

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING APRIL 13, 2021

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on April 13, 2021, 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, Robert Poole, Laura Smith and Jeff Wesley. Lori Lamm-Williams was absent. A quorum being present the Council Meeting was convened.

Also present: Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk; Stephanie Hulett, City Attorney; Shannon Womack, Police Chief; Richard Stafford, Fire Chief; Fred Banks, P & Z Chairman; Dana Harris, Purchasing Agent; Ben Harris, Water Supervisor.

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

Discuss and take appropriate action adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry, on behalf of the City of Denham Springs, to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage Districts Nos. 1, 2, 5 & 8, Parish of Livingston and the City of Walker, to apply for a grant with the Louisiana Watershed Initiative.

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

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

Representative Buddy Mincey, Jr and Jamie Seale, Quality Engineering presented to the Mayor and City Council the Watershed Initiative Grant that could be used to maintain and keep laterals intersecting roadside ditches along Interstate 12 clean in an effort to help alleviate flooding along the Interstate 12 corridor in Livingston Parish.

- 1.a) Discuss and take appropriate action adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry, on behalf of the City of Denham Springs, to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage Districts Nos. 1, 2, 5 & 8, Parish of Livingston and the City of Walker, to apply for a grant with the Louisiana Watershed Initiative.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Dugas, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry, on behalf of the City of Denham Springs, to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Livingston Parish Gravity Drainage Districts Nos. 1, 2, 5 & 8, Parish of Livingston and the City of Walker, to apply for a grant with the Louisiana Watershed Initiative; no match required.

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

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

- 1.b) 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** – no report
(b) **City Attorney** – no report
(c) **Engineers** – no report
(d) **City Treasurer** – no report
(e) **Planning and Zoning** – report given on P&Z April 12, 2021 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 March 22, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the minutes of March 22, 2021 City Council Meeting.

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

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

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

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

Total	\$1,896,406.66
Payroll & Taxes	\$539,739.31
Accounts Payable	\$1,202,686.27
Natural Gas Payment for January 2021 Purchases	\$138,150.14
Ward 2 Marshal's Office	\$15,171.52
Ward 2 City Court	\$659.32

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

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

4. Discuss and take appropriate action on a street closure request from the Denham Springs Merchants Association for the annual Denham Springs Antiques Festival to be held April 24, 2021, the following closures: Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., N. Range Ave. from Sullivan to Centerville; Mattie St. from N. Range Ave. to Benton St.; and Railroad Ave. from Hummell St. to N. Range Ave. to Benton St.; Friday, April 23, 2021, from 8:00a.m. to Saturday, April 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Rose St. from N. Range Ave. to Benton St.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the street closure request from the Denham Springs Merchants Association for the annual Denham Springs Antiques Festival to be held April 24, 2021, the following closures: Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., N. Range Ave. from Sullivan to Centerville; Mattie St. from N. Range Ave. to Benton St.; and Railroad Ave. from Hummell St. to N. Range Ave. to Benton St.; Friday, April 23, 2021, from 8:00a.m. to Saturday, April 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Rose St. from N. Range Ave. to Benton St.

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

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

5. Discuss and take appropriate action on a request for a front yard fence setback variance of 15 ft. located in Section 30, T6S-R3E. G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Parish of Livingston, Louisiana (V-1009), Requested by Jean Ann Tolleson (505 Centerville St. N.E.)

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council *tabled* taking action on a front yard fence setback variance of 15 ft. located in Section 30, T6S-R3E. G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Parish of Livingston, Louisiana (V-1009) 505 Centerville St. N.E.

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

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

6. **Discuss and take appropriate action on a variance request for a rear yard and side yard located in Section 1, T7S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (V-1010). Requested by Mohsen Jason Matroodnejad (791 Lakeview Dr).**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved for a rear yard and side yard located in Section 1, T7S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (V-1010). 791 Lakeview Dr.

