

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING FEBRUARY 14, 2023

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on February 14, 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.

**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; Rick Foster, City Building Official; Rodney Walker, Police Chief; Richard Stafford, Fire Chief; Jason Populus, Fire & Safety; Fred Banks, P & Z Commissioner.

**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** – report given on 2/13 P & Z meeting
- (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 January 23, 2023 City Council Meeting.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved the minutes of January 23, 2023 City Council Meeting.

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

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

**3. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting the consent agenda for January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved the consent agenda for December 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Total	\$2,609,004.45
Payroll & Taxes	\$577,179.32
Accounts Payable	\$1,620,496.46
Natural Gas Payment for December 2022 Purchases	\$389,807.81
Ward 2 Marshal's Office	\$19,824.65
Ward 2 City Court	\$1,696.21

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. **Adopt a Resolution for the change of Consumer Choice Plans to Cobra Professionals, Inc. to administer the City's Health Reimbursement Account.**

Removed from agenda prior to meeting.

5. **Authorize a public hearing for a Special Use Permit for Parcel #0337402A, Section 68, T7S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs for the purpose of a residential town home development (SUP-110-22), requested by Sam Nickroo (triangular corner at Rushing Rad & 4-H Club Rd.); to be held at 6:00 pm on March 14, 2023 in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council authorized a public hearing for a Special Use Permit for Parcel #0337402A, Section 68, T7S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs for the purpose of a residential town home development (SUP-110-22), requested by Sam Nickroo (triangular corner at Rushing Rad & 4-H Club Rd.); to be held at 6:00 pm on March 14, 2023 in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

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. **Introduce an ordinance and authorize a public hearing for an Ordinance to Amend and Re-Enact the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 66 by amending Section 66-144 (a)(b)(e) Relative to Fireworks and to Provide for Related Matters; public hearing to be held February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.**

Charles Ballard, Jane Dr. spoke against the proposed fireworks ordinance.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council introduced an ordinance and authorized a public hearing for an Ordinance to Amend and Re-Enact the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 66 by amending Section 66-144 (a)(b)(e) Relative to Fireworks and to Provide for Related Matters; public hearing to be held February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

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. **Adopt a Resolution for Certified Alarm Systems, Inc.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to enter into an Agreement with Certified Alarm Systems, Inc. to monitor the fire alarm system in city hall building through cellular service at a cost of \$577.07 start-up fee and a monthly cost of \$60.00.

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

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

8. **Adopt a Resolution for the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission Grant.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to apply for and accept the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission grant that will pay police officers \$40.00 an hour to write seatbelt tickets and make arrests for DWI, while on overtime.

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 a Resolution for a Public Safety Fee for Fire and Police.**

Representative Buddy Mincey accepted the Resolution and will introduce the bill in the legislative session.

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council adopted a Resolution in support of an increase of 6.75% of the motel/hotel fee/tax for a dedicated Public Safety Fee fund to be used to monetize the Denham Springs Fire and Police Departments.

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

**10. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the DS Police Dept. Canine to retire and approve the donation to its trainer.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Dugas, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to allow the DS Police Department Canine, Coy, to retire and to execute a donation to Coy's trainer Joseph Babin.

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 a Resolution for Advanced Office Care.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City authorized Mayor Gerard Landry to enter into a Service Contract Agreement with Advanced Office Care for janitorial services at the DS Police Department at a monthly charge of \$1,365.00 for twice a week service.

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

**12. Adopt a Resolution for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Vendor Agreement.**

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to enter into an Agreement with the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program to accept payments from them on behalf of low-income citizens.

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. Adopt a Resolution for a Christmas storage building with Forte & Tablada.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to enter into an Agreement with Forte & Tablada, Inc. for professional services for a storage building to be erected.

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. Adopt a Resolution for Old Hammond Highway Segment 2 Gas Relocate with Alvin Fairburn & Associates.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to enter into an Agreement with Alvin Fairburn & Associates, LLC for professional services for the Old Hammond Highway, Segment 2, Gas Utility Relocate 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 Servitude Agreement for installation of an anode bed for gas department.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Dugas, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute a Servitude Agreement with Willie B. Baxter, Jr., property owner of Lot 40-A Wickland Terrace, Baton Rouge, for the installation of an anode bed for the Gas Department and approve a payment of \$1,500 to the property owner.

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 the cost estimate of Gas Department's cabinetry millwork from Kelly Construction Group, LLC.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved the cost estimate of \$10,150.00 for the Gas Department's cabinetry millwork from Kelly Construction Group, LLC.

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. Authorize the surplus of a HP AIO PC 38" touchscreen from Animal Control.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Dugas, the City Council authorized the surplus of a HP AIO PC 38" touchscreen, 8GB memory, SN: 8CC720075H from Animal Control.

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. Authorize the advertisement of bids for grit removal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council authorized Alvin Fairburn and Associates to advertise for bids for grit removal at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

**19. Approve Change Order No. 13 in the increased amount of \$18,351.51 and increased time of 28 days to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Water Wells Rehabilitation project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved Change Order No. 13 in the increased amount of \$18,351.51 and increased time of 28 days 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

**20. Approve Payment Application No. 16 in the amount of 26,228.06 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Water Wells Rehabilitation project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 16 in the amount of 26,228.06 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Water Wells Rehabilitation project.

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

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

**21. Take action on the condemnation of the structure located at 1318 Wanda St.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council extended condemnation action until the February 27, 2023 City Council meeting at which time the property owner said he will have roof shingles installed.

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

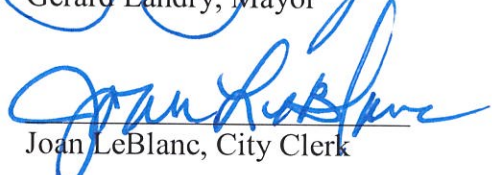
**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, 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