

The Special Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on November 15, 2016, in the Meeting Room of the Denham Springs City Hall 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: Chris Davis, René Delahoussaye, Lori Lamm-Williams, Robert Poole and Jeff Wesley. A quorum being present the Council Meeting was convened.

Also present: Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk; Stephanie Hulett, City Attorney; Michelle Hood, City Treasurer; Rick Foster, Building Official; Shannon Womack, Interim Police Chief; Melvin Womack, Purchasing Agent.

### **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** – report given on commercial businesses
- (b) **City Attorney** – no report
- (c) **Engineers** – no report
- (d) **City Treasurer** – report given,
- (e) **Planning and Zoning** – report given on last P&Z meeting.
- (f) **Animal Control Report** – no report
- (g) **Fire report** – written report submitted
- (h) **Police Report** – written report submitted

### **2. Approve as published in the official journal minutes of the October 24, 2016 City Council Meeting.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the minutes of October 24, 2016 City Council Meeting.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

### **3. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting the consent agenda for October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.**

Upon motion of Delahoussaye, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved the consent agenda for October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

### **4. Adopt Proclamation for National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Delahoussaye adopted a Proclamation for National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**5. Discuss and take appropriate action approving the sealed bid results and awarding contract for the City digital network.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved the sealed bid results for the City digital network for City Hall, Police Dept., Gas Dept., Sewer Dept., Fire Dept., Fire Headquarters, Water Dept., and Street Dept. and awarded the contract to Southern Light at an annual cost of \$75,600.00, including internet access and 700 MBPS at City Hall location.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**6. Discuss and take appropriate action on the results of RFQ for engineering services for building replacement and repairs.**

Upon motion of Lamm- Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved the results of RFQ for engineering services for building replacement and repairs and awarded the contract to Forte & Tablada.

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

Yeas: Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: Davis  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**7. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting a Resolution ratifying, accepting & approving the contract with R.J. Daigle & Sons Contractors for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Overlay State Project No. H.011821.**

Upon motion of Delahoussaye, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council adopted a Resolution ratifying, accepting & approving the contract with R.J. Daigle & Sons Contractors for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Overlay State Project No. H.011821.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**8. Discuss and take appropriate action authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to apply for through Forte & Tablada for Hatchell Lane sidewalks through the Transportation Alternatives Program.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council authorized Mayor Gerard Landry to apply for, through Forte & Tablada, for Hatchell Lane sidewalks through the Transportation Alternatives Program.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**9. Discuss and take appropriate action introducing a proposed ordinance and authorizing a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to Revoke and Abandon a Servitude in Favor of the City of Denham Springs and to Provide for Related Matters, to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 28, 2016 in the Court Room of Denham Springs City Hall. Requested by Mount Hope Baptist Church.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Delahoussaye, the City Council introduced a proposed ordinance and authorizing a public hearing for a proposed Ordinance to Revoke and Abandon a Servitude in Favor of the City of Denham Springs and to Provide for Related Matters, to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 28, 2016 in the Court Room of Denham Springs City Hall.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**10. Discuss and take appropriate action on a front yard variance request from the required 20 ft. to approx 5 ft. to replace an existing dilapidated chain link fence with a picket fence, located at 232 Pine Street (V-16-PF-1). Requested by Wade Welborn.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council *tabled* taking action on approving a front yard variance request from the required 20 ft. to approx 5 ft. to replace an existing dilapidated chain link fence with a picket fence, located at 232 Pine Street (V-16-PF-1), until December 13, 2016 City Council meeting.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**11. Discuss and take appropriate action to amend the existing ordinance to allow for occupied travel trailers on private residences to be able to remain for a period up to 18 months. (tabled October 24, 2016).**

Upon motion of Delahoussaye, seconded by Poole, the City Council authorized the City Attorney to draft the amendment to the existing ordinance to allow for occupied travel trailers on private residences to be able to remain for a period up to 18 months.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: Lamm-Williams  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**12. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the City Attorney to send a letter to the Attorney General's Office requesting authorization to waive certain sewer usage fees related to the Great Flood of 2016.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council authorized the City Attorney to send a letter to the Attorney General's Office requesting authorization to waive certain sewer usage fees related to the Great Flood of 2016.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**Adjournment**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Delahoussaye, the City Council adjourned the meeting.

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

Yeas: Davis, Delahoussaye, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

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Gerard Landry, Mayor

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Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk