

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on November 9, 2021, in the Court Room of the Municipal Building located at 116 N. Range Ave., Denham Springs, LA with Mayor Gerard Landry presiding.

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

Invocation was given by Jeff Wesley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk; Stephanie Hulett, City Attorney; Rick Foster, Building Official; Richard Stafford, Fire Chief; Tommy Delrie, Police Captain.

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 P&Z meeting November 8, 2021
- (f) **Animal Control Report** – written report submitted
- (g) **Fire report** – written report submitted
- (h) **Police Report** – written report submitted

2. Approve minutes of the October 25, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved the minutes of October 25, 2021 City Council Meeting.

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

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

3. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting the consent agenda for October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved the consent agenda for October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021.

Total	\$2,092,417.67
Payroll & Taxes	\$528,157.36
Accounts Payable	\$1,487,791.83
Natural Gas Payment for September 2021 Purchases	\$60,912.29
Ward 2 Marshal's Office	\$15,202.60
Ward 2 City Court	\$353.59

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

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

4. **Authorize a Public Hearing to consider a Rezoning request from C-4 Commercial to R-1 Residential for Lot JP-1 and Lot JP-2, Block 13 located in Sec 58, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (RZ-438). Requested by JP Real Estate LA, LLC [105 Third St]**

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council introduced an ordinance and authorized a public hearing for An Ordinance to Rezone from C-4 Commercial to R-1 Residential for Lot JP-1 and Lot JP-2, Block 13 located in Sec 58, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (RZ-438); to be held December 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

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

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

5. **Approve Payment Application No. 4 in the amount of \$89,775.00 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the DS Water Wells Rehabilitation project.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 4 in the amount of \$89,775.00 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the DS Water Wells Rehabilitation project.

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

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

6. **Approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of 96 additional days to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the DS Water Wells Rehabilitation Project.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved Change Order No. 2 in the amount of 96 additional days to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the DS Water Wells Rehabilitation Project.

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

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

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council lifted the agenda to add the following:

Authorize Alvin Fairburn & Associates to advertise for sealed bids for the Hillon Hood Gas Improvements Project.

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

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

- 6a. **Authorize Alvin Fairburn & Associates to advertise for sealed bids for the Hillon Hood Gas Improvements Project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Dugas, the City Council authorized Alvin Fairburn's office to advertise for sealed bids for the Hillon Hood Gas Improvements Project.

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

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

7. **Discussion of Spring Park area (from Spring Park to Animal Shelter) Buyout Program from Louisiana Watershed Initiative.**

The Buyout Program from Louisiana Watershed Initiative for the Spring Park area (from Spring Park to Animal Shelter) was presented to Mayor and City Council by Pat Forbes and Ben Wicker. So far the budget is \$10,000,000 and expected to increase. January 2022 will be the opening process for a survey for the Program. A public meeting was held after the Council convened.

Adjournment

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

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

Yeas: Dugas, Lamm-Williams, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Poole

Abstain: None



Gerard Landry, Mayor



Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk