

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 Mark Peloquin led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Mark Peloquin to approve the September 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the September 28, 2022, special meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Valecia Royer read the financial report. As of September 30, 2022, the overall total revenue, actual year to date is \$5,978,302.08 with the FYE 9/30/2022 budget being \$5,239,710.00 and a remaining budget of (\$738,592.08.) The total expenses, as of September 30, 2022, actual year to date total is \$5,717,592.68 with the FYE 9/30/2022 budget total expenses being \$6,704,670.00, and the remaining budget of \$987,077.32.

**FIRE REPORT**

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland gave the fire report. There were four (4) calls for September 2022.

**POLICE REPORT**

Asst. Chief Roy Williams gave the September 2022 police report. There were 123 violations, 16 arrests, 223 complaints filed, and 143 warnings given. The fines and bonds collected for the month of September totaled approximately \$25,914.81. There were 69 calls for service in District 1, 41 in District 2, 42 in District 3 and 50 in District 4. The PD Officers patrolled approx. 4603 miles during the month of September 2022.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Mr. Carroll gave the council a brief run down on all the violations issued in September 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:**

- Repaired and painted sidewalk bridge on Yoakum Street.
- Cleaned and mowed lot at 600 Beech Street
- Cleaned and mowed lot at 208 Hall Street
- Changed out culverts on South Division Street that ran under street and walking path
- Repaired drain box on South Division Street

**Gas:**

- Changed gas meter on Smith Street
- Changed gas meter on Skinner Lane
- Repaired gas leak on Jackson Street
- Killed out gas service on South Grand
- Repaired gas leak on North Boone Street
- Repaired gas riser on Amber Circle

**SEWER PLANT REPORT**

Hank Frazier gave the report for the sewer department.

- Cleaned and mowed sewer right of way in Hobo Jungle
- Repaired two broken manholes in Hobo Jungle
- Repaired two manholes behind baseball complex
- Repaired sewer main on Harrison Street

**CITY REPORT**

Mayor Smith gave the city report.

- Sherri Breaux, our new Deputy City Clerk, was introduced to the Council
- City Hall has hired Elizabeth Richard as our new gas clerk
- Another Farmer’s Market will be held on 10/15 and it looks like we will have approx. 90 vendors
- Our Fall Festival and National Night Out will be held at the walking path on October 31

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to approve the October 10, 2022 agenda. Without objection motion carried.

**Public Input**

**Items not on the agenda:**

None.

**Items on the agenda:**

None.

David Jones addressed the council regarding an extension on his variance to live in a travel trailer on his property at 201 Jefferson. Margaret Brown suggested two council members meet with Mr. Jones and try to figure out a solution for his problem.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Mark Peloquin to accept the highest bid of \$1,500.00 from Bobby Frank on the 2014 White Ford Truck. 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 Margaret Brown to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to accept the DeQuincy Industrial Airpark’s Capital Improvement Plan for 2023-2027. 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 Judy Landry to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to accept a grant from DOTD for the runway/apron rehab. 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 Ronda Jacobs to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to accept a grant from DOTD for their match for the drainage design. 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 Margaret Brown to start the condemnation process on the property located 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 Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Judy Landry to demolish the structure located 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 Margaret Brown and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to proceed to the next step of condemnation, which is demolition, of the structure located at 1109 Banneker Street. 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 structure on 1108 Richard Allen 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 1108 Richard Allen 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 public hearing was held regarding the adoption of an ordinance amending the FYE 9/30/22 budget. There was no public input other than to correct the typo wherein the FYE year 9/30/22 was erroneously typed 9/30/33.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Margaret Brown to adopt an ordinance amending the FYE 9/30/22 budget. 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 act n behalf of the City of DeQuincy in all matters concerning the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and City of Dequincy for the Street Rehabilitation, FP&C Project No. 50-M64-22-02. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Margaret Brown, Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Mark Peloquin asked about the unsafe structures around town and asked Mr. Carroll to look for open structures that people a currently working on.

Ronda Jacobs did not have any concerns but mentioned the city was looking good.

Margaret Brown asked about the grass being cut on Evergreen Street by the railroad track.

Judy Landry also voiced her concern about unsafe houses around town that were vacant with open windows and open doors.

Denise Maddox asked about the flooding on Lois and Sunshine Lane. Hank Frazier told her he was going to dig a ditch to help with the drainage and also fixed a culvert that had been smashed by a big truck. When it was opened up, the drainage improved.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Riley Smith Mayor

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