

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**February 12, 2018  
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: Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and James Harris. Absent were Ronda Jacobs and Judy Landry.

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

Motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by James Harris to approve the January 8, 2018 regular session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Valecia Royer, CPA, gave the financial report. As of January 31, 2018, the total overall revenue, the actual year to date is \$1,601,013.06, with the budget being \$4,161,110.00, with a remaining budget of \$2,560,096.94. The total expenses, as of January 31, 2018, are \$1,538,302.61, with the budget being \$5,025,570.00, with a remaining budget of \$3,487,267.39. We still do not have the final figures on the closeout on the Buxton Creek Project. As soon as that is received, we will introduce an amendment to the budget.

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

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$25,813.00 for January 2018.

Eddy Dahlquist gave the public works report. The city crew put in one new gas service and killed two services. They have patched a few potholes but the rain has prevented them from filling very many.

## **CITY REPORTS GIVEN BY MAYOR HENAGAN**

- We had a preliminary meeting with the Dixie Youth about the ball complex trying to get it ready for the beginning of ball season.
- There has been a lot of bad weather since the first of the year but our crews are trying to get things ready for the DeQuincy Railroad Festival, which is scheduled for April 12, 13 and 14.
- The mobile home in LeBlanc Street was finally torn down and the lot has been cleared.

Denise Maddox made a motion to approve the February 12, 2018 agenda and James Harris seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by James Harris to amend the agenda by adding that the council adopt a Resolution informing the LADEQ that the city will continue maintaining our wastewater treatment plant and continue the required analytical analysis in accordance with the current LADEQ permit, including monthly monitoring of influent CBOD, this item to be numbered 10 and moving council concerns to no. 11. Without objection, the motion carried.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

### **Items not on the agenda.**

- Blaine Russell asked the Mayor and council when the deep ruts in the highline behind his house were going to be filled in by Cleco as promised many months ago. The ruts are causing a drainage problem with his property and the highline can't be mowed because of the deep ruts. Mayor Henagan explained he has spoken to our representative from Cleco and was advised they were aware of the problem and were trying to get the problem taken care of. This is Cleco's highline and it their responsibility to maintain the highline.
- Arnold Blagrove, on behalf of Temple Baptist Church, thanked the city for cleaning up the lot on LeBlanc Street.
- Darlene Hooker invited everyone to Black History Family Reunion on Saturday, February 17 at 10:00 at the Guiding Light Church of God in Christ.

**Items on the agenda.**

➤ None.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by James Harris to introduce an ordinance amending the FYE 9/30/2017 budget and set a public hearing for March 12, 2018. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and James Harris. Nays: None. Absent: Ronda Jacobs and Judy Landry. Abstain: None.

A public hearing was held regarding adopting an ordinance on the new gas rates for DeQuincy. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by James Harris to adopt an ordinance on the new gas rates for DeQuincy. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and James Harris. Nays: None. Absent: Ronda Jacobs and Judy Landry. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by James Harris to authorize Mayor Henagan to go out for bids on the new roof for the Old Town Hall Museum. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and James Harris. Nays: None. Absent: Ronda Jacobs and Judy Landry. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by James Harris to rename Fields A, B, C, and D at the DeQuincy Baseball Complex. It was suggested they now be named Field A Frank Jones Memorial Field, Field B Richard Quinn Memorial Field, Field C Ralph Mitchell Memorial Field, and Field D Glen White Memorial Field. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and James Harris. Nays: None. Absent: Ronda Jacobs and Judy Landry. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by James Harris to adopt a Resolution informing the LADEQ that the city will continue maintaining our wastewater treatment plant and continue the required analytical analysis in accordance with the current LADEQ permit, including monthly monitoring of influent CBOD. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and James Harris. Nays: None. Absent: Ronda Jacobs and Judy Landry. Abstain: None.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS**

James Harris informed the council he recently had a meet and greet with some of the residents in his district and addressed some of their concerns. He has also addressed some of these concerns with Public Works Director, Eddy Dahlquist.

Denise Maddox followed up with the council on a meeting that she and James Harris had with the Grand Avenue Board to discuss some of the requirements that are wanted in the Agreement between the city of DeQuincy and the Grand Avenue Board. They will be coming back before the council before the final Agreement is prepared. Ms. Maddox also discussed the problems all around town with the ditches. They are being filled up with trash and leaves and she asked that the city inmate crew and city crew try to get them cleaned out. She also pointed out a couple of sinkholes on LeBlanc Street that needs immediate attention.

Mark Peloquin asked about the lights at the baseball complex that are not facing the field but are instead facing upwards. The Mayor explained the problem right now is the ground is too wet to get the big trucks on the field to turn to lights around without damaging the field. The lights have been like this since Hurricane Rita but there is still enough lighting on the fields that these lights have not been a problem.

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

