaints about the condition of the walking path and asked when it would be cleaned up.

Mark Peloquin asked when the LeBlanc Street property would be mowed. Chief Copeland was also asked about fire ratings on mobile homes.

Denise Maddox asked Mayor Smith about filling the Public Work’s Director’s position. She also asked Chief Whitehead what he knew about the number of break-in that had been commented on on Face Book. Chief Whitehead stated he did not follow Face Book but that none had been reported to the PD, to his knowledge, and asked that anyone that has a break-in of any kind, please report it to the PD. Ms. Maddox also commented on the ditches and streets looking good and asked about the deep ditch on Brantley Street.

Ronda Jacobs made a motion to adjourn and Judy Landry seconded the motion.

ATTEST: _____
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Riley Smith Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
Denise Maddox

