

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: Judy Landry, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Absent: James Harris.

Council Chairman Mark Peloquin 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 Denise Maddox and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to approve the July 9, 2018 regular session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Denise Maddox to approve the July 12, 2018 regular session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the July 30, 2018 regular session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Valecia Royer, CPA, gave the financial report. As of July 31, 2018, the overall total revenue, the actual year to date is \$3,969,368.96 with the amended budget being \$4,510,110.00, with a remaining budget of \$540,741.04. The total expenses, as of July 31, 2018, are \$3,553,608.31, with the amended budget being \$5,535,070.00, with a remaining budget of \$1,981,461.69.

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland gave the fire report for the month of July 2018. They had six (6) calls for the month.

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$24,062.00. He also gave the council a report on the five (5) red tags he had issued in the month. Clarification was given as to how the city crew needed to handle mowing a lot when the house is occupied. City Attorney Doug Cox advised that, as long as proper notice was given, the city crew could legally mow the property.

Eddy Dahlquist was not present at the meeting and Mayor Henagan gave an update on the street department. After property notice was sent, Eddy was able to use our bush-hog to cut the property we had received complaints on located at the corner of Margaret Street and Louise Street. They have also put in new gas lines and sewer lines and mowed city lots around town.

Councilman James Harris arrived at approximately 6:15 p.m.

**CITY REPORTS GIVEN BY MAYOR HENAGAN**

- Our LMA convention was held July 24, 25, and 26 in Lake Charles and there was a very good turnout.
- School is starting this week so everyone please be aware of the school zones.
- There have been some inquiries as to whether or not the city could purchase a wheelchair accessible swing for the Railroad Museum Park. We have contacted one of our vendors, Tracy Kincaid, and was told they did not have a commercial grade wheelchair swing, which is what we would need to purchase as a municipality. He also mentioned the one put up in Lafayette has had quite a bit of problems. If not used properly it can be dangerous and they have found some people, not handicapped, are not using the equipment properly, causing injuries. It was eventually taken out. We then contacted Jerry Cronin with RMI and asked for an opinion from an insurance standpoint. He was aware of the problems in Lafayette and will do some research and get back with us with his findings.
- We have received a letter from the Kansas City Southern Railway advising the Christmas Train will not be coming through DeQuincy this year. They will be taking the Northern route but hopefully, we can get them back next year.

Ronda Jacobs asked City Attorney Doug Cox if we could list, in the DeQuincy News, the names and addresses of people with ordinance violations. The city attorney suggested we list the names as well as the address in the agenda if it is going to be an agenda item.

Judy Landry made a motion and Denise Maddox seconded the motion to approve the August 13, 2018 agenda. Without objection, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**Items not on the agenda.**

- Dorothy Eygabroad mentioned an old tire had been put on the street to be picked up and there was also one put out at the new Senior Center. She asked that the city please pick up and that the public be advised of what items could and could not be put in the trash.
- Frank Jones asked that the Police Dept. check on the black vehicle that has been parked for several weeks on Harrison Street across from the ambulance service.

**Items on the agenda.**

- **None**

Larry Rader, candidate for U. S. Congress, 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, addressed the council and advised he will be running in the upcoming election.

A public hearing was held regarding the FYE 9/30/19 budget. There was no public input.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by James Harris to adopt an ordinance regarding the FYE 9/30/19 budget. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Judy Landry to authorize Mayor Henagan, on behalf of the City of DeQuincy, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau regarding the 1% hotel occupancy tax. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Judy Landry thanked Chief Suchanek for handling her travel trailer situation.

James Harris mentioned they are still having drainage problems throughout his district and there are still concerns about the gym but he will be getting with Mayor and Eddy on those concerns.

Ronda Jacobs thanked Chief Suchanek for his red tag report.

Denise Maddox asked Chief Suchanek if we need to do anything to help him with the red tags. She also asked if a red tag had been issued to the landowner of the Nursery Street property. If not, we need to contact them. There are still some potholes that need to be filled and asked if we had received any cold mix. Mrs. Maddox asked about the status of the rental agreement on city rental property. Mrs. Maddox spoke at length on this subject and asked for clarification on the back rent, value of the property, etc. It was suggested by James Harris that the city obtain an appraisal on the property. Mrs. Maddox asked that this matter be put on the September agenda for discussion and possible action.

Mrs. Maddox also asked if the use of city vehicles could be put on the agenda for September so the matter could be cleared up prior to the end of the year.

Mark Peloquin asked that the matter of city rental property be resolved prior to the new mayor taking office. Also, concerning red tags, he asked that the council members talk to as many of the property owners as possible prior to a red tag being issued. Most of the time, the matter can be resolved prior to the formal notice.

Denise Maddox made a motion to adjourn and James Harris seconded the motion.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lawrence Henagan Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Peloquin

