

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING DECEMBER 8, 2020

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on December 8, 2020, at 116 N. Range Ave., Denham Springs, LA.

It was noted that Mayor, all Council Members and the press were notified according to state law.

Invocation was given by Robert Poole.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following members of the City Council were present on video conference: Amber Dugas, Lori Lamm-Williams, Robert Poole, Laura Smith 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; Gary Watson, HR Manager; Fred Banks, P&Z Commissioner; Shannon Womack, Police Chief; Richard Stafford, Fire Chief; Mitch Droge, Civil Service Secretary.

**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 given
- (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 November 23, 2020 City Council Meeting.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the minutes of November 23, 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

**3. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting the consent agenda for November 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved the consent agenda for November 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020.

Total	\$1,994,773.62
Payroll & Taxes	\$485,661.04
Accounts Payable	\$1,455,688.57
Natural Gas Payment for October 2020 Purchases	\$38,156.65
Ward 2 Marshal's Office	\$15,267.36
Ward 2 City Court	\$0.00

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

4. **Discuss and take appropriate action on a variance request for a front yard setback, Section 45 T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, LA. (V-1004). Requested by Trudy Reed. (460 Foster St.)**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council tabled the agenda item (inadvertently placed on agenda) until December 28, 2020.

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. **Hold a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance for Rezoning from I-1 & I-2 Industrial to R-3 Residential of Parcel #0344812 located at 425 Florida Ave., in Section 31, T6S-R3E, GLD, City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (RZ-431). Requested by DCP LandDS, LLC. (Delta Concrete Property)**

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing.

Those spoke in favor of: Fred Banks, P&Z Commissioner and DS Housing Authority Director; Eddie Aydell, Alvin Fairburn & Associates; Gene Elizar, Architect; Peter Theis, Attorney, Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center; A.C. Speziale, DS resident.

Those spoke against: Paul Kirk; Josh Howard; Bob Morgan; Jan Fairchild; Chris Gingham; Jacob Seymour, all residents in the vicinity of the proposed housing project.

Upon motion of Wesley, 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

6. **Discuss and take appropriate action on an Ordinance for Rezoning from I-1 & I-2 Industrial to R-3 Residential of Parcel #0344812 located at 425 Florida Ave., in Section 31, T6S-R3E, GLD, City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (RZ-431). Requested by DCP LandDS, LLC.**

Motion by Lamm-Williams to adopt the Ordinance for Rezoning from I-1 & I-2 Industrial to R-3 Residential of Parcel #0344812 located at 425 Florida Ave., in Section 31, T6S-R3E, GLD, City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana, contingent upon the sale of the property to the Denham Springs Housing Authority and complete approval of HUD's guidelines; if failed to meet the guidelines, the property reverts back to I-1.

No second was received. Motion dies.

Motion by Lamm-Williams to adopt the Ordinance for Rezoning from I-1 & I-2 Industrial to R-3 Residential of Parcel #0344812 located at 425 Florida Ave., in Section 31, T6S-R3E, GLD, City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana.

No second was received. Motion dies.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council *denied* adopting an Ordinance for Rezoning from I-1 & I-2 Industrial to R-3 Residential of Parcel #0344812 located at 425 Florida Ave., in Section 31, T6S-R3E, GLD, City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (RZ-431).

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

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

7. **Discuss and take appropriate action introducing a proposed ordinance and authorizing a public hearing on a proposed Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 86 by Amending Section 31 Relative to Sanitation Service Fees, to be held December 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building at 116 N. Range Ave., Denham Springs, LA.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council introduced a proposed ordinance and authorized a public hearing on a proposed Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 86 by Amending Section 31 Relative to Sanitation Service Fees, to be held December 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building at 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

8. **Discuss and take appropriate action introducing a proposed ordinance and authorizing a public hearing on a proposed Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 106 by Amending Section 31 Relative to Gas Rates and Service Charges, to be held December 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building at 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 on a proposed Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Denham Springs, Chapter 106 by Amending Section 31 Relative to Gas Rates and Service Charges, to be held December 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building at 116 N. Range Ave., Denham Springs, LA.

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

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

9. **Discuss and take appropriate action on Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$42,471.00 to Kelly Construction Group, LLC for the Pavilion Project.**

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$42,471.00 to Kelly Construction Group, LLC for the Pavilion 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

10. **Discuss and take appropriate action on Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$50,523.47 to Plus One Construction, LLC for the Animal Shelter Building Project.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$50,523.47 to Plus One Construction, LLC for the Animal Shelter Building 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

11. **Discuss and take appropriate action on Payment Application No. 11 in the amount of \$91,944.14 to Sienna Construction for the City Hall Renovation Project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 11 in the amount of \$91,944.14 to Sienna Construction for the City Hall Renovation 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

12. **Discuss and take appropriate action adopting a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute a contract with Barriere Construction Co., LLC for the Benton Lane Improvements, State Project No. H013674.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute a contract with Barriere Construction Co., LLC for the Benton Lane Improvements, State Project No. H013674.

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

**13. Discuss and take appropriate action on Change Order No. 2 in the decreased amount of \$54,407.09 for the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Overlay Project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved Change Order No. 2 in the decreased amount of \$54,407.09 for the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Overlay 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

**14. Discuss and take appropriate action on job proposal regarding Fire Training and Safety Officer.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved the Fire Training and Safety Officer 1 & Fire Training and Safety Officer 2, and payroll positions to include the 2% cost of living raise previously approved by the Council.

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

**15. Discuss and take appropriate action in renewing the Gulf States Engineering contract for submersible pumps.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council renewed the Gulf States Engineering contract for submersible pumps for a period of 6 months.

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

**16. Discuss and take appropriate action accepting the proposal and Sales Agreement from Gibko Signs to build and erect a 25' sign for the Denham Springs Municipal Complex.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council accepted the proposal and Sales Agreement from Gibko Signs to build and erect a 25' sign for the Denham Springs Municipal Complex, as outlined.

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

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