

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: Cameron Smith, Margaret Brown Eddy Dahlquist, Jim Smith and Scott Wylie. Absent: None.

Council Member Eddy Dahlquist called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Smith gave the invocation, and Scott Wylie led the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to approve the March 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Valecia Royer read the financial report. As of March 31, 2023, the overall total revenue, actual year to date is \$3,324,460.13 with the FYE 9/30/2023 budget being \$6,527,710.00 and a remaining budget of \$3,203,249.87. The total expenses, as of March 31, 2023, actual year to date total is \$2,840,551.45 with the FYE 9/30/2023 budget total expenses being \$8,672,570.00, and the remaining budget of \$5,823,018.55. There were no questions or comments from the council.

FIRE REPORT

The fire report from Fire Chief Johnny Copeland was in the council's file. There were five (5) calls for March 2023. There were no comments or questions from the council.

POLICE REPORT

The police report from Chief Roy Williams was in the council's file. There were 11 arrests, 212 complaints filed, and 151 violations. The fines and bonds collected for the month of March totaled approximately \$31,821.47. There were 71 calls for service in District 1, 33 in District 2, 44 in District 3 and 45 in District 4. There were no comments or questions from the council.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

The code enforcement report from Mr. Carroll was in the council's file. There were no questions or comments from the council.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

The public works report from Hank Frazier, for the street department, gas department and sewer department were in the council's file. It was as shown below and there were no questions or comments from the council.

Street:

- Cleaned sewer main Highway 12 West
- Cleaned sewer main Richard Allen Street
- Replaced 6" sewer main on Seymour Pullam
- Repaired sand filter pump and sludge lift at WWTP
- Repaired water leak at Police Station

Gas:

- Repaired broken gas line Hargrove Loop
- Killed gas service 1103 Richard Allen Street
- Ran new gas station 1152 Highway 27
- Installed new gate at meter station Highway 27 South

Sewer:

- Cleaned lot on Kelly Street.
- Cleaned lot on Jefferson Street.
- Cleaned up Thompson Ball Field
- Cut up and removed a tree on Self Street.

CITY REPORT

Mayor Smith gave the city report.

- Railroad Festival was a huge success.
- Spoke about the weekly call to FEMA and that the city is trying hard to get projects completed and the Railroad Museum was top priority.

A motion was made by Margaret Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to approve the April 10, 2023 agenda. Without objection motion carried.

Public Input

Items not on the agenda:

Vance Perkins, President from Railroad Museum Board, 400 Lake Charles Avenue, informed the council the roof at the museum is leaking again and would greatly appreciate work to get started on the roof as soon as possible.

Items on the agenda:

None.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Cameron Smith to table proceeding to the next step of the condemnation process, which is to send condemnation to Parish Inspector, on the structure located at 603 Velmer Street until May 8, 2023 Council Meeting. This will allow time to see if any progress has been made on this structure. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Cameron Smith, Margaret Brown, Eddy Dahlquist, Jim Smith and Scott Wylie. Nays: None: Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Jim Smith to table proceeding to the next step of the condemnation process, which is to send condemnation to Parish Inspector, on the structure located at 1103 Richard Allen Street until May 8, 2023 Council Meeting. This will allow time to see if any progress has been made on this structure. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Cameron Smith, Margaret Brown, Eddy Dahlquist, Jim Smith and Scott Wylie. Nays: None: Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Cameron Smith to proceed to the next step of the condemnation process on the structure located at 304 E. Harrison Street. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Cameron Smith, Margaret Brown, Eddy Dahlquist, Jim Smith and Scott Wylie. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to introduce an ordinance and set a public hearing for May 8, 2023 regarding amending our personnel policy ordinance. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Scott Wylie, Jim Smith, Eddy Dalquist, Margaret Brown, and Cameron Smith. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Cameron Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to authorize Mayor Smith to act on behalf of the City of DeQuincy to consider and take appropriate action for Cooperative endeavor Agreement with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and the City of DeQuincy regarding Summer Food Program. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Cameron Smith, Margaret Brown, Eddy Dahlquist, Jim Smith and Scott Wylie. Nays: None: Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Margaret Brown made a motion to adjourn, and Jim Smith seconded the motion.

ATTEST: _____
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Riley Smith Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
Eddy Dahlquist