

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**September 11, 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 Mark Peloquin, Denise Maddox and Andrea Coleman. Absent: None.

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

Motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Andrea Coleman to approve the August 14, 2017 regular session minutes and the August 27, 2017 emergency meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Valecia Royer, CPA, explained the end of the year report, a copy of which was furnished to the council, and she advised we would need a couple more amendments to the budget to stay within the 5 per cent (5%).

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland reported there were four (4) runs for the month of August 2017.

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$15,454.00 for the month of August 2017. He also explained the computers had been down for over three (3) weeks and more money was actually taken in on fines but it could not be posted into the computer. Chairman Denise Maddox asked if the computer problems had been fixed and he replied that they were fixed.

Eddy Dahlquist gave the public works report. "There were a few drainage problems, due to the storm, that the crew worked on. The tracks came in for our backhoe and it is back in operation now. We worked on two (2) sewer jobs today and will be making repairs to a couple of streets that have bad spots in them. We got some cold mix in and the crew was able to fill a few potholes but still have quite a few more to fill. We had to order a new blower for the sewer plant and will install when it comes in."

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

- The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury has been advised we adopted their animal control ordinance so now we are waiting for them to get the paperwork to us to sign and everything will be taken over by the parish.
- Freedom Thunder had to postpone their fundraiser for the war memorial because of the hurricane but they have rescheduled for November 18, 2017.
- Mayor Henagan praised all of the Churches and volunteers that helped during the hurricane.

Andrea Coleman made a motion to approve the September 11, 2017 agenda and Ronda Jacobs seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

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

- Preston Chenier stated he would like to see the Grand Avenue Gym stay with the city rather than go to a private entity. Mayor Henagan advised we are waiting on the Grand Avenue Board to set a Town Hall meeting so this matter could be discussed. Mr. Chenier also asked that Chief Suchanek check to see if people were living in a travel trailer that has been moved in on Washington Street.
- Seymore Pullam advised the erosion at 502 Grand Avenue is getting worse not better.

**Items on the agenda.**

- Preston Chenier asked if the trailer ordinance committee had met and, if so, what were the changes.

A public hearing was held on the amendments to the budget of expenditures for the FYE 9/30/17. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Andrea Coleman to adopt the amended budget of expenditures for the FYE 9/30/17. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Andrea Coleman, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

After a discussion regarding the inspection report pertaining to 307 LeBlanc Street, a motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Ronda Jacobs that move forward to the next step in condemnation. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Andrea Coleman, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

City Attorney Doug Cox explained the proposed changes to the General Zoning Ordinance regarding mobile homes. Section 6(b)(9) was reworded to give a little more bite but Mr. Cox asked the council for more direction and input in order to finalize the ordinance. Mr. Cox also indicated he has gone as far as possible without infringing on the property owners rights. Mrs. Jacobs mentioned other municipalities that have ordinances only allowing mobile homes in mobile home parks and she and Ms. Coleman also mentioned changing our ordinance to allowing mobile homes to be 5 years or newer rather than the 10 years or newer which is how it presently reads. Denise Maddox stated the ordinance needed to be broadened to include portable buildings and immobilized mobile homes. The committee will meet again to discuss more changes and will submit their recommendations to the council.

A motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to table the introduction of the amended mobile home ordinance and the public hearing scheduled for October 9, 2017. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Andrea Coleman, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A public hearing was held on the adoption of an ordinance amending ordinance no. 756 to include all utility user fees rather than just sewerage user fee. Bridget Payne asked for an explanation of this ordinance. Mayor Henagan explained the change. There being no further questions the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Andrea Coleman to adopt an ordinance amending ordinance no. 756 to include all utility user fees rather than just sewerage user fees. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Andrea Coleman, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Ronda Jacobs and seconded by Mark Peloquin to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Henagan to execute an agreement with the LA DOTD for improvements at the DeQuincy Industrial Airport (Perimeter Fending – Phase 1). Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Andrea Coleman, Denise Maddox, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Andrea Coleman has no council concerns.

Ronda Jacobs asked about the hangers at the airport. She has had some complaints about water backing up into some of the smaller hangers. Mayor Henagan asked that the complainants call City Hall and give us a little more information. She also said at the corner of Leblanc and Canterbury Street there is always a strong gas smell and asked that the city crew check it out.

Mark Peloquin asked that the crew check out the sinkhole again on LeBlanc Street.

Denise Maddox asked if we had a plan of action to take care of the sinkholes.

Ronda Jacobs made a motion to adjourn and Andrea Coleman seconded the motion.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk Lawrence Henagan Mayor

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