

The City Council of the City of DeQuincy met in regular session on the above date in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at DeQuincy City Hall, with the following members present: Scott Wylie, Jim Smith, Cameron Smith, Margaret Brown, and Bobby "Eddy" Dahlquist.

Absent: None

Council Chairman Cameron Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Riley Smith gave the invocation, and Scott Wylie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Margaret Brown to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026, regular meeting. All approved; motion carried.

Financial Report

The April 2026 monthly budget-to-actual comparison reports for the General Fund, Street/Sales Tax Fund, Utility Fund, Airport Fund, Public Safety Fund, and Public Service and Safety Building Fund were included in each council member's packet. There were no questions from the Council.

Department Reports

Fire, Police, Public Works, Sewer, Maintenance, and Airport reports were included in the council packets. There were no questions or comments from the Council.

City Report

Mayor Smith reported the following:

- Love the Boot was held on April 18 and thanked everyone who participated.
- A Special Tax Assessment meeting was held at City Hall on April 30 and was well attended.
- The Memorial Day Program will be held May 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Veterans Park.
- Work has begun on the lift station on Highway 12.
- Work has begun on the Splash Pad.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the agenda for May 11, 2026. Without objection, motion carried.

Public Input

Items not on the agenda:

No public input.

Discussion was held regarding use of the DeQuincy Shooting Range. A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to postpone a decision until the City can work with the City Attorney and insurance company to develop a contract. All approved; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the condition of the Grand Avenue Gym. After reviewing the Parish inspection report, a motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Scott Wylie to approve demolition of the Grand Avenue Gym and accept the lowest bid of \$78,000 from Sam Pappilion to complete the work. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Jim Smith to approve a variance for Robert McManus, Sr. to place a mobile home on property located at 811 N. Division Street, contingent upon all ordinance requirements being met. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to act on behalf of the City of DeQuincy in entering into an agreement with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for mowing and litter services for 2026–2027. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to introduce a resolution and set a public hearing for June 8, 2026, regarding the ½% Sales Tax Renewal for public safety and fire protection to be placed on the November 3, 2026, Primary Election ballot. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held for Ordinance No. 1006 concerning the Franchise and Water Service Agreements between LAWCO and the City of DeQuincy. Public concerns regarding the length of the contract were addressed. There being no further public input, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Margaret Brown to adopt Ordinance No. 1006 regarding the Franchise and Water Service Agreements between LAWCO and the City of DeQuincy. All approved; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding rolling vendors and the Farmers Market. The City Attorney will review City ordinances and work with the property owner at 103/105 4th Street regarding a proposed Farmers Market on the property.

Citizens expressed concerns regarding the structure located at 103/105 4th Street. The property owner was advised of the actions necessary to halt the condemnation process. A motion was made by Jim Smith and

seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to begin the condemnation process for the structure located at 103/105 4th Street. All approved; motion carried.

Citizens also expressed concerns regarding the structure located at 129 Pine Street. The property owner was advised of the actions necessary to halt the condemnation process. A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Margaret Brown to begin the condemnation process for the structure located at 129 Pine Street. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to proceed with the next step of the condemnation process, including review of the Parish inspection report and setting a public hearing for June 8, 2026, for the structure located at 210 Hall Street. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to proceed with the next step of the condemnation process, including review of the Parish inspection report and setting a public hearing for June 8, 2026, for the structure located at 304 S. Perkins Street. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the structure located at 701 Seymour Pullam Road. There was no public input, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to adopt the order of condemnation and demolition and authorize the final step in the condemnation process for the structure located at 701 Seymour Pullam Road. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the structure located at 1005 Banneker Street. There was no public input, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Scott Wylie to adopt the order of condemnation and demolition and authorize the final step in the condemnation process for the structure located at 1005 Banneker Street. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the structure located at 1102 Banneker Street. There was no public input, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Margaret Brown to adopt the order of condemnation and demolition and authorize the final step in the condemnation process for the structure located at 1102 Banneker Street. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the structure located at 808 Hayes Street. There was no public input, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to adopt the order of condemnation and demolition and authorize the final step in the condemnation process for the structure located at 808 Hayes Street. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the structure located at 803 N. Division Street. There was no public input, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to adopt the order of condemnation and demolition and authorize the final step in the condemnation process for the structure located at 803 N. Division Street. All approved; motion carried.

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A public hearing was held for the structure located at 206 S. Holly Street. The owner requested 30 days to demolish the structure. A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Scott Wylie to postpone action for 30 days to allow the owner to demolish the structure. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held for the structure located at 211 N. Pine Street. The owner stated he had obtained permits to begin work on the structure. A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Margaret Brown to postpone the final step in the condemnation process for the structure located at 211 N. Pine Street. All approved; motion carried.

There being no further business, Eddy Dahlquist made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Margaret Brown and carried.

ATTEST: _____
Sherri Breaux, Secretary of the Council and City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Riley Smith, Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
Cameron Smith