

MEETING CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING MARCH 14, 2023

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on March 14, 2023, 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: Jim Gilbert, Lori Lamm-Williams, Robert Poole and Jeff Wesley. Amber Dugas was absent. 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, City Building Official; Rodney Walker, Police Chief; Richard Stafford, Fire Chief; Dana Harris, 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** –written report submitted
- (b) **City Attorney** – no report
- (c) **Engineers** – no report
- (d) **City Treasurer** – written budget report submitted
- (e) **Planning and Zoning** – report given on 3/13 P & Z meeting
- (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 February 27, 2023 City Council Meeting.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved the minutes of February 27, 2023 City Council Meeting.

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

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

**3. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting the consent agenda for February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved the consent agenda for February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023.

Total	\$2,501,847.30
Payroll & Taxes	\$545,580.81
Accounts Payable	\$1,572,737.66
Natural Gas Payment for January 2023 Purchases	\$361,758.48
Ward 2 Marshal's Office	\$20,074.14
Ward 2 City Court	\$1,696.21

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

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

4. **Hold a public hearing for a Special Use Permit for Parcel #0337402A, Section 68, T7S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs for the purpose of a residential town home development (SUP-110-22), requested by Sam Nickroo (triangular corner at Rushing Road & 4-H Club Rd.).**

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

Sam Nickroo, property owner, spoke in favor of development and answered questions from the Council. He submitted a petition from surrounding neighbors in favor of development.

Voicing opposition were: Carolyn Cassidy, Jerlyn St.; Annie Fugler, Rushing Rd. W.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council closed the public hearing.

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

Yeas: Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

5. **Approve a Special Use Permit for Parcel #0337402A, Section 68, T7S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs for the purpose of a residential town home development (SUP-110-22).**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Wesley, the City Council *tabled* taking action and authorized the request to be sent back to P&Z Commission to review the revised building plans for a Special Use Permit for Parcel #0337402A, Section 68, T7S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs for the purpose of a residential town home development (SUP-110-22).

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

Yeas: Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

6. **Hold a public hearing for a Noise Variance for an outdoor event on April 7, 2023 for Le Chien and the adjacent vacant lot.**

Mayor Landry opened the public hearing. Ron Dunham spoke on behalf of Le Chien Brewing.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council closed the public hearing.

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

Yeas: Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

7. **Approve a Noise Variance for Le Chien for an outdoor event on April 7, 2023 for Le Chien and the adjacent vacant lot.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved a Noise Variance for an outdoor event on April 7, 2023 for Le Chien and the adjacent vacant lot from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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

Yeas: Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

8. **Introduce an ordinance and authorize 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 194, C-3 Commercial to R-1 Residential, LOT 3-A-1, located in Section 37, T7S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-444). Requested by Dulce Azua (208 Centerville St. NE); public hearing to be held April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council introduced an ordinance and authorized a public hearing for an Ordinance 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 194, C-3 Commercial to R-1 Residential, LOT 3-A-1, located in Section 37, T7S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana. (RZ-444). Requested by Dulce Azua (208 Centerville St. NE); public hearing to be held April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

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

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

**9. Adopt a Resolution for a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Division of Labor for the Water Sector program.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Division of Labor for the City's Water Sector Program project.

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

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

**10. Adopt a Resolution for authorized signatures for the Water Sector grant payment form.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Michelle Hood, City Treasurer to certify signatures of individuals, Mayor Gerard Landry, Joan LeBlanc & Jeff Wesley authorized to draw on the cited contract funds on the Requests for Payment form for the Water Sector Program, Brignac Water Well project.

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

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

**11. Adopt a Resolution allowing South Central Planning & Development Commission to utilize office space in Old City Hall for Restore Louisiana Small Business assistance.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City adopted a Resolution allowing South Central Planning & Development Commission, Inc. to occupy office space in Old City Hall for one year to allow small business owners in the region to come and apply for Restore Louisiana Small Business assistance.

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

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

**12. Adopt a Resolution for Everbridge, Inc. emergency notification system.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to re-enter into a 3-year contract with Everbridge, Inc. to provide an emergency notification system for the City, at a cost of \$7,500.00 per year.

