

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: Scott Wylie, Jim Smith, Bobby Dahlquist, Cameron Smith, and Margaret Brown.

Council Member Bobby 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 Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the December 9, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion was carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was in the file. As of December 31, 2024, the overall total revenue, actual year to date is \$1,269,372.27 with the FYE 9/30/2025 budget being \$4,752,200.00 and a remaining budget of \$3,482,827.73. The total expenses, as of December 2024, actual year-to-date total is \$1,341,874.02 with the FYE 9/30/2025 budget total expenses being \$8,466,420.00 and the remaining budget of \$7,124,545.98.

REPORT

Fire, Police, Code Enforcement, Public Works, Sewer and Maintenance reports were in council files. There were no questions or comments from the council.

City Report.

- Christmas activities. Holiday train well attended
- City is preparing for the cold weather, gas pressure stayed same
- Squirrel Hunt will be held February 22, 2025 please attend

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie amending the agenda to remove line 16 from the January 13, 2025 agenda. The amended January 13, 2025 agenda was approved by all without objection.

Public Input

Items not on the agenda:

Vance Perkins asked about extending gas service to outside the city limits. Also asked about the code violation fine.

Items on the agenda:

None

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to adopt a resolution to authorize Mayor Smith to act on behalf of the City of DeQuincy to consider and take appropriate action to allow Meyer, Meyers, Lacroix and Hixson as consultants for Water Sector Program. All approved.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to sign documents pertaining to the 2023/2024 LGAP grant. All approved.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to postpone the starting the condemnation process on property located at 202 Jackson Street. All approved.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Margaret Brown to postpone the starting the condemnation process on property located at 206 S Holly Street. All approved.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to postpone the starting the condemnation process on property located at 111 W Center Street. All approved.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to start an emergency condemnation process on property located at 807 N Division Street. All approved.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Margaret Brown to postpone the starting the condemnation process on property located at 404 Velmer Street. All approved.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to begin the condemnation process on property located at 207 Edgewood Street. All approved.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to postpone the starting the condemnation process for 30 days on property located at 307 Washington Street. All approved.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to begin the condemnation process over on property located at 116 Brantley Street since there are new owners. All approved.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Cameron Smith to approve the final Step of condemnation process at 1001 Allen Street. All approved.

A public hearing was held regarding the adoption of ordinance # 984 to adjust sewer rates as suggested by the rate study. The mayor gave information about the study. The council heard public concerns voiced and addressed the concerns. There was no other public comment, hearing closed.

A motion was made by Cameron Smith and seconded by Jim Smith to adopt ordinance # 984 to adjust sewer rates as suggested by the rate study. They chose rate study number three. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Jim Smith, Eddy Dahlquist, Cameron Smith and Margaret Brown. Nays: Scott Wylie. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to postpone the public hearing. The ordinance will die because it needs to be rewritten and introduced with the correct wording. All approved.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the 2025 Liquor permit application for Circle K #2740383. All approved.

There being no further business, Scott Wylie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Smith and carried.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
 Sherri Breaux City Council Clerk Riley Smith Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
 Bobby Dahlquist