

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUGUST 22, 2022

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on August 22, 2022, 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; Michelle Hood, City Treasurer; Rick Foster, Building Official; Rodney Walker, Police Chief.

**1. Approve minutes of the August 9, 2022 City Council Meeting.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved the minutes of the August 9, 2022 City Council Meeting.

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

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

**2. Proclaim Denham Springs as a Purple Heart City.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Poole, the City Council Proclaimed the City of Denham Springs as a Purple Heart City.

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. Approve a request from Collene Thibodeaux, Super Penny Mart, for a Retailer Class B-High Alcohol Permit, for the business located at 245 Florida Avenue SW.**

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved the request from Collene Thibodeaux, Super Penny Mart, for a Retailer Class B-High Alcohol Permit, for the business located at 245 Florida Avenue SW.

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. Hold a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement between the City of Denham Springs and LeChien for a portion of the property located at 115A Hummell St., Denham Springs, LA.**

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing Public comments were given.

Representatives from Eagle Eye Care, adjacent to the said portion of land to lease, opposed the lease until they can have a survey performed to determine property line.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, 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

**5. Adopt an Ordinance to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement between the City of Denham Springs and LeChien for a portion of the property located at 115A Hummell St., Denham Springs, LA.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council *tabled* taking action on an Ordinance to Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement between the City of Denham Springs and LeChien for a portion of the property located at 115A Hummell St., Denham Springs, LA, until the adjacent owner can have a survey performed to determine property line.

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. Hold a public hearing for the use of Train Station Park/parking lot, Noise Variance and Street Closure for February 11, 2023 for an outdoor event, as requested by the Krewe of Denham Springs.**

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing. Public comments were given.

Emily Barclay, President of the Denham Springs Mardi Gras Krewe spoke in favor of event.

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, 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

**7. Approve the use of Train Station Park/parking lot, Noise Variance and Street Closure for February 11, 2023 for an outdoor event, as requested by the Krewe of Denham Springs.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the use of Train Station Park/parking lot, Noise Variance and Street Closure for February 11, 2023 for an outdoor event, as requested by the Krewe of Denham Springs, conditioned upon:

The parking lot and Railroad Avenue to be closed at noon on Friday, February 10 and remain closed until event is over.

The Krewe providing security for road closure and crowd control

The event lasting no later than 11:00 pm on Saturday, February 11, 2023

No alcohol on premises

Food trucks allowed with proper permits

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. Approve a one-time Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (Piggyback State Contract) with the City of Alexandria for the purchase of a vehicle.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved a one-time Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (Piggyback State Contract) with the City of Alexandria for the purchase of a vehicle, Ford F-250, in the amount of \$45,403.25.

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. Approve Payment Request #1 in the amount of \$136,087.50 to Feliciana Welders, Inc. for the Hillon Hood Road Gas Improvements Project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved Payment Request #1 in the amount of \$136,087.50 to Feliciana Welders, Inc. for the Hillon Hood Road Gas Improvements 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. Approve Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$15,606.90 to NCMC, LLC for the Pete's Highway Lift Station project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$15,606.90 to NCMC, LLC for the Pete's Highway Lift Station 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. Approve Payment Application #1 in the amount of \$74,146.16 to Pro Scales and Construction Services, LLC for the Jean St. and Elmer St. Drainage Project.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved Payment Application #1 in the amount of \$74,146.16 to Pro Scales and Construction Services, LLC for the Jean St. and Elmer St. Drainage 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. Approve Payment Estimate #1 in the amount of \$135,844.50 to Barriere Construction for Yellow Jacket Blvd. Improvements Project.**

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved Payment Estimate #1 in the amount of \$135,844.50 to Barriere Construction for Yellow Jacket Blvd. Improvements 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

**13. Authorize Forte & Tablada, Inc. to submit the application for a Water Sector Grant.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Dugas, the City Council authorized Forte & Tablada, Inc. to submit the application for a Water Sector Grant for construction of a new water well near the current Brignac water well.

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. Adopt a revised Resolution for the sale of 2525 Riverview Dr.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith, the City Council adopted a revised Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute the sale of 2525 Riverview Drive, in the amount of \$162,000.00, plus required fees, as revised.

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. Take action regarding the condemnation of the structure located at 1521 N. Woodcrest**

Rick Foster, Building Official and Stephanie Hulett, City, Attorney informed the Council of the condemnation process performed on this property since the flood of 2016.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith the City Council authorized the condemnation of the structure located at 1521 N. Woodcrest and authorized a lien to be placed on property for expenses incurred by the City.

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. Take action regarding the condemnation of the structure at 2351 S. Woodcrest**

Rick Foster, Building Official and Stephanie Hulett, City, Attorney informed the Council of the condemnation process performed on this property since the flood of 2016.

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Lamm-Williams the City Council authorized the condemnation of the structure located at 2351 S. Woodcrest and authorized a lien to be placed on property for expenses incurred by the City.

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

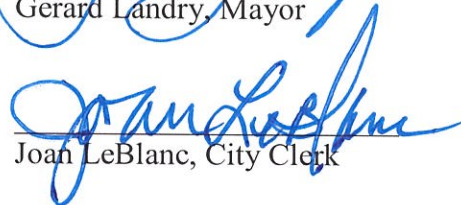
**Adjournment**

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