

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 Ronda Jacobs led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Mark Peloquin to approve the October 10, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Valecia Royer read the financial report. As of October 31, 2022, the overall total revenue, actual year to date is \$419,587.46 with the FYE 9/30/2022 budget being \$6,527,710.00 and a remaining budget of \$6,108,122.54. The total expenses, as of October 31, 2022, actual year to date total is \$435,371.27 with the FYE 9/30/2022 budget total expenses being \$8,672,570.00, and the remaining budget of \$8,237,198.73.

FIRE REPORT

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland gave the fire report. There were eleven (11) calls for October 2022.

POLICE REPORT

Asst. Chief Roy Williams gave the October 2022 police report. There were 17 arrests, 238 complaints filed, 132 tickets written and 129 warnings given. The fines and bonds collected for the month of October totaled approximately \$32,922.00.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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

Street:

- Poured concrete at the museum park and mounted 5 new benches.
- Broke out handicap ramp at the old bank building on Pine Street
- Patched pot holes
- Replaced drain box and culverts on South Division St.
- Made repairs to walking path

Gas:

- Repaired gas main on LeBlanc Street
- Killed gas service on Bill Phillips Road
- Repaired gas line on Coward Road

SEWER PLANT REPORT

Hank Frazier gave the report for the sewer department.

- Killed sewer services at 808 W. Fourth Street
- Cleaned sewer main on Lake Charles Avenue
- Repaired two manholes on Highway 12 West
- Repaired two manholes behind baseball complex
- Cleaned sewer main on Highway 12 West
- Sewer main repair on 1st Street

- Sewer main repair on North Overton

CITY REPORT

Mayor Smith gave the city report.

- On November 30 at 1:00 p.m. we will have a dedication at the pocket park renaming it the Harry T. Methvin Memorial Park
- Also, on November 30 at approximately 3:00 p.m. the KCS Holiday Train will be arriving in DeQuincy and everyone is invited to come out for the celebration

Chairman Maddox introduced and congratulated the newly elected council member for District 3, Cameron Smith.

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to approve the November 14, 2022 agenda. Without objection motion carried.

Public Input

Items not on the agenda:

Lawrence Henagan, 116 Chavis Square – addressed councilman Mark Peloquin and asked if he was still living at his residence on Page Street, in District 1, or had he already moved to his residence on Smith Street which is in District 2.

Vance Perkins thanked the city for the kindness shown to his family before and after the death of his uncle, Harry Methvin.

Items on the agenda:

Gerald Morvant, 305 Cole Street – asked the council for more time on the condemnation of the structure at 120 Maple Street.

David Jones asked the council for another extension on his variance.

Martha Gross asked the council for another extension on her variance.

David Jones addressed the council regarding an extension on his variance to live in a travel trailer on his property at 201 Jefferson. A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Mark Peloquin to give Mr. Jones an eight month extension on his variance since work had begun on his house. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Martha Gross addressed the council regarding an extension on her variance for a travel trailer at 722 Beech Street. A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Margaret Brown to grant an eight month extension on her 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 Margaret Brown and seconded by Judy Landry to grant a variance and allow a permit to be issued to Warren Banks to put a mobile home on his property. 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 adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to sign documents pertaining to the 2022/2023 LGAP grant. 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 and ordinance and set a public hearing for December 12, 2022 regarding amending our personnel policy ordinance. 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 Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Judy Landry to re-appoint Darwin Pinder to serve another three-year term on the West Calcasieu Parish Community Center Authority Board 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 Ronda Jacobs to grant an eight month extension on the condemnation of the structure at 120 Maple 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 Margaret Brown and seconded by Judy Landry to begin the condemnation process on the structure located and 1103 Richard 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 Ronda Jacobs to table, until the June 12, 2023 council meeting, the matter of the structure at 110 Self 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 Judy Landry and seconded by Margaret Brown to approve the low base bid of \$698,891.00 from E.B. Feucht & Sons, LLC for the Douglas Road Pump Station Rehabilitation project. 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 Ronda Jacobs to table, until the December 12, 2022 council meeting, the introduction of an ordinance amending the general zoning ordinance amending the general zoning ordinance to set out a minimum lot size for city lots, a minimum dwelling size and number of dwellings allowed per lot. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Ronda Jacobs congratulated all of the newly elected council members. Mrs. Jacobs also asked if anything was being done to renovate the Perkins building or the Penton building.

Mark Peloquin also congratulated all of the newly elected council members. Mr. Peloquin also asked who was in charge of the booths at the Holiday Train.

Margaret Brown thanked Hank and his crew for the work they have done in her district.

Judy Landry congratulated all of the newly elected council members.

Denise Maddox asked if we had engaged an auditor for 2022 and how we were coming on the current audit.

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