

CITY COUNCIL

**May 8, 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: Ronda Jacobs, Judy Landry, and Denise Maddox and Andrea Coleman. Absent: Mark Peloquin

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

Motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the April 10, 2017 regular session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Valecia Royer, CPA, presented the finance report for the City of DeQuincy. As of April 30, 2017, the total revenue is \$2,459,112.00 and the total expenses are \$1,848,243.00. This is within the five percent (5%) budget guidelines, which we expect at this point of the year. As we get closer to the end of the year, we will more than likely need to amend to be within that five percent (5%) guideline.

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland reported there were five (5) runs for the month of April 2017.

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$18,262.00 for the month of April 2017.

Eddy Dahlquist gave the public works report. Mr. Dahlquist reported they had two (2) new sewer taps, and one (1) new gas service. A pallet of cold mix was received and the crew has been filling potholes, and will fill more this week. The machine used to pick up limbs has been in the shop for a while but the crew will take the fork- lift out this week and try to pick up as many limb piles as possible.

CITY REPORTS GIVEN BY MAYOR HENAGAN

- Our LMA District G meeting is scheduled for June 8 in Crowley. Please get your RSVP in to Pat as soon as possible.
- Our 2017 LMA convention is scheduled for July 27-29 in Shreveport. We have requested room reservations but please let Pat know if you will definitely be going and if so, if you are bringing a guest.
- We sent out approximately 90 letters to residents within the city limits requesting that they post 911 addresses on their property. We have received approximately 20 responses to those letters.
- As you have probably noticed, the rains have slowed the Buxton Creek Project down some but they are moving forward this week.

Andrea Coleman made a motion to approve the May 8, 2017 agenda and Ronda Jacobs seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Items not on the agenda.

Bridget Payne asked that the city help with cars/people trespassing on their property when an event is held at the KC Hall. There were ruts made on their property as well as trash left on the property.

Items on the agenda.

None

A motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Judy Landry to advertise for sale of a 2000 Ford Crown Vic., minimum bid of \$750.00. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Mark Peloquin. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to advertise for the sale of a 2005 Ford Crown Vic., minimum bid of \$1,000.00. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Mark Peloquin. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Andrea Coleman to advertise for the sale of a 1977 Chevrolet Pickup, minimum bid of \$1500.00. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: Mark Peloquin. Abstain: None.

City Council Member, Mark Peloquin arrived at the meeting.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to advertise for sale the of a 2002 Dodge Ram Pickup, minimum bid of \$2500.00. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Mayor Henagan advised the council the city has hired a new consulting firm, Governmental Consulting Services, LLC, and they will be submitting an application on our behalf, for the FY 2107 – FY 2018 LCDBG grant, wherein we will be applying for sewer improvements.

A motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Ronda Jacobs that we adopt a resolution adopting a Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure and appoint City Clerk Pat Brummett as citizen Complaint Officer for compliance with the LCDBG (Louisiana Community Development Block Grant) program. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Mark Peloquin to adopt a motion authorizing Mayor Henagan to proceed with the development of the LCDBG application and to sign all documents pertaining to the LCDBG application. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Judy Landry to adopt a resolution adopting a Procurement Policy for compliance with the LCDBG program. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Henagan to proceed with the procurement and selection of professional services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the LCDBG application and implementation of the project. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Andrea Coleman to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Henagan to enter into the Entity State Agreement between DOTD and the City of DeQuincy for the State Project No. H.012718, Federal Aid Project No. H012718 to reconstruct the LA 12 RR crossing. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Ronda Jacobs asked the Chief to red tag a house on Perkins Street that she has received several complaints on and advised Eddy of a missing stop sign on Hwy. 389 and Boise Street. Further, Ronda asked Mayor Henagan for the status on a bid for the Boise street right of way and whether or not a trash bash had been scheduled.

Mark Peolquin asked Eddy about the procedure for putting in culverts in front of private residences. Live Oak Street flooded during the last big rain and a resident asked if having larger culverts would help prevent future flooding. Mark further advised the council that the owners of the mobile home on Front Street were putting up skirting, as the city requested, and the owner of the two houses in his district, that had been previously mentioned concerning condemnation, are willing to work with the city to do whatever necessary to avoid the condemnation process.

Andrea Coleman asked the constituents in her district, present at this meeting, to get pictures together that were taken within the past several months showing raw sewage in the streets during hard rains. She also asked that they write down any comments or complaints they have regarding the sewer situation in her district.

Judy Landry asked what people are supposed to do with debris they have from house renovations/remodeling. The garbage men will not pick it up and neither will the city. The Mayor suggested that the homeowners rent a large dumpster if they are doing big jobs.

Denise Maddox had no concerns that have not already been addressed.

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

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

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
Denise Maddox Council Chairman