

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**August 8, 2022  
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: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, and Ronda Jacobs. Absent: None.

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

Motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to approve the July 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the July 18, 2022, special meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Valecia Royer read the financial report. As of July 31, 2022, the overall total revenue, actual year to date is \$5,115,005.32 with the FYE 9/30/2022 budget being \$4,521,710.00 and a remaining budget of (\$593,295.32.) The total expenses, as of July 31, 2022, actual year to date totals are \$4,615,459.35, with the FYE 9/30/2022 budget total expenses being \$6,166,670.00, and the remaining budget of \$1,551,210.65.

## **FIRE REPORT**

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland gave the fire report. There were twelve (12) calls for July 2022.

## **POLICE REPORT**

Police Chief Casey Whitehead gave the July 2022 police report. There were 243 violations, 22 arrests, 247 complaints filed, and 135 warnings given. The fines and bonds collected for the month of July totaled approximately \$53,356.14. There were 54 calls for service in District 1, 32 in District 2, 74 in District 3 and 56 in District 4. The PD Officers patrolled approx. 5122 miles during the month of July 2022.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Mr. Carroll gave the council a brief run down on all the violations issued in July 2022. A copy of his report was furnished to the council.

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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Hank Frazier gave the public works report for the street and gas department.

- Repaired light at bottom of flagpole at the Railroad Musuem
- Cleaned and straightened ditch at the Veteran's Park
- Cleaned Hardy Street Alley
- Repaired generator at City Hall, Police Department and Airport
- Repaired water line at fire station and gas pump at Airport
- Killed gas service at 1106 Banneker Street
- Cleaned Hwy 27S meter station right of way
- Repaired gas leaks at 113 Lois, Hargrove Loop and Shady Lane

## **SEWER PLANT REPORT**

Hank Frazier gave the report for the sewer department.

- Repaired pump on Edgewood Lift Station
- Pulled and replaced pump in Hwy. 12 Lift Station and cleaned rags from pump.
- Repaired manhole on Azalea Street
- Met with Pat Cockrell with R.C. Paving on work they are doing on overlays

**CITY REPORT**

Mayor Smith gave the city report.

- The city had their dedication for the new fire truck and it was very well attended. Mayor Smith thanked everyone for attending.
- The temporary terminal at the airport has been completed.
- The contractor is working on the new roof at the baseball complex.
- We received the grant for the Hayes Street drainage project and hope to get started on that in the very near future.
- Several positions are opening up at City Hall and we will be advertising for those positions in the DeQuincy News and on our website.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the August 8, 2022 agenda. Without objection, the motion carried.

**Public Input**

**Items not on the Agenda:**

- Council Chairman Denise Maddox introduced two council members that qualified for the November election and went in unopposed, Scott Wylie, District 1 and James Grover "Jim" Smith, District 2.
- Ella Chatman asked the council for a variance to put a mobile home on her property to replace the mobile home that was destroyed in Hurricane Laura.  
(Mark Peloquin arrived at 6:12p.m.)
- James Harris spoke to the council about two non-profit organizations he is working with to help educate the public on preparing for a hurricane and how to rebuild their homes after a hurricane, or other public disaster. He has a large container set up at Evergreen Baptist Church that contained several tools that can be checked out to use for repairs. Also, Rev. Harris can be contacted for any more information that may be needed.
- Frank Tores asked about the house next door to him at 810 W. Fourth Street. Ronnie Carrol gave him an updated report.

**Items on the Agenda:**

NONE.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Mark Peloquin to accept the \$675.00 bid for the 2014 White Ford Truck. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Because no bid was received on the 2004 GMC Truck, a motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to sell the vehicle for salvage. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Because no bid was received for the 2000 White GM Truck, a motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to sell the vehicle for salvage. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Margaret Brown to accept the bid of \$2,000.00 for the 2014 Bob Cat Lawn Mower. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A public hearing was held regarding the proposed budget of expenditures for the FYE 9/30/23. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to adopt an ordinance approving the FYE 9/30/23 budget. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Mark Peloquin to approve the liquor license application submitted by April Jordy for Daiquiris & Deaux. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Judy Landry to table until September 12, 2022 the David Jones variance extension at which time the Code Enforcer can report to the council whether or not Mr. Jones' yard is in compliance with the city ordinance. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Judy Landry to separate the position of City Planner and Airport Manager, and make Airport Manager a full time position. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Mark Peloquin to set a Rule to Show Cause (Condemnation Hearing) for September 12, 2022 on the structure at 1109 Banneker Street. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Mark Peloquin to set a Rule to Show Cause (Condemnation Hearing) for September 12, 2022 on the structure at 1108 Richard Street. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to set a Rule to Show Cause (Condemnation Hearing) on the structure at 110 Self Street. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Margaret Brown to start the condemnation process on the structure located at 311 Green Street. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The property at 116 Brantley Street was torn down by owner so there was no action by the council.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Margaret Brown received a call asking that the slab next to the Grand Avenue Gym, where the Homecoming bon fire was held last year, be cleaned up.

Judy Landry has no concerns.

Mark Peloquin thanked the city for the work done on LeBlanc Street. He also mentioned he would be getting with Mr. Carroll on condemnations.

Ronda Jacobs has no concerns.

Denise Maddox thanked the city for all of the work being done around town and also praised Chief Whitehead on getting a handle on the foot traffic around town.

Ronda Jacobs made a motion to adjourn, and Margaret Brown seconded the motion.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk Riley Smith Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise Maddox