

CITY COUNCIL

**April 14, 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 the March 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion was carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The March 2025 monthly budget to the actual comparison report for the General Fund, Street/ Sales Tax Fund, Utility Fund, Airport Fund, Public Safety Fund, and Public Service and Safety Building Fund, is included in each council member's packets. No questions from the council.

REPORT

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

City Report.

- The Railroad Festival had a major turnout
- Spoke with animal control about the cat issue. They will target areas to help us with this issue.
- The mayor reminded everyone that it is against our city ordinance to feed cats on property you do not own.
- Eight firefighters took the EMR training
- One employee became certified in backflow preventor testing
- The community Egg hunt will be held on Friday, April 18, at the walking path.

A motion was made by Cameron Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown approving the April 14, 2025, agenda. Without objection, motion carried.

Public Input

Items not on the agenda:

Vance Perkins asked about trash pickup, the splash pad, and the public pool
Eric Wood spoke about the older houses needing repairs and beautification of the town
Robert Freeman spoke about the noise issue in his neighborhood

Items on the agenda:

None

Burton Kolder of Kolder Slaven and Company presented the audit for FYE 9/30/2024. A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the audit report and findings. All approved.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to approve Mayor Smith to sign the RIGHT OF WAY GRANT for parcel number 00816515. All approved.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to postpone approving/ denying a variance to allow Kathleen Bradshaw to put a mobile on the property at 613 Beech Street. All approved.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to approve the preliminary subdivision plan on Smith Street, subject to the City Engineer's outcome. All approved.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Scott Wylie to authorize Mayor Smith to act on behalf of the City of DeQuincy to consider and take appropriate action for a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and the City of DeQuincy regarding the Summer Food Program. All approved.

A motion was made by Cameron Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to adopt a resolution ratifying the signature of Mayor Riley Smith on a Non-Warranty Deed between the DeQuincy Railroad Museum Inc. and the City of DeQuincy, accepting ownership of the Railroad Museum. All approved.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the RFQ for Invitation for Architectural and Engineering Services for the new box hanger at DeQuincy Airport. All approved.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Scott Wylie to start the condemnation process on the structure located at 202 Jackson Street. All approved.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Jim Smith to start the condemnation process on the structure located at 206 S Holly Street. All approved.

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

A motion was made by Cameron Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to proceed with the next step of the condemnation process, which is to send to the Parish for Inspection, on the structure located at 208 Hall Street. All approved.

A motion was made by Cameron Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to introduce Ordinance # 992 and set a public hearing for May 12, 2025, to update and amend Chapter 18- Streets and Sidewalks and Public Places, Article II Excavations, Sec 18-20 of the City Ordinance Code. All approved.

A public hearing was held on Ordinance # 988 to repeal Section 11-32, Definitions of Article II Fair Housing of the City Ordinance Code. No input. Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to adopt Ordinance # 988 to repeal Section 11-32, Definitions of Article II Fair Housing of the City Ordinance code All approved.

A public hearing was held on Ordinance # 989 to update and amend General Zoning Ordinance, Sec 2 of the City Ordinance Code. No input. Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Cameron Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to adopt Ordinance # 989 to update and amend the General Zoning Ordinance, Sec 2 of the City Ordinance Code. All approved.

A public hearing was held on Ordinance # 990 to update and amend the General Zoning Ordinance, Sec 5A of the City Ordinance Code. No input. Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Cameron Smith to adopt Ordinance # 990, to update and amend the General Zoning Ordinance, Sec 5A of the City Ordinance code. All approved.

A public hearing was held on Ordinance # 991, to amend Section 5-13, Fees, of the City Ordinance Code. No input. Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Margaret Brwon to adopt Ordinance # 991, to amend Section 5-13, Fees, of the City Ordinance Code. All approved.

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

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

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
 Bobby Dahlquist