

CITY COUNCIL

March 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: 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 Denise Maddox led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to approve the February 12, 2018 regular session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

CPA Valecia Royer was absent from the meeting and Pat Brummett, City Clerk, gave a brief financial report. As of February 28, 2018, the overall total revenue, the actual year to date is \$2,118,680.02, with the budget being \$4,161,110.00, with a remaining budget of \$2,042,429.98. The total expenses, as of February 28, 2018, are \$1,862,102.69, with the budget being \$5,025,570.00, with a remaining budget of \$3,163,467.31.

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland gave the fire report for the month of February 2018. They had three (3) calls for the month. Johnny also asked that the Mayor speak to DOTD about having a guardrail put up in the curve in front of the hospital.

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$18,627.92 for February 2018.

Eddy Dahlquist gave the public works report. The city has been working on the ball fields getting them ready for opening day of ball season. They have installed two culverts and dug several ditches out. The new lights poles for the Railroad Museum parking lot came in and they are being installed.

CITY REPORTS

Mayor Henagan was in Washington DC at the National League of Cities Conference but asked Chairman Peloquin to read, on his behalf, the following letter to the City Council and citizens of DeQuincy:

To the citizens of DeQuincy,

I want to take a moment to let you know that I have decided not to seek re-election as Mayor this fall. While I have enjoyed my time serving you in this capacity, I feel that the time has come for me to pass the reins to someone else. With that said, I count it an honor and privilege to have been able to represent you over the past 20 years, first as a city councilman and then as your mayor.

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the best city employees in the state of Louisiana; your commitment to your job, the city, and your willingness to go above and beyond time and again allowed us to accomplish a great deal for the citizens over the years. However, most of all, I sincerely value your friendship and loyalty and will always appreciate the memories of many good times together.

Finally, I would also like to thank my council for their support as we have worked together to make DeQuincy a better place. Over the years, we have laughed together and scratched our heads together when faced with a challenge; I always knew that your commitment to doing the best thing for your constituents was your first priority, and that was much appreciated.

DeQuincy is a special place filled with people who love this town and work hard to make it a great place to live and raise a family. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have led for a while, but the time has come for me to begin a new chapter. I know that someone will step up and continue leading our city forward with the same passion to make DeQuincy better each and every day.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve. I appreciated your prayers and encouragement over the years, and I encourage each of you to join me in prayer for those who will lead in the future.

*All the best,
Lawrence*

Denise Maddox made a motion to approve the March 12, 2018 agenda and Judy Landry seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Items not on the agenda.

Stanford Carter addressed the City Council and asked if DeQuincy would consider naming a street and a day after Edwin Edwards for his assistance in getting grants for the first Grand Avenue School Band.

Dorothy Eygabroad asked if she could plant the native blue iris in the park. Mrs. Wilcox asked that she speak to her after the council meeting.

Seymour Pullam showed the council pictures of debris that he would like to have removed from the Grand Avenue School campus. Mrs. Maddox asked that Eddy look at the pictures and see if he could help Mr. Pullam.

Arnold Blagrove pointed out to the council that there were several of the decorative streetlights that were out on Pine Street as well as the Police Station. He would like to have them fixed before the Railroad Festival.

Items on the agenda.

➤ None.

A public hearing was held regarding adopting an ordinance amending the FYE 9/30/2017 budget. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to adopt an ordinance amending the FYE 9/30/17 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 Ronda Jacobs to adopt a Resolution approving the Employee Handbook of Policies and Procedures for the City of DeQuincy and to form a committee to review the handbook and go more in depth with the handbook. 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 addressed the council about the problem she is having in her district with all of the RV's parked in peoples yards, some of which appear to be lived in.

Mr. Harris had some concerns about issues at the gym and about drainage, both of which he has talked to Eddy about.

Ronda Jacobs mentioned the lights at the skate park are out.

Denise Maddox asked Mary Jo to search for sewer grants that we might be able to apply for to help with the sewer problems in District 2. She also asked that the city get with the engineer and come up with a plan to help with the sinkholes in DeQuincy.

Mark Peloquin mentioned March 24 is opening Day for Dixie Youth Baseball and he asked if the plans were in place for the ceremony. Mr. Peloquin asked Mary Jo about the bids for the roof on the Old Town Hall Museum.

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

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk Lawrence Henagan Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
Mark Peloquin