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

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

7. **Hold a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Denham Springs Zoning Commission Ordinance of 1990, as amended, City Ordinance No. 1001 by adding thereto, Paragraph 188 for the purpose of rezoning from C-3 Commercial to R-1 Residential located in Section 31, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-435). Requested by Silverio Ozuna. (312 Edgewood Dr.).**

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing. Mr. Ozuna's realtor representative spoke on behalf of her client to ask for rezoning. No other public comments were given.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Poole, the City Council closed the public hearing.

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

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

8. **Discuss and take appropriate action on a proposed Ordinance to amend Section 1.02 of Article One of the Denham Springs Zoning Commission Ordinance of 1990, as amended, City Ordinance No. 1001 by adding thereto, Paragraph 188 for the purpose of rezoning from C-3 Commercial to R-1 Residential located in Section 31, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-435). (312 Edgewood Dr.)**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, 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 No. 1001 by adding thereto, Paragraph 188 for the purpose of rezoning from C-3 Commercial to R-1 Residential located in Section 31, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-435). (312 Edgewood Dr.)

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

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

The above becomes Ordinance No. 21-04

9. **Discuss and take appropriate action adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to apply for and accept the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission grant for Police Officers.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to apply for and accept the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission grant for Police Officers.

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

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

10. **Discuss and take appropriate action on Change Order #2 to LA DOTD for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Overlay project.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved Change Order #2 to LA DOTD for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Overlay project.

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

Yeas: Dugas, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Lamm-Williams

Abstain: None

11. **Discuss and take appropriate action on Change Order #9 in the increased amount of \$2,945.80 and increased by 5 days; along with Certificate of Substantial Completion to Sienna Construction for the City Hall Renovation project.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved Change Order #9 in the increased amount of \$2,945.80 and increased by 5 days; along with Certificate of Substantial Completion to Sienna Construction for the City Hall Renovation project

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

Yeas: Dugas, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Lamm-Williams

Abstain: None

12. **Discuss and take appropriate action on Payment Application No. 5 in the amount of \$97,563.55 to Plus One Construction, LLC for the Animal Shelter project.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 5 in the amount of \$97,563.55 to Plus One Construction, LLC for the Animal Shelter project.

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

Yeas: Dugas, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Lamm-Williams

Abstain: None

13. **Discuss and take appropriate action on Partial Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$96,806.00 to LADOTD for the Benton Lane Improvements project.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Partial Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$96,806.00 to LADOTD for the Benton Lane Improvements project.

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

Yeas: Dugas, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Lamm-Williams

Abstain: None

14. **Discuss and take appropriate action on quotes for GPS services for the City vehicles.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved the quotes for GPS Services and awarded Verizon Connect at a two year cost of \$59,578.80 for 131 city vehicles all as outlined in contract.

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

Yeas: Dugas, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Lamm-Williams

Abstain: None

15. **Discuss and take appropriate action authorizing a public hearing for a noise ordinance variance for Cinco de Mayo outdoor event for Papi's Mexican Cuisine; to be held April 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building, 116 N. Range Ave. Denham Springs, LA.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Dugas, the City authorized a public hearing for a noise ordinance variance for Cinco de Mayo outdoor event for Papi's Mexican Cuisine; hearing to be held April 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building, 116 N. Range Ave. Denham Springs, LA.

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

Yeas: Dugas, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Lamm-Williams

Abstain: None

16. Discuss and take appropriate action proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

Yeas: Dugas, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Lamm-Williams

Abstain: None

Adjournment

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council adjourned the meeting.

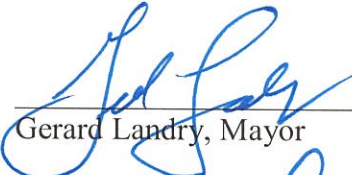
Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Poole, Smith, Wesley

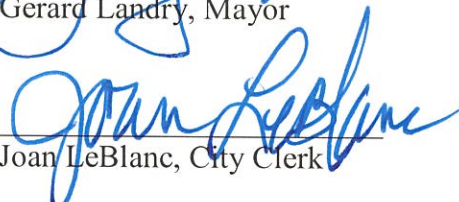
Nays: None

Absent: Lamm-Williams

Abstain: None



Gerard Landry, Mayor



Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk