

The Meeting of the Denham Springs City Council, convened at 6:00 p.m. on September 13, 2022, 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: Lori Lamm-Williams, Robert Poole, Laura Smith 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; Rick Foster, Building Official; Rodney Walker, Police Chief; Dana Harris, Purchasing Agent; Ben Harris, Water Supervisor; 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** – report given on P&Z 9/12 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 August 22, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the official journal minutes of the August 22, 2022 City Council Meeting.

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

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

3. Discuss and take appropriate action adopting the consent agenda for August 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022.

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the consent agenda for July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022.

Total	\$2,479,968.03
Payroll & Taxes	\$664,078.72
Accounts Payable	\$1,708,644.35
Natural Gas Payment for July 2022 Purchases	\$86,844.98
Ward 2 Marshal's Office	\$20,246.72
Ward 2 City Court	\$153.26

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

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

4. Recognize Kyle Carter, Firefighter/Operator; Danny Church, Firefighter/Operator; Alex Watts, Firefighter/Operator; and John Messenger, Captain for their medical life saving awards.

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council tabled this item due to a fire department emergency call.

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

Yeas: Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain:

5. **Approve the proposed St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 18, including closing Range Ave. for the parade route, as requested by Denham Springs Main Street.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved the proposed St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., including closing Range Ave. for the parade route, as request by Denham Springs Main Street

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

Yeas: Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

6. **Approve a variance allowing new stairs to encroach 10' into an existing front yard, allowing 8.17' of front yard between new stairs and property line. 18' front yard is an existing nonconforming condition. The stairs are now required due to elevating the structure (V-1020). Requested by Denise Curly (317 Allen St.)**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved a variance allowing new stairs to encroach 10' into an existing front yard, allowing 8.17' of front yard between new stairs and property line. 18' front yard is an existing nonconforming condition. The stairs are now required due to elevating the structure (V-1020).

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

Yeas: Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

7. **Approve a sign variance request located in Section 44, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (V-1022). Requested by Arts Council of Livingston Parish (133 N. Hummell St.)**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved a sign variance request located in Section 44, T6S-R3E, G.L.D., City of Denham springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (V-1022).

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

Yeas: Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

8. **Approve a request for a minimum lot size variance, from 0.75 acre to 0.62 acre for the purpose of a Used Auto Sales lot located in Section 59, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (V-1021). Requested by Jason Giamanco (815 Florida Ave. SW).**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved a request for a minimum lot size variance, from 0.75 acre to 0.62 acre for the purpose of a Used Auto Sales lot located in Section 59, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (V-1021).

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

Yeas: Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: Lamm-Williams

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

9. **Approve a fence setback variance from 20ft to 5ft located in Section 59, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (V-1023). Requested by C-Store Properties, LLC. (914 Florida Ave. SW)**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council approved a fence setback variance from 20ft to 5ft located in Section 59, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (V-1023).

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

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

10. **Authorize a public hearing on 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 ____, R-1 Residential to I-1 Industrial, Lots E thru J, Selman Subdivision, located in Section 59, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana(RZ-441) (914 Florida Ave. SW); public hearing to be held on October 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Poole, the City Council introduced and ordinance and authorized a public hearing on 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 ____, R-1 Residential to I-1 Industrial, Lots E thru J, Selman Subdivision, located in Section 59, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana(RZ-441) (914 Florida Ave. SW); public hearing to be held on October 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

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

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

11. **Authorize a public hearing on a Revocation of Right of Way, located in Section 59, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana, known as Service Dr. Requested by Lard Oil Co. (914 Florida Ave. SW); public hearing to be held on September 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Lamm-Williams, the City Council introduced an ordinance and authorized a public hearing for an Ordinance on a Revocation of Right of Way, located in Section 59, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana, known as Service Dr. Requested by Lard Oil Co. (914 Florida Ave. SW); public hearing to be held on September 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

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

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

12. **Authorize a public hearing on a Special Use Permit request for the purpose of a Health Club/Gym on Lot #2-A-2, Section 59, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (SUP-113-22). Requested by CrossFit Upshot, LLC (225 North St.); public hearing to be held October 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Poole, the City Council authorized a public hearing on a Special Use Permit request for the purpose of a Health Club/Gym on Lot #2-A-2, Section 59, T6S-R2E, G.L.D., City of Denham Springs, Livingston Parish, Louisiana (SUP-113-22). Requested by CrossFit Upshot, LLC (225 North St.); public hearing to be held October 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Court Room of the Municipal Building.

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

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

13. **Approve Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$141,122.50 to Feliciana Welders, Inc. for the Hillon Hood Rd Gas Improvements Project.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Payment Application No. 2 in the amount of \$141,122.50 to Feliciana Welders, Inc. for the Hillon Hood Rd Gas Improvements Project.

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

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

**14. Authorize Surplus of the following Wastewater trucks:
Unit 472, 2010 Ford F150
Unit 473, 2010 Ford F150**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Smith, the City Council authorized the surplus of the following Wastewater trucks:

Unit 472, 2010 Ford F150 Regular Cab Pickup Truck VIN 1FTNF1CV7AKA20530

Unit 473, 2010 Ford F150 Regular Cab Pickup Truck VIN 1FTNF1CV9AKA20531

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

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

**15. Authorize street closures for the Fall Antiques Festival on October 1, 2022 from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, as follows:
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 motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council authorized street closures for the Fall Antiques Festival on October 1, 2022 from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, as follows:

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

16. Appoint Wayne Clark to the Denham Springs Housing Authority Commission for the remainder of Marguerite Walker's term.

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council appointed Wayne Clark to the Denham Springs Housing Authority Commission for the remainder of Marguerite Walker's term.

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

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

17. Approve bids and award contracts for gasoline, on-road diesel and off-road diesel.

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved the bids for fuel as follows:

Lard Oil for gasoline at .0599 and on-road diesel at .1499 both per gallon above rack

Lavigne Oil for off-road diesel at .22 per gallon above rack

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

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

18. **Authorize Mayor Landry, Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk & Michelle Hood, City Treasurer to sign the annual Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Legislative Auditor, as required by law.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Poole, the City Council authorized Mayor Landry, Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk & Michelle Hood, City Treasurer to sign the annual Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Legislative Auditor, as required by law.

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

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

19. **Approve bids, award and enter into contract for the Gas Department repairs project.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved the bids for the gas department repairs project, awarded the contract to Kelley Construction Group in the amount of \$247,400.00 and authorized Mayor Landry to enter into a contract with Kelley Construction Group.

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

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

20. **Approve Payment Application No. 12 in the amount of \$75,080.57 to Wharton-Smith for the DS Water Wells Rehabilitation project.**

Upon motion of Lamm-Williams, seconded by Wesley, the City Council approved Payment Application No.12 in the amount of \$75,080.57 to Wharton-Smith for the DS Water Wells Rehabilitation project.

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

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

21. **Approve Payment Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$268,155.81 to Barriere Construction for the Yellow Jacket Blvd. improvements project.**

Upon motion of Smith, seconded by Poole, the City Council approved Payment Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$268,155.81 to Barriere Construction for the Yellow Jacket Blvd. improvements project.

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

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

22. **Approve the bid to sell and remove the existing Animal Shelter Mobile Home.**

Upon motion of Poole, seconded by Smith, the City Council approved the online reverse auction bid of \$7,650.00 to purchase (and remove at buyer's expense) the 1999 Legend Mobile Home that was being used as the Animal Shelter.

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

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

23. **Adopt a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to enter into a contract with Lexis Nexis to provide legal research.**

Upon motion of Wesley, seconded by Smith, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing Mayor Gerard Landry to enter into a contract with Lexis Nexis to provide legal research as follows:

9/1/2022-8/31/2023 \$112 monthly

9/1/2023-8/31/2024 \$117 monthly

9/1/2024-8/31/2025 \$122 monthly

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

Yeas: Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None

Adjournment

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

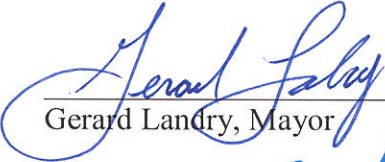
Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:


Yeas: Lamm-Williams, Poole, Smith, Wesley

Nays: None

Absent: Dugas

Abstain: None


Gerard Landry, Mayor


Joan LeBlanc, City Clerk