

CITY COUNCIL

**May 14, 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, Denis 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 Ronda Jacobs led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the April 9, 2018 regular session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Valecia Royer, CPA, gave the financial report. As of April 30, 2018, the overall total revenue, the actual year to date is \$2,795,737.36 with the budget being \$4,161,110.00, with a remaining budget of \$1,365,372.64. The total expenses, as of April 30, 2018, are \$2,555,987.71, with the budget being \$5,025,570.00, with a remaining budget of \$2,469,582.29.

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland gave the fire report for the month of April 2018. They had eight (8) calls for the month.

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$27,994.00 for April 2018.

Eddy Dahlquist gave the public works report. The crew killed four gas services and installed one new gas service. They have also been filling potholes and mowing grass around the city. Old Town Hall had a water leak in their bathroom that caused quite a bit of damage and the crew has been working there trying to get some repairs done.

CITY REPORTS GIVEN BY MAYOR HENAGAN

- The bids on Old Town Hall roof project will be opened this Wednesday. A dumpster has been ordered and is scheduled to be delivered on so the city crew can begin the clean up inside of Old Town Hall.
- An insurance adjuster came and inventoried the damage to the inside, back half, of Old Town Hall after the leak in the bathroom flooded the back part of the building.
- Sabrina, our Cleco representative, called and advised they were going to try to get a crew out this week to look at the highline behind West Park Addition. If it is dry enough they may be able to begin work on it.
- Reminder of the Mike Danahay event tomorrow at noon and the District G meeting in Crowley on June 7.
- Advised the council that the women's cell at the DeQuincy PD has been completed and they can now house women if necessary.
- Our Zoning Board needs new members and asked that each council member furnish him with the name of someone from their District that might be interested in serving on the Board.
Ronda Jacobs asked Mayor and Mary Jo if another trash bash could be scheduled in the near future.

Denise Maddox made a motion and Ronda Jacobs seconded the motion to amend the May 14, 2018 agenda by taking off number 10 and moving up council Concerns to 10. Without objection the motion carried.

Denise Maddox made a motion and James Harris seconded the motion to approve the May 14, 2018 agenda as amended. Without objection, the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Items not on the agenda.

- Derrick Taylor, Vice President of the Grand Avenue Board advised the council they had three people they want added to the Board. He was advised by the council this matter would have to go on the agenda rather than public input since the council could not take action on anything brought up in public input. Mr. Taylor asked that it be put on the June agenda.
- Darlene Hooker advised the Council the annual Love Community Mission Rally Walk, Celebration and Parade was scheduled for Saturday, June 6 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Also, just a reminder, the Back to School Supply Drive will be coming up soon.
- Seymour Pullam advised the council there are two spots on the fence line at the Grand Avenue Gym that needs to be repaired. Pictures were furnished the council. He also asked for signs to be put up advising no ATV's, list of the times the gym is opened and no unsupervised children allowed. Council Member Maddox suggested on sign be made with all of the rules set out on one sign. Mr. Pullam also asked that the Police patrol more at the gym and arrest anyone that is at the gym after hours without permission.
- Arnold Blagrove discussed with the council the problems in his district with houses falling down, high grass and asked if the council could look into possibly updating our ordinance. He also made a complaint about a dog situation on his street that is not being taken care of by the current animal control officers.

Items on the agenda.

- **None**

Aaron Cooper, CPA, presented to the council the audit report for the FYE 9/30/2017. He said the city was still in good shape financially and only found a couple of issues with purchase orders.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to accept the bid from Terrell Borel, for \$1,020.00 for the 1995 Ford Dump Truck. 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 accept the bid from Vision Industrial Services for \$3001.00 for the 1981 Mack Fire Truck. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, James Harris, Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A public hearing was held regarding the adoption of an ordinance amending the Animal Control Ordinance to prohibit hogs, swine or pigs, with the exception of potbelly pigs and kept as pets indoors and 4-H pigs, in the city limits.

- Arnold Blagrove commented on this amendment. He agrees with allowing potbelly pigs but is against the 4-H pigs.
- Denise Maddox also mentioned she had received several phone calls regarding the 4-H pigs and they are against having them in the city limits. Mrs. Maddox agreed that it would be hard to regulate.
- James Maddox also had the same complaints from his constituents. They are against the 4-H hogs being allowed in the city limits.
- Ronda Jacobs said she looked up information on the 4-H hogs and shared that information with the council. The constituents that called her are also against the 4-H hogs being in the city limits.
- Mrs. Maddox asked if we would fall back on the nuisance animal clause in our current ordinance, if this ordinance was voted down.
- Mayor Henagan suggested, rather than voting down the ordinance, they amend the amended ordinance that has been presented to the council and take out allowing 4-H hogs in the city limits.

Open meeting closed.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by James Maddox to adopt the amended ordinance presented to the council by omitting the 4-H hogs and only allowing potbelly pigs kept as pets indoors. . 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 Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to authorize Mayor Henagan to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Calcasieu parish Police Jury and the City regarding the Summer Food Service Program. 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 Ronda Jacobs to begin the condemnation process on the N. Perkin’s Street house. 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 had no concerns.

James Harris gave a list of pot holes that need to be filled. There is a huge hole on East Street that needs to be filled. Addresses were given for high grass mowing letters need to be send to houses on Douglas Road. Mr. Harris also asked about the condemnation process on the house behind Bethel AME Church. There is some old furniture set out on the street on Coward Street that needs to be picked up and there are tennis shoes on telephone lines that need to be taken down.

Ronda Jacobs asked that the council drive their district and send to City Hall a list of all of the properties they see that need to be sent letters.

Denise Maddox asked that some pot holes be filled and also asked about the rent on buildings owned by the city. She was concerned that there were a couple of buildings that we still were not receiving monthly rental payments.

Mark Peloquin asked Eddy Dahlquist how things were going with Dixie Youth. He also mentioned cats are a problem in his district and needs to know the process now to have the cats picked up. He also asked when the bids were coming down for the Old Town Hall roof.

Denise Maddox 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