

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING OCTOBER 26, 2020

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on October 26, 2020, 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; Stephanie Hulett, City Attorney; Rick Foster, Building Official; Richard Stafford, Fire Chief; Jason Populus, Emergency Manager; Mitch Droge, Fire Secretary; Gary Watson, H.R. Manager.

**1. Approve as published in the official journal minutes of the October 13, 2020 City Council Meeting.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the minutes of October 13, 2020 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 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 187 for the purpose of Rezoning from C-2 Commercial to C-3 Commercial located in Section 30 & 48, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (RZ-434) Hatchell Lane. Requested by JOLAS, Inc.**

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

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

**3. Discuss and take appropriate action 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 187 for the purpose of Rezoning from C-2 Commercial to C-3 Commercial located in Section 30 & 48, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (RZ-434) Hatchell Lane.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, 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 187 for the purpose of Rezoning from C-2 Commercial to C-3 Commercial located in Section 30 & 48, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (RZ-434) Hatchell Lane.

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

The above becomes Ordinance 20-06

4. **Discuss and take appropriate action on a proposed employee position of Fire Training and Safety Officer/Emergency Manager.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved an employee position of Fire Training and Safety Officer/Emergency Manager, naming Fire Captain Jason Populus to that position.

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 Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$347,264.90 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Denham Springs Lift Stations, First Group.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$347,264.90 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Denham Springs Lift Stations, First Group.

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

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

6. **Discuss and take appropriate action on Payment Application No. 4 in the amount of \$196,840.00 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Denham Springs Lift Stations, First Group.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 4 in the amount of \$196,840.00 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Denham Springs Lift Stations, First Group.

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

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

7. **Discuss and take appropriate action on Change Order No. 3 to increase substantial completion date by an extra 17 days, to L. King Company, LLC for the Rushing Road Water Well Project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Change Order No. 3 to increase substantial completion date by an extra 17 days, to L. King Company, LLC for the Rushing Road Water Well Project.

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 submersible pumps for Wastewater Dept.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council authorized the advertisement to rebid for submersible pumps for Wastewater Dept. due to the lack of bids on the last bid advertisement/opening.

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

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council voted to lift the agenda for the following:

Discuss and take appropriate action adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute a contract, to revise the date, with Forte & Tablada, Inc. for repairs to the Denham Springs Gas Building.

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

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

**9. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute a contract to revise the date, with Forte & Tablada, Inc. for repairs to the Denham Springs Gas Building.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the Denham Springs City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute a contract to revise the date, with Forte & Tablada, Inc. for repairs to the Denham Springs Gas Building.

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 Poole, 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