

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 Cameron Smith to approve the August 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes. All approved, motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

The August 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.

- National Night Out was successful. He thanked everyone who attended and made it successful.
- On September 19, the DQ Masonic Lodge will host a fish fry for the first responders, city officials, and city workers at the Railroad Museum.
- Fly-In will be held on September 22, beginning at 2 pm at the DQ Airport
- Farmers Market will be held on Oct 4, beginning at 4 pm

A motion was made by Cameron Smith and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the September 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion was carried.

Public Input

Items not on the agenda:

No public input.

Items on the agenda:

No public input.

The new Calcasieu Parish Administrator, Dane Bolim, addressed the council.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to approve a variance for Leatrice Wilson to build a home at 1109 Richard Allen Street that will not meet the setback requirements of the City Ordinance. This approval of the variance is given with the requirement that Leatrice Wilson get the approval from the neighbors on each side of his property, stating they are aware of the variance for the setbacks. Once she has this in writing, the variance will be approved. All approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Cameron Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to approve variances for Jon Angell to move a 2014 mobile home inside the city limits of DeQuincy that will not meet the 10-year or newer requirements of the City Ordinance. Their approval is contingent upon the location of the property he will purchase. Once he locates/purchases the property, he will reach out, and the Clerk will get the authority to issue the variance. Council approved both variances (depending upon location). All approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to approve the change of the date of the October meeting to Tuesday, October 14, 2025, due to a federal holiday on October 13, 2025. All approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Cameron Smith to adopt the updated Language Access Plan and Language Identification Flashcard. All approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to approve Mayor Smith authority to send out for RFP for consultants for gas and pipeline safety. All approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to adopt a resolution to authorize Mayor Smith to act on behalf of the City of DeQuincy in all matters concerning the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and the City of DeQuincy, a Federal Grant Manual for Subrecipients. All approved, motion carried.

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 in all matters concerning the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and the City of DeQuincy for the replacement of sidewalks, planning, and construction. All approved, motion carried.

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 in all matters concerning the contract of engineering services for the Cross Drain rehab at the DeQuincy Airport. All approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Cameron Smith to approve to ratify Mayor Smith's signature and allow him to sign all additional documents to accept the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana for equipment for the fire department. All approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to introduce Ordinance # 993 and set a public hearing for October 14, 2025, to declare property located on Grand Ave., generally known as the Grand Ave Gym, to become surplus property, and allow it to be sold through the bid process. All approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Cameron Smith to introduce Ordinance 999 and set a public hearing for October 14, 2025, amending Chapter 5- Buildings, Article 1, Sec 5-1 Uniform Construction Code Adopted, and Sec 5-13. Schedule of permit fees of the Code of Ordinances. All approved, motion carried.

A public hearing was held for Ordinance # 968B, amending the FYE 9/30/25 budget. No Public input. Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Margaret Brown to adopt Ordinance # 968B, amending the FYE 9/30/25 budget. All approved, motion carried.

A public hearing was held for Ordinance # 997, amending the Capital Asset Policy. No Public input. Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to adopt Ordinance # 997, amending the Capital Asset Policy. All approved, motion carried.

A public hearing was held for Ordinance # 998, to authorize Mayor Smith to sign all documents to declare the following vehicles to be surplus and sell to the highest bidder, and if there are no bids, then authorize the city to sell for junk:

2008 Ford Van-0485	2008 Ford Truck- 1663
2008 Ford Crown Vic- 2152	1961 Mack -1444
2022 Honda ORV- 0378	

No Public input. Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to adopt Ordinance # 998, to authorize Mayor Smith to sign all documents to declare the following vehicles to be surplus and sell to the highest bidder, and if there are no bids, then authorize the city to sell for junk:

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All approved, motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the condemnation for 404 Velmer Street. No Public input, hearing closed.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Cameron Smith to adopt the order of condemnation and demolition and move to the final step of the condemnation of the property located on the structure located at 404 Velmer Street. All approved, motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the condemnation for 230 Jackson Street. A family member spoke and asked for an additional 30 days for the family to have the home demolished. No other public input hearing closed.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Cameron Smith to postpone the adoption of the order of condemnation and demolition and move to the final step of the condemnation of the property located on the structure located at 230 Jackson Street for 30 days. All approved, motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the condemnation for 228 Jefferson Street. A family member spoke and asked for an additional 90 days for the family to have the home sold and demolished. No other public input, hearing closed.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to allow 90 additional days to complete the sale and demolition of the property at 228 Jefferson Street. Adopted the order of condemnation and demolition and will move to the final step of the condemnation of the property located on the structure located at 228 Jefferson Street within 90 days if this has not been completed. All approved, motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the condemnation for 218 Jackson Street. A family member asked for an additional 30 days for the family to have the home demolished. No other public input, hearing closed.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to allow 30 additional days to complete demolition of the property at 218 Jackson Street. Adopted the order of condemnation and demolition and will move to the final step of the condemnation of the property located on the structure located at 218 Jackson Street within 30 days if this has not been completed. All approved, motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the condemnation for 210 Jefferson Street. No Public input, hearing closed.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Cameron Smith to adopt the order of condemnation and demolition and move to the final step of the condemnation of the property located on the structure located at 210 Jefferson Street. All approved, motion carried.

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

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

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
 Bobby Dahlquist