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

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

**13. Adopt a Resolution to re-new the lease of Drigger's Park.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to re-enter into a lease with Marilyn S. Driggers for the city to occupy the space on Range Ave. known as Drigger's Park for a five year period for \$100.00/year.

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

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

**14. Adopt a resolution for the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit for the Wastewater Department.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing the City of Denham Springs Wastewater Treatment plant through Mayor Gerard Landry to inform DEQ that the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report has been reviewed and the actions to maintain permit requirements have been performed, as required by law.

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

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

**15. Adopt a Resolution for the renewal of the Commercial Services Agreement with COX Business.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council authorized Mayor Gerard Landry to re-new the Commercial Services Agreement with COX Business to provide internet and cable services for City Hall.

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

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

**16. Adopt a Resolution to cancel the Xerox account and approve the quotes from Sharp.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Poole, the City Council authorized Mayor Gerard Landry to cancel, with a 30-day written notice, the current Xerox contract and to enter into a new contract with Sharp, per monthly prices noted in contract.

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

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

**17. Adopt a Resolution for the LDEQ Brownfield Assessment grant application for 707 Mattie St.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council authorized Mayor Gerard Landry to submit the LDEQ Targeted Brownfield Assessment grant application on behalf of property owner at 707 Mattie St. No match required.

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

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

**18. Adopt a Resolution for the USACE Silverjacket grant application for watershed initiative project.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council authorized Mayor Gerard Landry to submit the USACE Silverjacket grant application for the watershed initiative project for up to \$100,000.00. No match required.

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

Yeas: Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

19. **Approve Change Order #4 in the increased time of 93 days to NCMC, LLC for the Pete's Hwy. Lift Station project.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved Change Order #4 in the increased time of 93 days to NCMC, LLC for the Pete's Hwy. Lift Station.

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

Yeas: Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

20. **Approve Change Order No. 14 in the increased amount of \$60,471.07 and increased time by 56 days to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Water Wells Rehabilitation project.**

Upon motion of Gilbert, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved Change Order No. 14 in the increased amount of \$60,471.07 and increased time by 56 days to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Water Wells Rehabilitation project.

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

Yeas: Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: Poole

21. **Approve Payment Application No. 17 in the amount of \$13,323.75 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Water Wells Rehabilitation project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 17 in the amount of \$13,323.75 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. for the Water Wells Rehabilitation project.

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

Yeas: Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: Poole

22. **Approve Payment Application #4 in the amount of \$54,253.67 to Kelly Construction Group, LLC for the Gas Department Building repairs.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council authorized Payment Application #4 in the amount of \$54,253.67 to Kelly Construction Group, LLC for the Gas Department Building repairs.

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

Yeas: Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

23. **Approve the Recommendation of Acceptance of the Gas Department Building Repairs.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved the Recommendation of Acceptance of the Gas Department Building Repairs.

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

Yeas: Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

**24. Accept bids and award contract for the Old Hammond Hwy. MoveBR Gas Utility Relocation (Segment 2) project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council accepted the bids and awarded the contract for the Old Hammond Hwy. MoveBR Gas Utility Relocation (Segment 2) project to Feliciana Welders, LLC in the amount of \$700,000.00.

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

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

**25. Accept RFQ from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Taser 10's.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council accepted the RFQ from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Taser 10's in the amount of \$109,936.01.

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

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

**26. Authorize the surplus and sale of the Fire Department boat deck and if no response at auction approve as scrap.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Gilbert, the City authorized the sale of the Fire Department boat deck and if no response at auction approve as scrap.

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

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

**27. Take action on the status of new connections to the Wastewater Treatment plant.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Gilbert, the City Council put into policy the changes recommended by the Sewer Committee to adjust the sewer impact fee collection policy and level of review based on the size of the developments.

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

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

**28. Proclamation for April as Fair Housing Month.**



April was proclaimed Fair Housing Month for the City of Denham Springs.

**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: Gilbert, Lamm-Williams, Poole, Wesley  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dugas  
Abstain: None

  
Gerard Landry, Mayor  
  
Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk