

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAY 9, 2023

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on May 9, 2023, in the Meeting Room of the Denham Springs City Hall 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, Jim Gilbert, 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, City Building Official; Rodney Walker, Police Chief; Richard Stafford, Fire Chief; Valerie Archer, HR Manager; Mitch Droge, Fire Secretary.

Jim Norred, addressed the Mayor and City Council as a candidate for State Representative.

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
- (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 April 24, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved the minutes of April 24, 2023 City Council Meeting.

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

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

3. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting the consent agenda for April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved the consent agenda for April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023.

Total	\$2,411,924.27
Payroll & Taxes	\$565,373.07
Accounts Payable	\$1,712,880.14
Natural Gas Payment for March 2023 Purchases	\$111,921.26
Ward 2 Marshal's Office	\$20,053.59
Ward 2 City Court	\$1,696.21

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

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

4. **Hold a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance of the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation of properties located at 604 Tabernacle St. and Lot G, Easterly Subdivision, Denham Springs, Louisiana, and to execute a Conservation Servitude with the Road Home Corporation A/K/A Road Home Corporation D/B/A Louisiana Land Trust.**

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

5. **Adopt an Ordinance of the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation of properties located at 604 Tabernacle St. and Lot G, Easterly Subdivision, Denham Springs, Louisiana, and to execute a Conservation Servitude with the Road Home Corporation A/K/A Road Home Corporation D/B/A Louisiana Land Trust.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council adopted an of the City of Denham Springs, Louisiana authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation of properties located at 604 Tabernacle St. and Lot G, Easterly Subdivision, Denham Springs, Louisiana, and to execute a Conservation Servitude with the Road Home Corporation A/K/A Road Home Corporation D/B/A Louisiana Land Trust.

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

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

The above Becomes Ordinance No. 23-06

6. **Hold a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 108 by amending Section 18 relative to duty of property owner; connection to Sewerage District system.**

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

7. **Adopt an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 108 by amending Section 18 relative to duty of property owner; connection to Sewerage District system.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Poole, the City Council adopted an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 108 by amending Section 18 relative to duty of property owner; connection to Sewerage District system.

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

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

The above becomes Ordinance No. 23-07

8. **Introduce a proposed ordinance and authorize a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance for the City of Denham Springs to accept donations of properties and execute a Conservation Servitude with Road Home Program, a/k/a Road Home Corporation d/b/a Louisiana Land Trust; public hearing to be held May 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council introduced a proposed ordinance and authorized a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance for the City of Denham Springs to accept donations of properties and execute a Conservation Servitude with Road Home Program, a/k/a Road Home Corporation d/b/a Louisiana Land Trust; public hearing to be held May 22, 2023 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, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Wesley, Poole
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

9. **Introduce a proposed ordinance and authorize a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 74 by amending Section 83, relative to Firefighter Annual Leave; public hearing to be held May 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, 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 83, relative to Firefighter Annual Leave; public hearing to be held May 22, 2023 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, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

10. **Authorize the following as surplus from the Police Dept:**

(4) Alpine Type R 15" Subwoofers; (8) 6x9 Pioneer Speakers; (2) Hifinics 200 Watt Amplifier; (1) Memphis Belle 200 watt Amplifier; (2) FoxBox Speaker Box; (4) 20" U2 Custom Rims with Tires; (4) 60/40 2023 Tahoe 2nd row seats

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded Poole, the City Council authorized the surplus of the following Police Dept. items:

(4) Alpine Type R 15" Subwoofers
(8) 6x9 Pioneer Speakers
(2) Hifinics 200 Watt Amplifier; 4DDS0844F14AA & 4DDS0816F14AA
(1) Memphis Belle 200 watt Amplifier; 090600003
(2) FoxBox Speaker Box
(4) 20" U2 Custom Rims with Tires
(4) 60/40 2023 Tahoe 2nd row seats

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

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

11. **Adopt a Resolution appointing a new member to the Board of Housing Appeals.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to appoint Mallory Voth, as new member to the Board of Housing Appeals, replacing Bobbi Stevens, Utilities Administrator.

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

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

12. Adopt a Resolution for COX Business for the Street Department.

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Poole, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute a Commercial Services Agreement with COX Business to provide internet and cable services to the DS Street Department, at a set up cost of \$125 and a monthly cost of \$95.99 (plus taxes, fees, and surcharge).

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

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

13. Approve Payment Application No. 19 in the amount of \$130,269.27 to Wharton-Smith for the DS Water Wells Rehabilitation.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 19 in the amount of \$130,269.27 to Wharton-Smith for the DS Water Wells Rehabilitation.

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

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

14. Appoint Perrin Watkins as Agent of Record for health insurance, for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council appointed Perrin Watkins as Agent of Record for health insurance, for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

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

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

15. Approve Blue Cross health insurance at a cost of \$727.48 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Blue Cross health insurance at a cost of \$727.48 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

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

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

16. Approve Health Reimbursement Account in the amount of \$3,000.00 per eligible employee and approve Cobra Professional Inc. (CPI) as Administrator at a cost of \$4.50 per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the Health Reimbursement Account in the amount of \$3,000.00 per eligible employee and approved Cobra Professional Inc. (CPI) as Administrator at a cost of \$4.50 per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

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

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

17. Approve Blue Cross Vision insurance in the amount of \$4.82 per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved Blue Cross Vision insurance in the amount of \$4.82 per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

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

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

- 18. Approve United Health Care Life Insurance in the amount of \$12.00/\$50,000 coverage per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved United Health Care Life Insurance in the amount of \$12.00/\$50,000 coverage per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

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

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

- 19. Approve WageWorks for Cobra Administration in the amount of \$1.17 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved WageWorks for Cobra Administration in the amount of \$1.17 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

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

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

- 20. Approve Citizens Dental insurance in the amount of \$29.31 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved Citizens Dental insurance in the amount of \$29.31 per month per eligible employee for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

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

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

- 20. Approve Hidalgo Health Associates as administrator for the Employee Assistance Program at \$300 per month (\$1.77 per employee) for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved Hidalgo Health Associates as administrator for the Employee Assistance Program at \$300 per month (\$1.77 per employee) for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

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

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

- 21. Proclamation for Building Safety Month.**

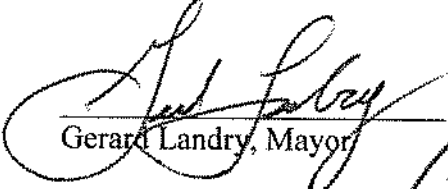
Mayor Landry proclaimed May as Building Safety Month in Denham Springs.

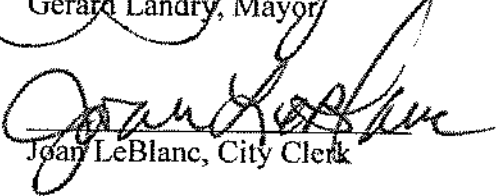
Adjournment

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


Gerard Landry, Mayor


Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk