

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**March 10, 2025  
DeQuincy, LA**

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 Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to approve February 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion was carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report was in the file. As of February 28, 2025, the overall total revenue, actual year to date is \$2,599,079.27 with the FYE 9/30/2025 budget being \$4,752,200.00 and a remaining budget of \$2,153,120.73. The total expenses, as of February 2025, actual year-to-date total is \$2,255,595.63 with the FYE 9/30/2025 budget total expenses being \$8,466,420.00 and the remaining budget of \$6,210,824.37.

### **REPORT**

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

City Report.

- Farmers Market will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Trash Bash will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Love the Boot will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>
- LA Railroad Days will be held April 10-12<sup>th</sup>
- Met with Senator Mike Johnson's staff
- The audit is almost complete
- Depeaux Gator will be returned this week, he received much-needed repairs
- Held a meeting with Market Basket
- Some new businesses have opened. He asked everyone to shop local
- Addressed the new sewer rates.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to amend the March 10, 2025 agenda by amending line 7 to say Adopt a resolution to appoint Cade Cole as a personnel officer and to remove line 12 to kill ordinance #887. The ordinance is rewritten on line 18. Without objection, the motion was carried and approved by all.

### **Public Input**

#### **Items not on the agenda:**

Vance Perkins asked about the street overlay and pothole repairs

David Brawner asked about sinkholes around Amber Circle and talked about motorists not using their blinkers

Marget Brown asked about all the cats around our area

#### **Items on the agenda:**

None

Mayor Smith re-appointed department heads. They are Sherri Breaux – City Clerk, Hank Frazier- Public Works Director, Annajo Haynes- Police Chief, and Johnny Copeland- Fire Chief. A motion was made by Jim Smith, and seconded by Cameron Smith to approve the appointed department heads. All approved.

Mayor Smith appointed Kenneth Jay Delouche as magistrate of the mayor's court. A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the appointment of the magistrate. All approved.

A motion was made by Cameron Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to adopt a resolution to appoint Cade Cole as a personnel officer for the City of DeQuincy. All approved.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to sign the agreement between CLHG-DeQuincy, LLC d/b/a DeQuincy Memorial Hospital and the DeQuincy Police Department regarding the transportation of mental health patients. All approved.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to hire a debt recovery company to collect the City of DeQuincy's past-due debt. All approved.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Cameron Smith to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to accept the quotes and approve the quote for the new city barn. This was awarded to H & H Metal. All approved.

