

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on September 14, 2021, in the Court Room of the Municipal Building located 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: Amber Dugas, Lori Lamm-Williams, Robert Poole, Laura Schmitt 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; Dana Harris, Purchasing Agent; Fred Banks Planning & Zoning Commissioner; Richard Stafford, Fire Chief.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the city Council lifted the agenda to add the following:

- 20. Approve a variance waiving the permit fee for residents and business owners to obtain a storm related electrical and/or repair permit applications until further notice.**

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

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

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by **Dugas**, the city Council lifted the agenda to add the following:

- 21. Approve the Hurricane Ida Disaster Debris Monitoring Services Budget Estimate.**

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

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

Mayor Landry gave an update on Hurricane Ida. The City's EOC functioned well; Ceres began debris removal; DS water dept. donated 100,000 gallons of water to South LA areas in need; the volunteer CERT team clocked 861 hours which can be reimbursable up to \$25,000 from FEMA; they handed out provisions along with the National Guard; they worked with the Parish EOC; they manned the only shelter in Livingston Parish.

- 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 & reported on assessments of substantial damage
(b) **City Attorney** – no report
(c) **Engineers** – no report
(d) **City Treasurer** – no report
(e) **Planning and Zoning** – report given on P&Z meeting September 14, 2021
(f) **Animal Control Report** – written report submitted
(g) **Fire report** – written report submitted
(h) **Police Report** – written report submitted

- 2. Approve minutes of the August 23, 2021 City Council Meeting.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved the minutes of August 23, 2021 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 August 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

Upon motion of Dugas, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved the consent agenda for August 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

Total	\$2,701,518.51
Payroll & Taxes	\$498,079.57
Accounts Payable	\$2,087,201.62
Natural Gas Payment for July 2021 Purchases	\$100,317.65
Ward 2 Marshal's Office	\$15,497.94
Ward 2 City Court	\$421.73

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. Adopt Resolution to proceed with the issuance of not to exceed \$9,000,000.00 of Revenue Refunding Bonds.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing the City of Denham Springs, State of Louisiana to proceed with the issuance of not to exceed Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) of Revenue Refunding Bonds, of the City of Denham Springs, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said Bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; appointing Bond Counsel, Municipal Advisor and Underwriter; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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. Approve street closures for the Fall Antiques Festival on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved the request for the annual Fall Antiques Festival to be held on North Range Ave. on Saturday, October 2, 2021, with road closures from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on that day for the following streets:

N. Range Ave. from Sullivan to Centerville
Mattie St. from N. Range Ave. to Benton St.
Railroad Ave. from Hummel St. to Benton St.
Rose St. from N. Range Ave. to Benton St.

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 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 189, from R-1 Residential to C-3 Commercial on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Square 21 Shelly's Homesites Located in Section 1, T7S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-436) (Walnut St.)

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing. No comments were given.

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Dugas, 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. **Adopt 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 189, from R-1 Residential to C-3 Commercial on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Square 21 Shelly's Homesites Located in Section 1, T7S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-436) (Walnut St.)**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Dugas, the City Council *tabled, due to no representation of owner*, adopting 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 189, from R-1 Residential to C-3 Commercial on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Square 21 Shelly's Homesites Located in Section 1, T7S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-436) (Walnut St.)

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 front yard fence setback variance from 20 ft. to 4 ft. located at 2202 Jerlyn, requested by Virginia Ford. (V-1014).**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved a front yard fence setback variance of 20 ft. to 10 ft. located at 2202 Jerlyn, requested by Virginia Ford. (V-1014).

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 sole online bid from Dana Safety for a 21-06 SUV Police Pursuit Vehicle in the amount of \$47,745.00.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved the sole online bid from Dana Safety for a 21-06 SUV Police Pursuit Vehicle in the amount of \$47,745.00.

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

10. **Approve Notice to Proceed for Debris Removal and Disposal Services Contract Activation, back dated to Aug. 31, 2021.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved the Notice to Proceed for Debris Removal and Disposal Services Contract Activation, back dated to Aug. 31, 2021.

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 Task Order from Ceres Environmental for Hurricane Ida debris removal and disposal.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved the Task Order from Ceres Environmental for Hurricane Ida debris (vegetation, construction and demolition) removal and disposal, not to exceed \$3,000,000.00.

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

12. Approve Change Order request from Ceres Environmental for tree “hangers”.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved Change Order request from Ceres Environmental for removal of hazardous hanging limbs greater than 2” in diameter, at a cost of \$79.00 per tree.

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. Approve the budget estimate for Hurricane Ida grant management and FEMA PA consulting support efforts in the amount of \$40,000.00 to Thompson Consulting Services.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved the budget estimate for Hurricane Ida grant management and FEMA PA consulting support efforts in the amount of \$40,000.00 to Thompson Consulting Services.

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. Approve Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$222,775.00 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Water Wells Project.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$222,775.00 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Water Wells Project.

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

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

15. Approve Change Order #3 in the increased amount of 114 days to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Group 1 Lift Station Project.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved Change Order #3 in the increased amount of 114 days to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Group 1 Lift Station Project.

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

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

16. Approve Pay Application #9 in the amount of \$21,009.25 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Group 1 Lift Station Project and approve Substantial Completion.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved Pay Application #9 in the amount of \$21,009.25 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Group 1 Lift Station Project and approved Substantial Completion.

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

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

17. Approve Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$62,408.35 to L. King Company, LLC for the EQ Basin Project.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$62,408.35 to L. King Company, LLC for the EQ Basin 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

Absent: None
Abstain: None

18. Approve Construction Change Directive #1 in the amount of \$750.00 to Plus One Construction for the Animal Shelter Project.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved Construction Change Directive #1 in the amount of \$750.00 to Plus One Construction for the Animal Shelter 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

19. Approve to re-advertise for (4) 4" Diesel Trash Pumps and cancel previously approved bid.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the re-advertisement for (4) 4" Diesel Trash Pumps and canceled the previously approved bid.

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

20. Approve a variance waiving the permit fee for residents and business owners to obtain a storm related electrical and/or repair permit applications until further notice.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved variance waiving the permit fee for residents and business owners to obtain a storm related electrical and/or repair permit applications until further notice.

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

21. Approve the Hurricane Ida Disaster Debris Monitoring Services Budget Estimate.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Dugas, the City Council approved the Hurricane Ida Disaster Debris Monitoring Services Budget Estimate of \$634,146.00 from Thompson Consulting Services.

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 Smith, 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