

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING NOVEMBER 7, 2022

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on November 7, 2022, 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: Amber Dugas, Lori Lamm-Williams, Robert Poole, Laura Smith and Jeff Wesley. A quorum being present the Council Meeting was convened.

Also present: Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk; Stephanie Hulett, City Attorney; Rick Foster, Building Official; Richard Stafford Fire Chief; Rodney Walker, Police 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** – no report given
- (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 October 24, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the official journal minutes of the October 24, 2022 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 October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved the consent agenda for October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022.

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| Total | \$2,868,200.48 |
| Payroll & Taxes | \$539,420.36 |
| Accounts Payable | \$2,195,711.70 |
| Natural Gas Payment for September 2022 Purchases | \$112,392.42 |
| Ward 2 Marshal's Office | \$19,295.75 |
| Ward 2 City Court | \$1,380.25 |

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. Approve a fence setback variance request; front 18 feet, east side 4 feet, west side 10 feet, located in Section 45, T6S-R3E, G.L.D, City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, LA (V-1025). Requested by Mike Reed (402 S. Range Ave.)

Removed prior to meeting, until P&Z makes a recommendation.

5. **Approve a fence setback variance request; front 20 feet to 10 feet, east side 10 feet to 5 feet, located in Section 1, T7S-R2E, G.L.D, City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, LA (V-1026). Requested by AA Cabinet & Granite, LLC (1112 Florida Ave. SW)**

Removed prior to meeting, until P&Z makes a recommendation.

6. **Approve a rear yard setback variance request from 25 feet to 5 feet, located in Section 44, T6S-3E, G.L.D, City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, LA (V-1027). Requested by Thomas Virgets (931 MLK Dr.)**

Removed prior to meeting, until P&Z makes a recommendation.

7. **Adopt a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute a Louisiana Master Service Agreement with CC Group for over-the-phone interpreting services.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute a Louisiana Master Service Agreement with CC Group for over-the-phone interpreting services, with a \$50 set-up fee and service rates as follows:

Spanish \$1.05 per minute
All Other Languages \$1.35 per minute

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. **Adopt a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to request Capital Outlay Funding for the Home Depot Drive Improvements project.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Poole, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to request Capital Outlay Funding for the Home Depot Drive Improvements project, with a 25% match.

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. **Adopt a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute Amendment Number 2 to the Thompson Consulting Services Agreement.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute Amendment Number 2 to the Thompson Consulting Services Agreement, all as outlined in General Terms and Conditions and Exhibit C.

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. **Adopt a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to extend the previously approved pause of new connections to our sewer system, until January 10, 2023 Council meeting.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to extend the previously approved pause of new connections to our sewer system, until January 10, 2023 Council meeting to allow for the newly seated board to review the study.

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 authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute Amendment Number 1 to the Forte & Tablada Owner-Engineer Agreement for Centerville St. NW Improvements.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute Amendment Number 1 to the Forte & Tablada Owner-Engineer Agreement for Centerville St. NW Improvements, as outlined in amendment to combine two projects.

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

12. **Approve Change Order #2 in the increased amount of \$34,109.56 to NCMC, LLC for the Lift Stations Project-Group 4.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City approved Change Order #2 in the increased amount of \$34,109.56 to NCMC, LLC for the Lift Stations Project-Group 4

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 Payment Application No. 6 in the amount of \$26,438.29 to NCMC, LLC for the Lift Stations Project-Group 4.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 6 in the amount of \$26,438.29 to NCMC, LLC for the Lift Stations Project-Group 4.

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 Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$4,193.10 to NCMC, LLC for the Pete's Highway Lift Station Project.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$4,193.10 to NCMC, LLC for the Pete's Highway Lift Station 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

15. **Approve Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$161,241.60 to NCMC, LLC for the Lift Stations Project-Group 2 & 3.**

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$161,241.60 to NCMC, LLC for the Lift Stations Project-Group 2 & 3.

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 Payment Application No. 13 in the amount of \$27,801.75 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Water Wells Rehabilitation project.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 13 in the amount of \$27,801.75 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the 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: None
Abstain: Poole

- 17. Approve Change Order #10 in the increased amount of \$16,248.78 and increased time of completion by 12 days to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Water Wells Rehabilitation project.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Change Order #10 in the increased amount of \$16,248.78 and increased time of completion by 12 days to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the 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: None
Abstain: Poole

- 18. Approve Change Order #3 in the increased amount of \$23,759.00 and increased time of completion by 21 days, to Pro Scales and Construction Services, LLC for the Jean St. and Elmer St. Drainage Improvements.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved Change Order #3 in the increased amount of \$23,759.00 and increased time of completion by 21 days, to Pro Scales and Construction Services, LLC for the Jean St. and Elmer St. Drainage Improvements.

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. Take action on the condemnation of the structure located at 1410 Wanda St., Denham Springs, LA.**

Property owner, Bob Morgan, stated he would begin cosmetic improvements to structure, remove the inside trash, maintain the yard and outside appearance. He also stated that he could abide by an 8 month timeline.

Jason LeBlanc, 1316 Wanda St, addressed the Council with his concerns of the neighboring property and the issue of declining property values because of the blighted houses.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council authorized the property owner of 1410 Wanda St. to submit a detailed plan of action and timeline to Rick Foster, Building Official, by November 21, 2022, which will then be approved or disapproved by City Council on November 28, 2022.

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

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

- 20. Take action on the condemnation of the structure located at 1414 Wanda St., Denham Springs, LA.**

Property owner, Bob Morgan, stated he would begin cosmetic improvements to structure, remove the inside trash, maintain the yard and outside appearance. He also stated that he could abide by an 8 month timeline. He also agreed to terminate any electricity associated with structure.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council authorized the property owner of 1414 Wanda St. to submit a detailed plan of action and timeline to Rick Foster, Building Official, by November 21, 2022, which will then be approved or disapproved by City Council on November 28, 2022.

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

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

21. Take action on the condemnation of the structure located at 1318 Wanda St., Denham Springs, LA.

Property owner, Cipriano Quezada, stated that he needs time and money to renovate the structure for his daughter.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council authorized the property owner of 1318 Wanda St. to submit a detailed plan of action and timeline to Rick Foster, Building Official, by November 21, 2022, which will then be approved or disapproved by City Council on November 28, 2022.

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

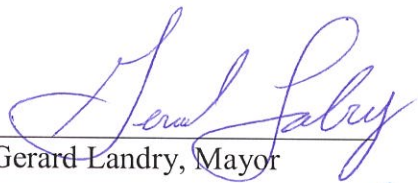
Yeas: Dugas, Poole, Smith, Wesley
Nays: Lamm-Williams
Absent: None
Abstain: None

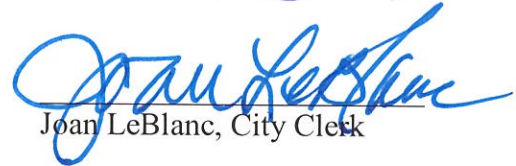
Adjournment

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


Gerard Landry, Mayor


Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk