

CITY OF DEQUINCY
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 13, 2026

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: Jim Smith, Cameron Smith, Margaret Brown, and Bobby "Eddy" Dahlquist. Absent: Scott Wylie.

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

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026, regular meeting. All approved; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The June 2026 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 Railroad Museum celebrated its 50th anniversary on July 4 with good attendance.
- Construction of the Splash Pad is nearly complete and is expected to be finished within the next few weeks.
- Cleanup of the Grand Avenue Gym is nearly complete.
- Council members were asked to inspect their districts for drainage ditches needing attention and submit lists to Sherri Breaux.
- Election qualifying will be held August 5–7.
- Council Member Scott Wylie is absent due to a family emergency.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to approve the July 13, 2026, agenda. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to approve a 120-day extension of a variance allowing a family member of Jason Bradshaw to reside in a travel trailer on property located at 312 N. Perkins Street. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Jim Smith to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to apply for a Calcasieu Parish Road and Drainage Trust Fund grant to improve drainage along Louise and McNeese Streets. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Jim Smith to adopt a resolution approving the appointment of Daniel Forrester as Director and William Frazier as Alternate Director to the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority for a four-year term. 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 to amend the current Combined Anti-Drug Team (CAT) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to add the Louisiana State Police as a participating law enforcement agency. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held regarding adoption of a resolution concerning the adjusted millage rate of 5.930, as set by the parish tax assessor. No public comments were received, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to adopt the resolution concerning the adjusted millage rate of 5.930, as set by the parish tax assessor. All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held regarding adoption of a resolution setting forth the adjusted millage rate and rolling forward to a millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate of 6.020. No public comments were received, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Jim Smith to adopt the resolution setting forth the adjusted millage rate and rolling forward to a millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate of 6.020. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Margaret Brown to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to award a construction contract for the DeQuincy Industrial Airpark Airfield Drainage Improvement Project to the lowest responsive bidder, MPB Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$502,806.79, contingent upon receipt of funding through an FAA/LADOTD grant. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Margaret Brown to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to execute a Construction Engineering Services Agreement with Infrastructure Construction and Engineering, LLC, for the DeQuincy Industrial Airpark Airfield Drainage Improvement Project, in the amount of \$118,870.75, contingent upon receipt of FAA grant funding. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Jim Smith to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to execute all documents necessary to enter into an agreement with the lowest bidder, R.C. Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$1,255,370.87, for the Street Rehabilitation Planning and Construction Project (F.P.&C. Project No. 50-M64-22-02). All approved; motion carried.

A public hearing was held regarding Ordinance No. 1009, declaring property located on Yoakum Avenue (Parcel Nos. 00749001A and 01343049) as surplus property and authorizing the sale of a servitude to the property owner at 101 Yoakum Avenue. No public comments were received, and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to adopt Ordinance No. 1009 declaring the property located on Yoakum Avenue (Parcel Nos. 00749001A and 01343049) as surplus property and authorizing the sale of a servitude to the property owner at 101 Yoakum Avenue. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to introduce Ordinance No. 1010 and set a public hearing for August 10, 2026, to amend Section 12-34 of the City Code regarding businesses whose licenses are based on flat fees (solicitors, peddlers, and hawkers). All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Jim Smith to introduce Ordinance No. 1011 and set a public hearing for August 10, 2026, to amend Chapter 21, Appendix A, General Zoning Ordinance, Section 2, of the City Code. All approved; motion carried.

Discussion was held with the new owner of the structure located at 103/105 E. Fourth Street, who presented an engineer's report and proposed building plans to the Council. A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to deny initiation of the condemnation process for the structure. All approved; motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the request submitted by the property owner of 129 Pine Street, as presented at the June 8, 2026, Council meeting. A motion to postpone consideration of the request was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Jim Smith. All approved; motion carried.

Following additional discussion, a motion was made by Eddy Dahlquist and seconded by Jim Smith to discontinue the condemnation process for the structure located at 129 Pine Street. The owner will have six months to submit a scope of work for completion of the building. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to postpone the final step of the condemnation process for the structure located at 701 Seymour Pullam Lane for 30 days to allow the owner or prospective buyer to provide a letter of intent. Voting results were as follows: Jim Smith, Margaret Brown, and Eddy Dahlquist voted yes; Cameron Smith voted no. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to approve the final step of the condemnation process for the structure located at 1005 Banneker Street. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Jim Smith to approve the final step of the condemnation process for the structure located at 1102 Banneker Street. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Margaret Brown and seconded by Jim Smith to postpone the final step of the condemnation process for the structure located at 808 Hayes Street for 30 days to allow the owner or prospective buyer to provide a letter of intent. All approved; motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Margaret Brown to approve the final step of the condemnation process for the structure located at 304 S. Perkins Street. All approved; motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Smith and seconded by Eddy Dahlquist to authorize the Mayor to sign the Order of Condemnation, thereby approving the final step of the condemnation process for the structure located at 206 N. Holly Street. All approved; motion carried.

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

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

APPROVED: _____
Riley Smith Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
Cameron Smith