

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**October 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: Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin, Ronda Jacobs, and Judy Landry. Absent: Andrea Coleman.

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

Motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Mark Peloquin to approve the September 11, 2017 regular session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Valecia Royer, CPA, gave the financial report for September 2017. Ms. Royer advised the council she is preparing for audit

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland reported there were four (6) runs for the month of September 2017. Chairman Maddox asked if the city charged for hazmat cleanup and Chief Copeland said occasionally but most of the time there is no one on site to bill, which was the case this month.

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$35,627.84.

Eddy Dahlquist is on vacation so Mayor Henagan included the public works report in his report.

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

- The city contracted the lot on the end of Duff Street to be cleaned up and when billed, the landowner paid the bill in full.
- The washed out culvert on Washington Street has been replaced.
- The two houses on Hwy. 27 S, coming into DeQuincy, have been torn down.
- There will be no funding for LGAP Grants this year because it has been taken out of the state budget. LMA has written letters to the Governor concerning this matter and hopefully it will be put back in the budget next year.
- We will be discussing the GIS mapping at next month's council meeting and hopefully be in a position to go out for bids.
- Rolling Thunder has postponed their fundraiser for the World War II Memorial until sometime in the spring.
- The annual Harry Hooker Holy Smoke BBQ Cook-off and Praise Festival is scheduled for October 28, 2017.
- Nathan Arenu, with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, contacted the city and advised it will be after the first of the year before the parish takes over our animal control services.
- We received a letter today from David Griffin, acting President for the Grand Avenue Gym Board, stating he has resigned from that position. Denise Maddox asked what needed to be done now to get the Town Hall Meeting scheduled. P. J. Chenier stated a president and vice-president had already been appointed and Councilman Andrea Coleman had been sent the necessary information to present to the council. Chairman Maddox stated that since the information had not been passed on to the council for approval, which is needed for new board members, it would have to be put on the agenda for approval.

Mark Peloquin made a motion to approve the October 9, 2017 agenda and Judy Landry seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

- Bridget Payne, 207 Washington Street, DeQuincy, LA asked for an update on the trailer ordinance. She also mentioned a travel trailer that was still at the end of Washington Street that was being used as a residence. Chief Suchanek said he would look into it.
- Walter Payne, 207 Washington Street, DeQuincy, LA asked about the high bushes/hedges at the corner of Fourth Street and S. College Street. He stated it blocked the view if you were trying to pull onto Fourth Street from beside LAWCO.

**Items on the agenda.**

- None.

After a lengthy discussion regarding a new billboard application submitted for approval by Delia Outdoor Advertising, a motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the billboard application. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Denise Maddox and Mark Peloquin. Nays: Judy Landry and Ronda Jacobs. Absent: Andrea Coleman. Abstain: None. Motion failed.

A condemnation hearing was held on 307 LeBlanc Street and the owner of the property was not present. There was no public comment. A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Mark Peloquin to condemn and tear down the structure at 307 Leblanc Street. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Andrea Coleman. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Judy Landry to appoint Riley Smith as Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the City of DeQuincy. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Andrea Coleman. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Mark Peloquin to authorize Mayor Henagan to sign all documents necessary to renew the Joint Service Agreement with the Community Center and Playground district #1 of Ward 6. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Andrea Coleman. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Henagan to sign all documents necessary to adopt the airport CIP (Capital Improvement Program). Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Andrea Coleman. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to introduce and ordinance and set a public hearing for November 13, 2017 amending the mobile home ordinance. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Andrea Coleman. Abstain: None.

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

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Judy Landry authorizing Mayor Henagan to sign any and all documents pertaining to the Release of Surface Rights between CEL Properties and the City of DeQuincy and Consent to Assignment of Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Andrea Coleman. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to adopt a resolution requesting a change in the Toledo Bend Project license to deal with emergency flooding. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Andrea Coleman. Abstain: None.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Mark Peloquin mentioned to Chief Suchanek the speeding on Leblanc Street. He also thanked Eddy Dahlquist and his crew for helping the High School at homecoming.

Ronda Jacobs also thanked Mayor Henagan, Eddy Dahlquist and crew for helping out at Homecoming.

Judy Landry thanked the Mayor and Clerk for helping to get the lot on Duff Street clear.

Denise Maddox asked that a meeting be scheduled as soon as possible with the Grand Avenue Gym Board. She also asked that the city crew repair the holes in the road at the corner of LeBlanc and Main.

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

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

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

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Denise Maddox Council Chairman