

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, Cameron Smith, Margaret Brown, and Bobby "Eddy" Dahlquist. Absent: None.

Council Member Cameron Smith 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 minutes of the May 11, 2026, regular meeting. All approved; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The May 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.

REPORTS

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

CITY REPORT

Mayor Smith reported the following:

- The Memorial Day Program was very well attended. He thanked Vance Perkins for coordinating the event.
- Former City Planner Ray Hyatt celebrated his 100th birthday.
- Food box distribution will be held on June 12, 2026, due to the federal holiday. Volunteers are needed to assist with deliveries to shut-ins.
- An update was provided regarding records stored in the Old Town Hall.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Scott Wylie to amend the agenda to add an item authorizing Mayor Smith to negotiate with the property owners at 601 North Grand Avenue regarding property damage caused by the City of DeQuincy. All approved; motion carried.

Public input was heard from a citizen concerning 129 Pine Street. There was no other public input.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Scott Wylie to authorize Mayor Smith to negotiate with the property owners at 601 North Grand Avenue regarding property damage caused by the City of DeQuincy. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to appoint the DeQuincy News as the Official Journal for the City of DeQuincy. All approved; motion carried.

There was no update regarding the DeQuincy Shooting Range. The City Attorney is currently working on this matter.

There was no update regarding the Farmers Market/Rolling Vendor issue. The City Attorney is currently working on this matter.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Margaret Brown to deny a variance request for the owners of 219 Kelly Street due to the homeowners not residing in the mobile home. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Jim Smith to approve a four-month extension of the variance allowing a family member of Martha Gross to reside in a travel trailer located on property she owns at 722 Beech Street. No additional extensions will be granted. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to authorize the DeQuincy Industrial Airport to advertise for bids for the "Airfield Drainage Improvements – Phase II" project, which will be funded through a grant issued by the FAA/LADOTD. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Jim Smith to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to act on behalf of the City of DeQuincy and take appropriate action to remove one of the four generators involved in the HGA Grant. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held regarding a resolution for the renewal of the one-half percent (½%) sales tax dedicated to public safety and fire protection to be held on the Primary Election date of November 3, 2026. No public input was received, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to adopt a resolution calling for the renewal of the one-half percent (½%) sales tax dedicated to public safety and fire protection to be held on the Primary Election date of November 3, 2026. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Margaret Brown to introduce Ordinance No. 995B and set a public hearing for August 10, 2026, to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to introduce Ordinance No. 1008 and set a public hearing for August 10, 2026, regarding the proposed budget of expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Scott Wylie to introduce Ordinance No. 1009 and set a public hearing for July 13, 2026, to declare property located on Yoakum Avenue, Parcel Nos. 00749001A and 01343049, as surplus property and authorize the sale of a servitude to the property owner at 101 Yoakum Avenue. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held regarding the structure located at 210 Hall Street. The homeowner addressed the Council concerning repairs being made to the structure and requested additional time to complete the work. The Council advised him to obtain the inspection report, determine what repairs were required, and secure all necessary permits. There was no other public input, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Scott Wylie and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist not to adopt the Order of Condemnation and to grant a two-month extension for the owner to complete repairs to the structure located at 210 Hall Street. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held regarding the structure located at 304 South Perkins Street. There was no public input, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Jim Smith to adopt an Order of Condemnation and Demolition and authorize the final step in the condemnation process for the structure located at 304 South Perkins Street. All approved; motion carried.

There being no further business, Margaret Brown made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Smith. All approved; motion carried.

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

APPROVED: _____
Riley Smith Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
Cameron Smith