

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING JANUARY 10, 2023

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on January 10, 2023, in the Meeting Room of the Denham Springs City Hall with Mayor Gerard Landry presiding.

It was noted that Mayor, all Council Members and the press were notified according to state law.

Ceremonial Oaths of Mayor and City Council performed.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Robert Poole.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following members of the City Council were present: Amber Dugas, Jim Gilbert, Lori Lamm-Williams, Robert Poole and Jeff Wesley. A quorum being present the Council Meeting was convened.

Also present: Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk; Stephanie Hulett, City Attorney; Michelle Hood, City Treasurer; Rick Foster, City Building Official; Rodney Walker, Police Chief; Richard Stafford; Ben Harris, Department Superintendent of Water; B.J. Clark Department Superintendent of Wastewater; Rachel Boutwell, Department Superintendent of Animal Control; George Lathers, Department Superintendent of Streets; Darrell Dugas, Department Superintendent of Gas.

**1. Reports: (a) Building Official; (b) City Attorney; (c) Engineers; (d) City Treasurer; (e) Planning and Zoning; (f) Animal Control; (g) Fire Report; (h) Police Report**

- (a) **Building Official** –written report submitted
- (b) **City Attorney** – no report
- (c) **Engineers** – no report
- (d) **City Treasurer** – no report
- (e) **Planning and Zoning** – no report
- (f) **Animal Control Report** – written report submitted
- (g) **Fire report** –written report submitted
- (h) **Police Report** –written report submitted

**2. Approve as published in the official journal minutes of the December 27, 2022 City Council Meeting.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved the minutes of December 27, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**3. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting the consent agenda for December 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved the consent agenda for December 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Total	\$2,995,877.56
Payroll & Taxes	\$589,393.65
Accounts Payable	\$2,066,528.51
Natural Gas Payment for November 2022 Purchases	\$135,247.17
Ward 2 Marshal's Office	\$103,656.44
Ward 2 City Court	\$101,051.79

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

4. **Discuss and take appropriate action on the following appointments: Mayor Pro-Tempore and Mayor Pro-Pro Tempore (in absence of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore).**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Poole, the City Council appointed Jeff Wesley as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: Wesley

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Poole, the City Council appointed Lori Lamm-Williams as Mayor Pro-Pro Tempore (in absence of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore).

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

5. **Discuss and take appropriate action on the following appointments pursuant to recommendations by Mayor Landry: City Clerk; City Attorney; City Treasurer.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, as recommended by Mayor Landry, the City Council appointed City Clerk, Joan LeBlanc; City Attorney, Stephanie Hulett and City Treasurer, Michelle Hood.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

6. **Discuss and take appropriate action reaffirming the appointments of the following: Police Chief; Fire Chief.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council reaffirmed the appointment of Police Chief, Rodney Walker and Fire Chief, Richard Stafford.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

7. **Discuss and take appropriate action on the following appointments pursuant to recommendations by Mayor Landry: City Prosecutor; Building Official; Department Superintendent of Streets; Department Superintendent of Wastewater; Department Superintendent of Water; Department Superintendent of Gas; Department Superintendent of Animal Control.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, as recommended by Mayor Landry, the City Council appointed City Prosecutor, Brad Cascio; Building Official, Rick Foster; Department Superintendent of Streets, George Lathers; Department Superintendent of Wastewater, B.J. Clark; Department Superintendent of Water, Ben Harris; Department Superintendent of Gas, Darrell Dugas; Department Superintendent of Animal Control, Rachel Boutwell.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

8. **Hold a public hearing for an Ordinance to Amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Denham Springs Zoning Commission Ordinance of 1990, as amended, City Ordinance 1001 by adding thereto Paragraph 192, from C-3 Commercial to I-1 Industrial, Lot 7, Located in Section 31, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-442)(307Edgewood);**

Mayor Landry opened the public meeting. No public comments were given.

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council closed the public hearing.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

9. **Adopt an Ordinance to Amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Denham Springs Zoning Commission Ordinance of 1990, as amended, City Ordinance 1001 by adding thereto Paragraph 192, from C-3 Commercial to I-1 Industrial, Lot 7, Located in Section 31, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-442)(307Edgewood);**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council adopted an Ordinance to Amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Denham Springs Zoning Commission Ordinance of 1990, as amended, City Ordinance 1001 by adding thereto Paragraph 192, from C-3 Commercial to I-1 Industrial, Lot 7, Located in Section 31, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**The above becomes Ordinance No. 23-01**

10. **Hold a public hearing for an Ordinance to Amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Denham Springs Zoning Commission Ordinance of 1990, as amended, City Ordinance 1001 by adding thereto Paragraph 193, from C-3 Commercial to I-1 Industrial, 3.52 Acre Tract of Land, Located in Section 30 & 44, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-443)(615 Hatchell Lane).**

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing. Eddie Aydell, Alvin Fairburn & Associates spoke on behalf of the owner, Brian Teer. John Ware, Realtor also spoke in favor of the rezoning.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council closed the public hearing.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

11. **Adopt an Ordinance to Amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Denham Springs Zoning Commission Ordinance of 1990, as amended, City Ordinance 1001 by adding thereto Paragraph 193, from C-3 Commercial to I-1 Industrial, 3.52 Acre Tract of Land, Located in Section 30 & 44, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-443)(615 Hatchell Lane).**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Dugas, the City Council adopted an Ordinance to Amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Denham Springs Zoning Commission

Ordinance of 1990, as amended, City Ordinance 1001 by adding thereto Paragraph 193, from C-3 Commercial to I-1 Industrial, 3.52 Acre Tract of Land, Located in Section 30 & 44, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**The above becomes Ordinance No. 23-02**

**12. Authorize the advertisement of bids for the Old Hammond Hwy. MoveBR Gas Utility Relocation (Segment 2) project.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council authorized Alvin Fairburn & Associates to advertise for bids for the Old Hammond Hwy. MoveBR Gas Utility Relocation (Segment 2) project.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**13. Approve Change Order #1 in the increased amount of \$254,500.00 to Feliciana Welders, Inc. for the Hillon Hood gas project.**

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved Change Order #1 in the increased amount of \$254,500.00 to Feliciana Welders, Inc. for the Hillon Hood gas project.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**14. Approve Payment Application No. 4 in the amount of \$131,670.00 to Feliciana Welders, Inc. for the Hillon Hood gas project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 4 in the amount of \$131,670.00 to Feliciana Welders, Inc. for the Hillon Hood gas project.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**15. Approve Payment Application No. 5 in the amount of \$30,284.70 to NCMC, LLC for the Pete's Hwy Lift Station project.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 5 in the amount of \$30,284.70 to NCMC, LLC for the Pete's Hwy Lift Station project.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**16. Approve Payment Application No. 8 in the amount of \$52,582.50 to NCMC, LLC for the Denham Springs Lift Stations-Fourth Group.**

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 8 in the amount of \$52,582.50 to NCMC, LLC for the Denham Springs Lift Stations-Fourth Group.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**17. Approve Payment Application No. 5 in the amount of \$15,553.80 to NCMC, LLC for the Denham Springs Lift Stations-Second & Third Group.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 5 in the amount of \$15,553.80 to NCMC, LLC for the Denham Springs Lift Stations-Second & Third Group.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**18. Approve Payment Application No. 15 in the amount of \$29,478.68 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Denham Springs Water Wells Rehabilitation.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 15 in the amount of \$29,478.68 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Denham Springs Water Wells Rehabilitation.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: Poole

**19. Approve Change Order No. 12 in the increased amount of \$8,016.97 and increased time of 28 days to Warton-Smith, Inc. for the Denham Springs Water Wells Rehabilitation.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Change Order No. 12 in the increased amount of \$8,016.97 and increased time of 28 days to Warton-Smith, Inc. for the Denham Springs Water Wells Rehabilitation.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: Poole

**20. Take action on the condemnation of the structure located at 918 Florida Ave.**

Owners of said property were unable to obtain a cost estimate of repairs, as requested by City Council. They expect to have one before the next Council Meeting.

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Poole, the City Council tabled taking action on the condemnation of the structure located at 918 Florida Ave. until January 23, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: Lamm-Williams  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**21. Take action on the condemnation of the structure located at 922 Florida Ave.**

Owners of said property were unable to obtain a cost estimate of repairs, as requested by City Council. They expect to have one before the next Council Meeting.

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Poole, the City Council tabled taking action on the condemnation of the structure located at 918 Florida Ave. until January 23, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: Lamm-Williams  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**22. Discussion and action on the status of new connections to the wastewater treatment plan.**

Councilman Robert Poole, member of the Sewer Study Group, reported that the group was very close to receiving all the information needed regarding the wastewater treatment facility capacity for future connections.

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Dugas, the City Council extended the study and the pause of new sewer connections until the City Council meeting on March 14, 2023.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

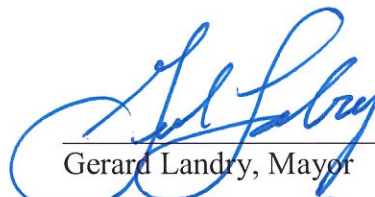
Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

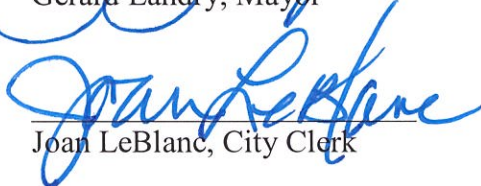
**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council adjourned the meeting.

Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

  
Gerard Landry, Mayor

  
Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk