

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 November 2, 2022 special meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Mark Peloquin to approve the November 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Valecia Royer read the financial report. As of November 30, 2022, the overall total revenue, actual year to date is \$769,848.39 with the FYE 9/30/2022 budget being \$6,527,710.00 and a remaining budget of \$5,757,861.61. The total expenses, as of November 30, 2022, actual year to date total is \$861,455.66 with the FYE 9/30/2022 budget total expenses being \$8,672,570.00, and the remaining budget of \$7,811,114.34.

FIRE REPORT

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

POLICE REPORT

Asst. Chief Roy Williams gave the November 2022 police report. There were 13 arrests, 191 complaints filed, 124 violations and 64 warnings given. The fines and bonds collected for the month of November totaled approximately \$24,482.90. There were 50 calls for service in District 1, 23 in District 2, 38 in District 3 and 54 in District 4.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Carroll gave the council a brief run down on all the violations issued in November 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 sink hole on Self Street
- Patched potholes in all districts
- Put up all Christmas lights, trees, and decorations

Gas:

- Replaced broken gas riser at 1112 Banneker Street
- Killed out gas service on Rigmaiden Cemetery Road
- Replaced gas meter at 885 Chavis Square

SEWER PLANT REPORT

Hank Frazier gave the report for the sewer department.

- Installed new sewer main on Fourth Street for Dollar General Store
- Killed sewer on 101 West Street
- Cleaned sewer main on Overton Street
- Installed new sewer tap on West Park Drive

- Installed new sewer tap on Green Street
- Killed Sewer line on Pugh Street
- Repaired sewer main on Self Street

CITY REPORT

Mayor Smith gave the city report.

- Our Christmas Parade was a success again this year. It was well attended as well as all the activities afterward.
- Our pocket park dedication was held last week at which time we renamed the park The Harry T. Methvin Memorial Park in honor of our beloved Harry T. Methvin.
- The Chennault millage was voted on and passed which is good news for DeQuincy as it will greatly benefit the DeQuincy Industrial Airport.
- A verbal resignation was received from Chief Casey Whitehead and a written resignation will be forthcoming. Assistant Chief Roy Williams will be acting Chief until Chief Whitehead's written resignation is received.
- The swearing-in of our new council members and our mayor will be held on December 27th at 5:00 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to approve the December, 12, 2022 agenda. Without objection motion carried.

Public Input

Items not on the agenda:

Evalin Hester introduced Jill Red Moore who also works for the DeQuincy News and will be reporting on the city council meetings for the DeQuincy News.

Erica Buxton reported back to the council about Becky's Blessing Box which is now set up and in full service at the DeQuincy Walking Path.

Items on the agenda:

Joseph DeMary explained why he was asking for a variance.

Janet Jordy appeared on behalf of her daughter, April Jordy, to explain why she was unable to complete the application process for her 2023 liquor license.

Joseph DeMary again requested a variance to put a mobile home on his property. A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Mark Peloquin to allow a mobile home variance for Joseph DeMary to put a mobile home on his property at 207 Gordon Street, providing the mobile home purchased meets the guidelines of our mobile home ordinance. 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 amending the personnel policy ordinance. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to adopt an ordinance amending the 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 Margaret Brown and seconded by Judy Landry to proceed to the final step of condemnation on the structure located at 1108 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 Margaret Brown to approve the 2023 liquor license applications submitted by Tiger Speedy Stop, Brookshire Brothers #31, Chandi Enterprises d/b/a Super Stop #25, DeQuincy Iron Horse, CST Metro d/b/a Circle K, and LaRumba. 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 the applications for Dollar General and Daiquiris and Deaux with the understanding their paperwork must be completed and submitted to the City Clerk on or before December 31, 2022. 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 introduce an ordinance and set a public hearing for January 9, 2023 regarding amending the general zoning ordinance to set a minimum lot size for city lot, 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:

Margaret Brown has no concerns.

Judy Landry thanked everyone for their support through the years and wished Cameron Smith luck as the new District 3 council member.

Mark Peloquin advised the council the house on Gill Street that was listed as a possible condemnation is being torn down by the homeowner. Mr. Peloquin also thanked everyone for their support for the past 12 years and congratulated the new council members.

Ronda Jacobs thanked everyone for their support over the past 12 years and asked for the continued support for the new council.

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

ATTEST: _____
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Riley Smith Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____