

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**June 11, 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: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Absent: None.

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

Motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to approve the May 14, 2018 regular session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the May 17, 2018 special session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Valecia Royer, CPA, gave the financial report. As of May 31, 2018, the overall total revenue, the actual year to date is \$3,190,899.60 with the budget being \$4,161,110.00, with a remaining budget of \$970,210.40. The total expenses, as of April 30, 2018, are \$3,002,737.19, and the budget being \$5,025,570.00, and a remaining budget of \$2,022,832.81.

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland gave the fire report for the month of May 2018. They had five (5) calls for the month.

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$34,253.62 for May 2018.

Eddy Dahlquist gave the public works report. The crew replaced six culverts and replaced a couple of sewer taps. They have been cutting grass around town and are trying to get the baseball fields ready for a tournament coming up. The crew is also filling potholes.

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

- The roof has been completed on Old Town Hall. The contractor will be paid out of a grant from the Police Jury.
- Went to a meeting on the I-210 project and it sounds like it is going to be a fiasco. I also attended another meeting with the Gaming Board where we discussed possibly giving an incentive bonus to the contractor that was awarded the bid, to finish the job quicker. The money will come out of the gaming pool.
- There will be a notice in the paper asking for bids on mowing the airport. If the bids are reasonable, we will contract someone to mow the airport property for us.
- We had a pre-bid conference on the perimeter fencing at the airport and we will be advertising for bids. Ninety-five per cent will be paid by FAA and the balance by the State.
- District Meetings have started and I will be going to those for the couple of weeks.
- Several years ago, we did a gas pre-pay with LNGA and hopefully we are getting another pre-pay done.
- I went to a meeting last week at El Tucan where cleaning up the town was a topic of discussion. A volunteer workday is set for June 23, 2018 to work on all four entrances into town. A trash bash has also been set for the same day. The newspaper will have a list of the items accepted. Our city crew and Phelps crew work mostly on infrastructure so volunteers are welcomed to get involved in helping clean up the city.

Mary Jo Bayles mentioned the Healthier Southwest Louisiana, in an effort to promote a smoke free environment for people to work in, has scheduled a smoke-free event at the Iron Horse on June 29. A live band will be there as well as several representatives from the Healthier Southwest Louisiana Group.

Denise Maddox made a motion and Judy Landry seconded the motion to approve the June 11, 2018 agenda. Without objection, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**Items not on the agenda.**

- None

**Items on the agenda.**

- None

Stewart Moss addressed the council and advised he will be running for the District 33 State Representative Seat.

Walter B. Council, II, Transportation Planner for IMCAL, addressed the council regarding the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. He asked that the council get with their constituents and pass out a 10-question survey requesting their concerns about the transportation in the area.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Denise Maddox to approve the liquor license for the new owners of Super Saver 25 on North Grand Avenue. 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 James Harris to introduce an ordinance and set a public hearing for August 13, 2018 regarding the proposed budget of expenditures for the FYE 9/30/19. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Valecia Royer explained the changes in the FYE 9/30/18 budget. This is doing what we need to do for the 5% variance. Gaming revenue was more than expected and, because we have gone with the Parish for animal control, we have moved that expense to the general fund rather than the Police Department fund. We have made a change in fines since we collected more than expected. Also, as fines go up, the court conviction fees go up as well so changes were made in both places. In addition, we finally got the final figures on Buxton Creek and that was added to the amendment.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to introduce an ordinance and set a public hearing for July 9, 2018 regarding amending the FYE 9/30/18 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 Denise Maddox and seconded by James Harris to appoint to the Grand Avenue Community Center Board, Jennifer Danclar, Ned Johnson and A.V. Dixon. 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 Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to reappoint the DeQuincy News as the official journal of the City of DeQuincy. 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 Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to adopt a resolution endorsing and supporting the Louisiana Development Ready Communities Program and appointing members for the committee. 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 asked Eddy and the Mayor about cleaning out the gully on Yoakum Street.

James Harris mentioned the potholes are still a concern and the tennis shoes mentioned previously are still on the highline. Mr. Harris also has a couple of concerns about the gym but will get with the Mayor and Eddy to discuss them.

Ronda Jacobs asked that if we were putting a street overlay in the budget this year.

Denise Maddox asked the Mayor if there had been any more discussion on the city's rental property.

Mark Peloquin asked if anyone had been to Old Town Hall to make sure the new roof does not leak. It had been checked and there were no leaks. Mayor Henagan also mentioned the city crew has been working on cleaning out the back of the building and had hauled out a large dumpster full of debris.

Ronda Jacobs made a motion to adjourn and Judy Landry seconded the motion.

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

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

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