

SPECIAL MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING MARCH 15, 2016

The Special Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on March 15, 2016, in the Courtroom of the Municipal Building 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 René Delahoussaye.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following members of the City Council were present: Chris Davis, René Delahoussaye, 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, Building Official.

**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 last 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 February 22, 2016 City Council Meeting.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Delahoussaye, the City Council approved the minutes of February 22, 2016 City Council Meeting.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**3. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting the consent agenda for February 1, 2016 through February 29, 2016.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council adopted the consent agenda for February 1, 2016 through February 29, 2016.

Total:	\$1,700,339.10
Payroll & Taxes	\$ 526,245.31
Accounts Payables	\$1,025,036.40
Natural Gas Payment for January 2016 Purchases	\$ 133,380.95
Ward 2 Marshal's Office	\$ 15,676.44
Ward 2 City Court	\$ 0.00

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**4. Discuss and take appropriate action approving a noise variance for the 2016 Relay for Life to be held April 8, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Denham Springs High School.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved a noise variance for the 2016 Relay for Life to be held April 8, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Denham Springs High School.

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

Yeas:	Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

**5. Discuss and take appropriate action on a sign setback variance from the required 10 ft. to 5 ft. to place a new sign for RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., located at 2331 S. Range Avenue (V-16-1). Requested by RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved a variance from the required 10 ft. to 5 ft. to place a new sign for RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc., located at 2331 S. Range Avenue (V-16-1).

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

Yeas:	Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

**6. Discuss and take appropriate action on a used car lot variance from the required  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre to  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre to be located at 101 S. Hummell Street (V-16-2). Requested by Rufus Craig, Jr.**

Upon motion of Delahoussaye, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved a used car lot variance from the required  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre to  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre to be located at 101 S. Hummell Street, providing that no more than 20 cars are stored on the lot at all times (V-16-2).

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

Yeas:	Davis, Delahoussaye, Poole, Wesley
Nays:	Lamm-Williams
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

**7. Discuss and take appropriate action on a variance request for a reduction in the required width for the boulevard section in the proposed Riverbank Subdivision, located on S. River Road (V-16-3). Requested by Riverbank Group, Inc.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Delahoussaye, the City Council approved a variance request for a reduction in the required width for the boulevard section in the proposed Riverbank Subdivision, located on S. River Road (V-16-3).

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

Yeas:	Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

**8. Hold a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 22 by Amending Section 22-52 Relative to Fees of Reviewing Engineers and Media Advertising.**

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing. No public comments were given.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council closed the public hearing.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**9. Discuss and take appropriate action on a proposed Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 22 by Amending Section 22-52 Relative to Fees of Reviewing Engineers and Media Advertising.**

Upon motion of Delahoussaye, seconded by Wesley, the City Council adopted an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 22 by Amending Section 22-52 Relative to Fees of Reviewing Engineers and Media Advertising.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**The above becomes Ordinance No. 16-03**

**10. Hold a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 94 by Amending Section 94-6 Relative to Fees of Reviewing Engineers.**

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing. No public comments were given.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council closed the public hearing.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**11. Discuss and take appropriate action on a proposed Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 94 by Amending Section 94-6 Relative to Fees of Reviewing Engineers.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council adopted an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 94 by Amending Section 94-6 Relative to Fees of Reviewing Engineers.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**The above becomes Ordinance No. 16-04**

**12. Discuss and take appropriate action on the bid results for the Rushing Road Water Well Electrical Panel Replacement project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved the bid from Buffalo Electric in the amount of \$65,600.00 for the Rushing Road Water Well Electrical Pane Replacement project, as presented by Forte & Tablada.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**13. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting a Resolution to apply for a grant from Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation Program, for equipment in the amount of \$25,127.00.**

Upon motion of Delahoussaye, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council adopted a Resolution to apply for a grant from Fire House Subs Public Safety Foundation Program, for equipment in the amount of \$25,127.00.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**14. Discuss and take appropriate action on allowing a 5K Run event for Fellowship of Christian Athletes on April 16, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and allowing for street closures, as laid out and approved by Police Dept.**

Upon motion of Delahoussaye, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved a 5K Run event for Fellowship of Christian Athletes on April 16, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and allowing for street closures, as laid out and approved by Police Dept.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**15. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting a Resolution authorizing legislation to be proposed to place the positions of the City's Police Chief and Fire Chief into the unclassified service.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council *denied* the adoption of a Resolution authorizing legislation to be proposed to place the positions of the City's Police Chief and Fire Chief into the unclassified service.

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

Yeas: Lamm-Williams, Poole  
Nays: Davis, Delahoussaye, Wesley  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**16. Discuss and take appropriate action Proclaiming March as Flood Awareness Month.**

Upon motion of Delahoussaye, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council proclaimed March as Flood Awareness Month.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**Adjournment**

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

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

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Gerard Landry, Mayor

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Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk