

CITY COUNCIL

**October 19, 2020
DeQuincy, LA**

The city council of the city of DeQuincy met in regular session on the above date in the city hall council chambers located at 300 Holly Street, DeQuincy, Louisiana, with the following members present: Judy Landry, Mark Peloquin, and Denise Maddox. Absent: Daisy Cole and Ronda Jacobs.

Council Chairman Mark Peloquin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Smith gave the invocation and Denise Maddox led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the August 10, 2020 regular session minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Denise Maddox to approve the August 25, 2020 emergency meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the August 29, 2020 emergency meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Denise Maddox to approve the September 9, 2020 emergency meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the September 10, 2020 emergency meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Denise Maddox to approve the September 25, 2020 special meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

Motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the October 8, 2020 special meeting minutes. Without objection, the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Valecia Royer was absent and therefore there was no financial report read. A complete report will be submitted at the November 9, 2020 council meeting.

FIRE REPORT

Chief Johnny Copeland was absent but he had 12 calls for August 2020 and 15 calls for the month of September 2020.

POLICE REPORT

Assistant Police Chief Roy Williams gave the police report for September 2020. There were 122 tickets issued, 35 arrests, 359 complaints filed, and 131 warnings given. The fines and bonds collected for the month of September totaled approximately \$17,000.00. The PD Officers patrolled approx. 8000 miles during the month of September due to additional units working and stepped up patrol activity during the aftermath of Hurricane Laura/curfew enforcement.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Eddy Dahlquist gave the public works report. The street department has been busy helping with the cleanup of DeQuincy after Hurricane Laura.

SEWER PLANT REPORT

Hank Frazier gave the sewer plant report and reported he was able to keep the sewer plant up and running during both Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta. He has also been helping the street crew with cleanup.

CITY REPORT GIVEN BY MAYOR SMITH

- Reported a meeting is scheduled with Waste Management on Thursday, October 22, to address the numerous complaints we have received about the garbage pickup.
- The city will start having tarps put on our buildings but the actual repairs will not start until FEMA comes in and makes assessments and FEMA moves very slowly.

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Judy Landry to approve the October 19, 2020 agenda. Without objection, the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Items Not on Agenda:

- Seymour Pullam asked if the gym would be tarped and the Mayor advised they were in line to be tarped.
- Alice Danclair asked about the officer that had been terminated but was advised it was not a council matter and would need to be taken up with either the Mayor or Police Chief.
- Evelyn Hester had concerns about the VYVE and CenturyLink services that had not been restored. She asked if the Mayor or any council members had talked to any of their representatives.
- Erica and Trent Vincent asked the council to assist with trees in front of their daycare that were trimmed by Cleco workers and left for them to clean up. The Mayor and a council member agreed to discuss the matter with them more after the council meeting.
- Larry and Jo Mendoza, owners of Builders of America, advised the council they had purchased the Perkin's Pharmacy building and would be making renovations to the building.

Items on the Agenda:

- None

A motion was made by Denise Maddox and seconded by Daisy Cole to introduce an ordinance ratifying the emergency ordinances voted on during the Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta State of Emergency. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Mark Peloquin, and Denise Maddox. Nays: None. Absent: Daisy Cole and Ronda Jacobs. Abstain: None.

A motion was made by Judy Landry and seconded by Denise Maddox to adopt a resolution authorizing Mayor Smith to accept the DeQuincy Industrial Airpark's 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Mark Peloquin, and Denise Maddox. Nays: None. Absent: Daisy Cole and Ronda Jacobs. Abstain: None.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Mark Peloquin read some concerns sent in by Daisy Cole. She thanked all of the volunteers and City of DeQuincy employees that have worked so hard during and after Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta. She also had concerns for the street department, sewer department and police department, each of which Mr. Peloquin passed on to each department head.

Judy Landry had no concerns.

Denise Maddox also thanked everyone that worked worked during the hurricanes. She also mentioned the number of complaints she is receiving about Waste Management and also the inconsistency of the CrowderGulf debris pickup.

Mark Peloquin asked about the debris pickup on the state highways and whether or not CrowderGulf will be handling that pickup also.

Denise Maddox made a motion to adjourn and Judy Landry seconded the motion.

ATTEST: _____
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Riley Smith Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
Mark Peloquin