

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, Mark Peloquin 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 Judy Landry led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Mark Peloquin to approve the August 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the August 31, 2022, special meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Valecia Royer read the financial report. As of August 31, 2022, the overall total revenue, actual year to date is \$5,598,493.97 with the FYE 9/30/2022 budget being \$4,521,710.00 and a remaining budget of (\$1,076,783.97.) The total expenses, as of August 31, 2022, actual year to date total is \$5,254,149.50 with the FYE 9/30/2022 budget total expenses being \$6,166,670.00, and the remaining budget of \$912,520.50.

FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland gave the fire report. There were eight (8) calls for August 2022.

POLICE REPORT

Police Chief Casey Whitehead gave the August 2022 police report. There were 178 violations, 20 arrests, 217 complaints filed, and 128 warnings given. The fines and bonds collected for the month of August totaled approximately \$27,109.16. There were 58 calls for service in District 1, 29 in District 2, 69 in District 3 and 42 in District 4. The PD Officers patrolled approx. 5450 miles during the month of August 2022.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Carroll gave the council a brief run down on all the violations issued in August 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 gas department and street department.

- Repaired gas leak on Hargrove Loop, 113 North Street, and 116 Gill Street
- Installed new gas service on Smith Street
- Killed gas service at 1038 Bill Phillips Road
- Changed regulator valve on 111 W Park Street
- Killed 3 gas services on old KFC parking lot and one at 1108 Banneker St.
- Started working on ditch in front of Veteran's Park
- Cleaned and mowed lot on Seymour Pullam Lane
- Started replacing street signs
- Worked on generator at airport

SEWER PLANT REPORT

Hank Frazier gave the report for the sewer department.

- Installed a new pump at the Edgewood Lift Station
- Replaced blower at Wastewater Plant
- Sewer main repair in front of Old Ward School, on Center Street and S. Green St.
- Killed out sewer on 1108 Banneker Street

CITY REPORT

Mayor Smith gave the city report.

- The 911 Memorial Service was held last night, September 11 and it was very well attended
- A fall pop-up market will be held on September 22 at the Railroad Museum Parking lot.
- Reminder, we are having our National Night Out on October 31 at the DeQuincy Walking Path behind the hospital.

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Margaret Brown to approve the September 12, 2022 agenda with the following additions:

Move council concerns to No. 14.

Add, to be numbered 12: Council to approve, for recordation with the Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court, the Quit Claim Deed from Brookshire Brothers, Inc. to the City of DeQuincy for the property next to Brookshire Brothers, totaling 1.717 acres.

Add, to be numbered 13: Introduce an ordinance and set a public hearing for October 10, 2022 amending the FYE 9/30/22 budget.

Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Ronda Jacobs, and Mark Peloquin. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Public Input

Items not on the agenda:

Joseph Eaglin – 852 William Still Road, DeQuincy – asked about the status of the CEA between the PRD&G Board and the City of DeQuincy and reported break-in and damage to property at Grand Avenue Gym that was not previously reported to the Police Dept.

David Jones, 201 Jefferson, DeQuincy - spoke on the temporary variance he is requesting an extension on.

Anthony Simien – 105 Jefferson, DeQuincy – voiced complaint about condition of property at 201 Jefferson.

Items on the agenda:

David Jones spoke again on temporary variance.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Mark Peloquin to table the variance request made by Ella Chapman. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

After much discussion on the David Jones variance, a motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Mark Peloquin to give a 30-day extension on the variance. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Margaret Brown to authorize Mayor Smith to go out for bids on the 2014 White Ford Truck, min. bid \$500.00. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A condemnation hearing was held on the demolition of the structure at 110 Self Street. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Margaret Brown to move forward with demolition of the structure at 110 Self Street giving the property owner 30 days to demolish the structure. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A condemnation hearing was held on the demolition of the structure at 1109 Banneker Street. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Judy Landry to move forward with demolition of the structure at 1109 Banneker Street giving the property owner 30 days to demolish the structure. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to reset the condemnation hearing for October 10, 2022 on 1108 Allen Street. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Margaret Brown to approve, for recordation with the Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court, the quit Claim Deed from Brookshire Brothers, Inc. to the City of DeQuincy for the property next to Brookshire Brothers, totaling 1.717 acres. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Mark Peloquin to introduce an ordinance and set a public hearing for October 10, 2022 amending the FYE 9/30/22 budget. Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Ronda Jacobs asked for the status on the Hayes Street project. She also mentioned the holes in the pavement on Groves Street.

Margaret Brown mentioned they were still having problems on Richard Allen Street with the sewer and asked for a progress report.

Judy Landry asked that she be sent a list of the houses in her district recommended for condemnation.

Mark Peloquin asked about the date for National Night Out and said he appreciated the work being done on the alleys.

Denise Maddox mentioned the city was looking good and appreciated the work being done on drainage. She also mentioned the sink hole at the end of Nursery Street and Myrtle. Further, the drainage off Self Street, in between the Church and Self, one of the drainage boxes has a washout

Ronda Jacobs made a motion to adjourn, and Mark Peloquin seconded the motion.

ATTEST: _____
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Riley Smith Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
Denise Maddox

