

CITY COUNCIL

**April 10, 2017,
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: Ronda Jacobs, Mark Peloquin, Judy Landry, and Denise Maddox and Andrea Coleman. Absent: None

Council Chairman Denise Maddox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Lawrence Henagan gave the invocation and Ronda Jacobs led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the March 13, 2017 regular session minutes. Without objection the motion carried.

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland reported there were five (5) runs for the month of March 2017.

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$30,976.00 for the month of March 2017.

Public works Director Eddy Dahlquist was absent from the meeting and Mayor Henagan reported the crew had been busy getting the DeQuincy Youth complex ready for ball season and last week was busy preparing for the Railroad Festival.

CITY REPORTS GIVEN BY MAYOR HENAGAN

- The weather was great this year for the Railroad Festival and we had a record turnout.
- Buxton Creek project slowed down some because of the rainy weather but hopefully will be back on schedule.
- A letter was received today from a constituent stating two uninhabited properties he wished the council would look at and consider for condemnation. Both properties are in District 1, which is Mr. Peloquin's district.
- Denise Maddox recognized Detective Whitehead and congratulated him on being named Citizen of the Year by the DeQuincy Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Henagan also mentioned what a good job our Police Officers and Sheriff's Deputies, headed by Deputy James Maddox did during our Railroad Festival. All of the hard work was greatly appreciated.

Andrea Coleman made a motion to approve the April 10, 2017 agenda and Ronda Jacobs seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Items not on the agenda.

None

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Mayor Henagan introduced Gerald Johnson, former Mayor of DeRidder and our current representative of RMI.

Aaron Cooper, CPA presented his findings for the audit for FYE 9/30/2016. After going over the revenues, expenditures and losses, Mr. Cooper said DeQuincy ended up in very good shape overall. The only findings were three accounts for the DeQuincy Volunteer Fire Department that had not been previously included in our audit but, because the city's tax identification number was used on these accounts, now must be included on the city's audit. The city has already taken the necessary steps to include these accounts in the audit.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Ronda Jacobs mentioned what a great Railroad Festival we had this year and the golf carts worked out really well. She also asked how the handicap parking worked out and was told it was a lot better than in previous years. Lastly, Mrs. Jacobs asked when the next trash bash would be scheduled.

Mark Peloquin mentioned the golf carts at the festival and thought it would be good to form a committee to get things set up for next year. In addition, Mr. Peloquin mentioned he would make a phone call to the owner or owners of the two houses that were mentioned earlier regarding condemnation.

Judy Landry said she received many compliments on the golf cart transportation at the festival this year. She also asked what could be done about cars parked on the side of the road blocking traffic. She also asked about what could be done with vehicles, with no license plates, parked on property and never moved.

Andrea Coleman asked the status on the property on Jackson Street she had mentioned at a previous council meeting.

Denise Maddox mentioned the pothole over by Fred's that has been there for a while. The Mayor explained they are waiting for more cold mix to put in the hole because it works and lasts longer than reclaim. Right now, we are having a problem getting it. Mrs. Maddox also asked if the police manual had been updated lately.

Andrea Coleman made a motion to adjourn and Judy Landry seconded the motion.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk Lawrence Henagan Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
Denise Maddox Council Chairman