

CITY COUNCIL

**January 9, 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: Andrea Coleman, Ronda Jacobs, Mark Peloquin, Judy Landry, and Denise Maddox. Absent: None.

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

Motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to approve the December 12, 2016 regular session minutes. Without objection the motion carried.

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland reported there were four (4) runs for the month of December 2016.

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$13,910.50 for the month of December 2016.

Mayor Henagan gave the public works report. The crew has been busy filling potholes and digging ditches, mostly on the south side of town.

CITY REPORTS GIVEN BY MAYOR HENAGAN

- The Martin Luther King Parade is scheduled for January 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- The holidays were good but unfortunately, both of our firework events were rained out so we are going to try again on July 4.
- The funeral for Eloise Sanders, mother of our City Clerk, will be Wednesday at 10:00 at the Methodist Church, with visitation Tuesday night from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- Sabrina Sallings, our Cleco Representative is here visiting with us tonight. A couple weeks we had a major electrical outage in DeQuincy and Sabrina kept us updated throughout the day and Cleco was actually able to get us back up and running sooner than expected. We appreciate their hard work.

Andrea Coleman made a motion to approve the December 12, 2016 agenda and Judy Landry seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion carried.

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Items not on the agenda.

- Lorraine Lewis asked that the city send a letter to the owner of the property at 1016 Truth Street and ask that they clean up their property. There is also a piece of property on Richard Allen Street, right behind her residence, which has been partially torn down but needs more attention. Andrea explained to Mrs. Lewis that she has talked to the property owners of 1016 Truth Street and they are aware of the complaint. There are several heirs involved and Ms. Coleman is working to get the property cleaned up.
- Christina Phillips asked Ms. Coleman if she had heard anything from DOTD regarding the study they were doing on Hwy. 27 South. Ms. Coleman explained they were supposed to have gotten a report to her by the end of December but to date she has not heard from them. Mayor Henagan stated he had spoken with DOTD and they are trying to schedule a meeting but a suitable date has not been scheduled yet.

Items on the agenda:

- Patricia Comeaux, owner of Comeaux's Restaurant asked that their liquor license be approved.
- Representative of Texaco Station and convenience store also asked that their liquor license be approved.

After a brief discussion and a recommendation from the mayor about the liquor license application submitted by Texaco (Tiger Speedy Stop), a motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the liquor license application submitted by Texaco (Tiger Speedy Stop). Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The council discussed the liquor license application submitted by Comeaux's and the mayor advised there had been one violation after their license expired on December 31. Ms. Coleman asked that the owner educate their employees on the selling of alcohol since this violation was apparently a lack of communication between the owner and the employees. A recommendation was made that a probation period lasting until April 1 be issued and if there were any more violations issued during that time the license would be revoked. A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Andrea Coleman that the council approve the liquor license application submitted by Comeaux's, with the stipulation that there be a probation period until April 1 and if there were any more violations issued during that time the license would be revoked. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None.

A motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to authorize Mayor Henagan to accept the low bid of \$1,395,829.00 from Tanner Heavy Equipment Co., Inc. for the Buxton Creek Project. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None.

A motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Judy Landry to introduce the proposed amendment for FYE 9/30/16 budget. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Judy Landry asked if a red tag had been put on the house by the water tower.

Andrea Coleman asked about an update on the house on Pugh Street. There has been nothing since the last report sent to the council except that the mayor understood the State Fire Marshall's Office had received a letter from their attorney regarding the number of residents allowed in the house. The mobile home rental came into the conversation and our city attorney said the mobile home in question, that has been immobilized, was grandfathered in so does not come under our current ordinance.

Mark Peloquin mentioned it had been rumored that the city council and our mayor was against the Pugh Street house in question. He assured everyone that the council nor Mayor Henagan were against the house but merely wanted to make sure the proper steps have been taken to open this facility and the person in charge is properly certified.

Ronda Jacobs asked if the dog situation she reported had been taken of. She also asked about making Brantley Street a one way and hard surfacing the road. The mayor mentioned the lack of ditches would prevent the hard surfacing of the road and when previously asked, the residents did not want ditches dug. Mrs. Jacobs also mentioned there has been several burglaries around town and asked that everyone be on the lookout for anything or anyone suspicious and if seen to call the police department.

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

