

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING JANUARY 23, 2023

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on January 23, 2023, 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.

John Wascom, Parish Councilman gave a short presentation on the Parish Road Program.

**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.

Staff present: Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk, Stephanie Hulett, City Attorney; Michelle Hood, City Treasurer; Rick Foster, Building Official; Rodney Walker, Police Chief; Richard Stafford, Fire Chief; Mitch Droge, Civil Service secretary.

**1. Approve minutes of the January 10, 2023 City Council Meeting.**

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved the minutes of January 10, 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

**2. Appoint a City Council Finance Chairperson.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lori Lamm-Williams, the City Council appointed Jeff Wesley as City Council Finance Chairperson for the 2023-2027 term.

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

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

**3. Approve Change Order No. 2 in the increased amount of \$15,093.00 to Kelly Construction Group, LLC for Gas Dept Building Repairs.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved Change Order No. 2 in the increased amount of \$15,093.00 to Kelly Construction Group, LLC for Gas Dept Building Repairs.

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. Approve Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$73,208.27 to Kelly Construction Group, LLC for Gas Dept Building Repairs.**

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$73,208.27 to Kelly Construction Group, LLC for Gas Dept Building Repairs.

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. Approve Change Order No. 3 in the increased amount of \$23,230.42 to NCMC, LLC for the Pete's Hwy Lift Station.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council approved Change Order No. 3 in the increased amount of \$23,230.42 to NCMC, LLC for the Pete's Hwy Lift Station.

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

**6. Adopt a Resolution for Cox Internet Service.**

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to enter into a Commercial Services Agreement with COX Business to provide internet services for Fire Station No. 1 in the initial charge of \$125.00 and a monthly charge of \$93.99.

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 a Resolution for CEA with Livingston Fire Protection District 4.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Livingston Parish Fire Protection District 4 to allow the City to install a regulator station on the District's property.

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

**8. Adopt a Resolution for an Information Sharing Agreement with Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to enter into an Information Sharing Access Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency for the collection, use, access, disclosure, security and retention of the NFIP Personally Identifiable Information dataset.

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

**9. Adopt a Resolution for Consulting Services with COACTINT, LLC.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Dugas, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to enter into a contract with COACTINT, LLC for

consulting assistance related to improving the city's NFIP Community Rating System score at a cost of \$75.00 per hour not to exceed 100 hours.

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. Take action on the condemnation of the structure located at 1318 Wanda St.**

Cipriano Quezada, property owner, stated he did not have a copy of the listing agreement with the realtor, as previously requested by City Council.

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Poole, the City Council tabled taking action on the condemnation of the structure located at 1318 Wanda St. until the February 14, 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

**11. Take action on the condemnation of the structures located at 918 and 922 Florida Ave.**

Sasha Tessier, representative for the owner, presented a cost estimate of \$80,000.00 for repairs of the structures, without permits, at 918 and 922 Florida Ave. to bring the structures up to code for the use of storage.

Rick Foster, Building Official, stated that permits have to be issued. He also noted areas of concern that were not addressed in the cost estimate.

Ms. Tessier stated that her client would not use this estimate because of the high dollar amount but would be subbing it out and using some of the materials stored.

Mr. Foster stated that most of the materials that are stored are not suitable for repair use.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Dugas, the City Council authorized the condemnation of the structures located at 918 and 922 Florida Ave.

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

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

**12. Take action on the condemnation of the structure located at 208 Hickory St.**

Katie Causey, Attorney was assigned to represent the owner(s) of 208 Hickory St. Owner(s) have not appeared in Blight Court, City Council meetings nor responded to certified letters of notification of condemnation proceedings.

Ms. Causey will make one last attempt to contact owner(s). If no response, she recommends condemnation of the structure located at 208 Hickory St.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Dugas, the City Council ordered the condemnation of the structure located at 208 Hickory St. within the legal time frame as specified by Attorney.

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. Take action on the condemnation of the structure located at 1434 Clinton Dr.**

Katie Causey, Attorney was assigned to represent the owner(s) of 1434 Clinton Dr. Owner(s) have not appeared in Blight Court, City Council meetings nor responded to certified letters of notification of condemnation proceedings.

Ms. Causey recommends condemnation of the structure located at 1434 Clinton Dr.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council ordered the condemnation of the structure located at 1434 Clinton Dr.

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

**14. Discuss and take action on Fireworks and Pyrotechnics ordinance.**

Robert Poole presented a proposed change to the Fireworks and Pyrotechnics ordinance to allow the use of fireworks on certain holidays for specific time frames.

James Soileau, Brenda Dr. resident spoke in favor of the use of fireworks.

Rodney Walker, Police Chief and Richard Stafford, Fire Chief, both spoke on enforcement of the City's ordinance.

Robert Poole suggested the use of fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm and New Years Eve from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am New Years Day, with the exception of a burn ban in place.

Lori Lamm-Williams suggested that public input was needed.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council authorized the City Attorney to draft an amendment to the fireworks ordinance, as presented, to be introduced and authorized for a public hearing.

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


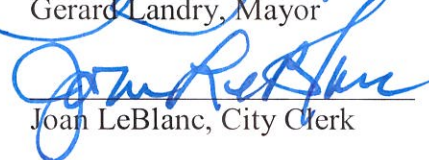
Yeas: Dugas, Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**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