

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAY 11, 2021

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on May 11, 2021, in the Court Room of the Municipal Building located at 116 N. Range Ave., Denham Springs, LA.

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

Invocation was given by Robert Poole.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Also Staff present: Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk; Stephanie Hulett, City Attorney; Rick Foster, Building Official; Valerie Archer, Payroll Coordinator; Richard Stafford, Fire Chief;

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** – oral report given on P&Z May 10, 2021 meeting
- (f) **Animal Control Report** – written report submitted
- (g) **Fire report** – written report submitted
- (h) **Police Report** – written report submitted

2. Approve minutes of the April 26, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the minutes of April 26, 2021 City Council Meeting.

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

3. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting the consent agenda for April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved the consent agenda for April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021.

Total	\$671,990.18
Payroll & Taxes	\$1,324,411.60
Accounts Payable	\$1,202,686.27
Natural Gas Payment for March 2021 Purchases	\$100,804.71
Ward 2 Marshal's Office	\$15,914.30
Ward 2 City Court	\$659.32

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

4. Recognize winner of Name the Pavilion Contest.

Kaylen Herring was the winner of Name the Pavilion Contest with the name Municipal Oaks Pavilion.

5. Recognize John Madden, owner of previous Delta Concrete property.

John Madden, Madden Contracting and recent purchaser of the old Delta Concrete property, introduced himself and his asphalt company to the City Council.

6. Approve a fence height Variance V-1011 request from 6 feet to 5 feet located at 1283 S. River Rd.

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved a spa area fence height Variance V-1011 request from 6 feet to 5 feet located at 1283 S. River Rd.

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

7. Authorize a public hearing for a Special Use Permit (SUP-107-21) request for the purpose of a town home development in Section 44 (MLK @ Pete's Hwy), to be held on June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council *tabled* the authorization of a public hearing for a Special Use Permit (SUP-107-21) until Planning and Zoning can make their recommendation to the City Council.

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

8. Authorize a public hearing for a Special Use Permit (SUP-108-21) request for the purpose of a town home development for Parcel #0361154 (across from 218 Tate Rd.), to be held on June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Smith, the City Council *tabled* the authorization of a public hearing for a Special Use Permit (SUP-108-21) until Planning and Zoning can make their recommendation to the City Council.

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

9. Authorize Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$97,001.42 to Kelly Construction Group, LLC for the City Pavilion project.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$97,001.42 to Kelly Construction Group, LLC for the City Pavilion project.

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

10. Authorize Payment No. 6 in the amount of \$68,860.97 to Plus One Construction, LLC for the Animal Shelter project.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved Payment No. 6 in the amount of \$68,860.97 to Plus One Construction, LLC for the Animal Shelter project.

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

11. Authorize speed limit change on Benton Lane.

Public comment was heard from Nadia Eskola, resident, to lower the speed limit to 15 mph.

Discussion only. No action was taken.

12. Appoint Perrin Watkins as Agent of Record for health insurance, for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council reappointed Perrin Watkins as Agent of Record for health insurance, for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

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

13. Approve Blue Cross health insurance at a cost of \$729.92 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved Blue Cross health insurance at a cost of \$729.92 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

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

14. Approve Health Reimbursement Account in the increased amount of \$2,000.00 per eligible employee and approve Consumer Choice Plans as Administrator at a cost of \$5.00 per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved the Health Reimbursement Account in the increased amount of \$2,000.00 per eligible employee and approve Consumer Choice Plans as Administrator at a cost of \$5.00 per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

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

15. Approve Blue Cross Vision insurance in the amount of \$4.75 per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Blue Cross Vision insurance in the amount of \$4.75 per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

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

16. Approve United Health Care Life Insurance in the amount of \$10.50/\$50,000 coverage per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved United Health Care Life Insurance in the amount of \$10.50/\$50,000 coverage per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

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

17. Approve WageWorks for Cobra Administration in the amount of \$1.17 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved WageWorks for Cobra Administration in the amount of \$1.17 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

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

18. Approve Citizens Dental insurance in the amount of \$29.31 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved Citizens Dental insurance in the amount of \$29.31 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

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

19. Approve Flood Renewal Policy for city owned buildings (except animal shelter) in the amount of \$34,697.73 for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved Flood Renewal Policy with Odom Insurance for city owned buildings (except animal shelter) in the amount of \$34,697.73 for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

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

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Smith, the City Council lifted the agenda for a resident's comment on suspicious neighborhood activity.

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


Alice Didier, resident of Beau Village subdivision addressed the Mayor and Council regarding suspicious activity in the subdivision resulting from vagrants in and around the nearby hotels and woods. No action was taken but resident was advised to call Police and also to start a neighborhood Watch Program.

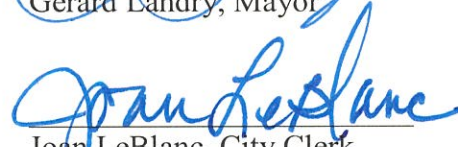
Adjournment

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

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


Gerard Landry, Mayor


Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk