

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING FEBRUARY 22, 2021

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on February 22, 2021, in the Court Room of the Municipal Building at 116 N. Range Ave. 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, Lori Lamm-Williams, Robert Poole, Laura Smith and Jeff Wesley. A quorum being present the Council Meeting was convened.

Staff present: Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk; Michelle Hood, City Treasurer; Dana Harris, City Purchasing Agent; Rick Foster, Building Official; Shannon Womack, Police Chief; Richard Stafford, Fire Chief; Mitch Droge, Civil Service Secretary; Ben Harris, Water Supervisor; George Lathers, Streets Supervisor; Darrell Dugas, Gas Supervisor; Jerry Mire, Wastewater Assistant Supervisor.

Mayor recognized and thanked the city dept. supervisors for their help and efforts to keep and maintain our streets and utility systems for the well-being of our citizens during the ice storm weather event this month.

1. Approve as published in the official journal minutes of the February 9, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved the minutes of February 9, 2021 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

2. Hold a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) of Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, of the City of Denham Springs, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds, designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds, providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; authorizing the agreement with the Paying Agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing. Public comments were heard. Eddie Aydele, Alvin Fairburn & Associates explained the importance of the gas project upgrade and details of the project. Ken Drone, Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority also explained the importance of the upgrade and the gas rate structure. Jim Ryan, Government Consultants explained the bond process and ordinance needed for the funding of the project.

Those opposed to the project voiced their opinions and asked questions; Bridgette Gilbert, John Gilbert, Jack Hartman, Scooter Keen, Jan Fairchild, Erin Sandifer, Janet Landry, Bubba Harris and Julie Norris.

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

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

3. **Discuss and take appropriate action on a proposed Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) of Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, of the City of Denham Springs, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds, designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds, providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; authorizing the agreement with the Paying Agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council adopted an Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) of Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, of the City of Denham Springs, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds, designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds, providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; authorizing the agreement with the Paying Agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

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

The above becomes Ordinance No. 21-02

4. **Discuss and take appropriate action introducing a proposed ordinance and authorizing a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 74 by Amending Section 35, Relative to Civil Emergency Pay; to be held March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building, 116 N. Range Ave., Denham Springs, LA.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Dugas, the City Council introduced a proposed ordinance and authorized a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 74 by Amending Section 35, Relative to Civil Emergency Pay; to be held March 9, 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, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

5. **Discuss and take appropriate action on a front yard fence setback variance from 20 ft. to 10 ft., Section 67, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (V-1006). Requested by Virginia Ford. (2202 Jerlyn Ave.)**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith, the City Council *denied* a front yard fence setback variance from 20 ft. to 10 ft., Section 67, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (V-1006).

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

6. **Discuss and take appropriate action adopting a Resolution of Support for the submittal of Roadway Improvements and commitment of local matching funds through the Capital Region Planning Commission Baton Rouge Urbanized Area-Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Project selection process.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Dugas, the City Council adopted a Resolution of Support for the submittal of Roadway Improvements and commitment of local matching funds through the Capital Region Planning Commission Baton Rouge Urbanized Area-Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Project selection process to include Centerville St. NW; Bass Pro Roundabout at Sac-U-Lait Lane; Bass Pro Blvd.

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

7. Discuss and take appropriate action on the installation of a cell pole, Benton St. at Railroad Ave.

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council *tabled* to approve the installation of a cell pole and equipment, Benton St. at Railroad Ave. until the March 22, 2021 City Council Meeting in order to receive input from the Main Street Committee.

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. Discuss and take appropriate action on Payment Application #3 (retainage) in the amount of \$5,914.90 to Lloyd D. Nabors Demolition LLC for the demolition of former City Hall On Government Dr. and accept clear lien certificate.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Payment Application #3 (retainage) in the amount of \$5,914.90 to Lloyd D. Nabors Demolition LLC for the demolition of former City Hall On Government Dr. and accept clear lien certificate.

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. Discuss and take appropriate action on a request to submit to surplus the following Street Dept., Wastewater Dept. and Police Dept. vehicles:

Street Dept. - #475, 2010 Ford F-150
Wastewater Dept. - #220, 1993 Chevrolet 3500
#374, 2003 Ford F-250
#428, 2007 Ford F-150
Police Dept. - #615, 2003 Chevy Silverado

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved the surplus of the following Street Dept., Wastewater Dept. and Police Dept. vehicles:

Street Dept. - #475, 2010 Ford F-150, VIN 1FTNF1CV2AKA20533
Wastewater Dept. - #220, 1993 Chevrolet 3500 VIN 1GCHC39F4PE214831
#374, 2003 Ford F-250 VIN 1FTNX20F53EA63667
#428, 2007 Ford F-150 VIN 1FTRW12W27FB50213
Police Dept. - #615, 2003 Chevy Silverado VIN1GCGC13U73F115223

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. Discuss and take appropriate action requesting advertisement for bid proposals for debris removal and debris monitoring.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the request of advertisement for bid proposals for debris removal and debris monitoring.

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. Proclamation for Supermarket Employee Day.

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Wesley, the City Council proclaimed February 22, 2021 as Supermarket Employee Day.

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

Adjournment

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

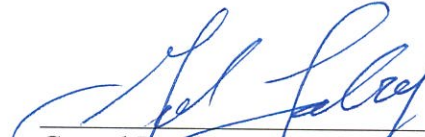
Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: Dugas, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None



Gerard Landry, Mayor



Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk