



PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020.

The Council of the City of Deridder, Louisiana met in Regular Session at its meeting place, the Council Chambers, located at City Hall, 200 South Jefferson Street, DeRidder, Louisiana on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. President Keith Hooper called the meeting to order, Councilman Randy Larken led the Invocation and Miss Parker Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Clerk as follows: Councilman Julian Williams; Councilman Gordon Jenkins; Councilman Randy Larken; Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds; Councilman Vincent Labue and President Keith Hooper. Councilwoman Kimaron Moore was absent. Also present were Misty Clanton, Mayor; David Lestage, City Attorney; LTC Sean Keller, Fort Polk Ex-Officio Council Member; and Glenna Luther, Clerk of the Council. No individuals requested to speak on the Visitors' Docket.

Adoption of Minutes. President Hooper stated the minutes of the previous regular meeting have been distributed and there being no corrections voiced by the Council, the February 10, 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Council. President Hooper asked for a motion to amend the January 27, 2020 meeting minutes located in Council's packets to reflect the changes highlighted in yellow. Councilman Larken made the motion to amend the January 27, 2020 minutes as stated by President Hooper and Councilman Jenkins offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Julian Williams, Councilman Gordon Jenkins, Councilman Randy Larken, Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Keith Hooper.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Kimaron Moore.
ABSTAIN: None.

The Motion having been unanimously approved, the January 27, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes were amended to reflect the changes highlighted in yellow.

Ordinances – Introduction. David Lestage was called upon to read the following entitled Ordinances 13.A. (1-3) before the Council for consideration of adoption after a public hearing is held on the Ordinance respectively, to-wit:

- A. **Introductions.**
1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA TO ENTER INTO A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT WITH MEDI TRANS, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO MEDI TRANS, LLC; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Jenkins made the motion to introduce the above-entitled Ordinance as read by Mr. Lestage after a Notice of Introduction is published in the official journal and copy filed with the Clerk of Council for public inspection and Councilman Williams offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Councilman Gordon Jenkins, Councilman Randy Larken, Councilman Julian Williams, Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Keith Hooper.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Kimaron Moore.
ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER THROUGH ITS MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH DERIDDER BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL, INC. FOR A PART OF WEST PARK FOR RECREATION OF THE YOUTH OF THE AREA FROM MARCH 10, 2020 THROUGH JULY 31, 2020, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.



Councilman Larken made the motion to introduce the above-entitled Ordinance as read by Mr. Lestage after a Notice of Introduction is published in the official journal and copy filed with the Clerk of Council for public inspection and Councilwoman Reynolds offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Councilman Randy Larken, Councilman Julian Williams, Councilman Gordon Jenkins, Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Keith Hooper.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Kimaron Moore.
ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

President Keith Hooper recused himself from the following introduction:

3. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER THROUGH ITS MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH AQUANETTE LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING THE SWIMMING POOL LOCATED IN WEST PARK FOR RECREATION OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND AREA, INCLUDING THE YOUTH, DURING 2020; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Larken made the motion to introduce the above-entitled Ordinance as read by Mr. Lestage after a Notice of Introduction is published in the official journal and copy filed with the Clerk of Council for public inspection and Councilman Jenkins offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Councilman Julian Williams, Councilman Gordon Jenkins, Councilman Randy Larken, Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds and Councilman Vincent Labue.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilwoman Kimaron Moore.
ABSTAIN: President Keith Hooper.

The motion having been approved, the Ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

There being no Public Hearings, President Hooper moved to Reports.

Reports.

Mayor Clanton stated the leak was fixed and the water was turned back on on Rock Street. Chief Craig Richard presented and award to and recognized Corporal Gene Clark as the 2020 Police Officer of the Year. Chief Richard then reported on the great success of the first 2019 National Night Out and announced that DeRidder ranked 6th in the State as the Safest City according to national statistics. He announced that National Night Out awarded DeRidder as Rookie of the Year and presented that award to Jackie Herrington for her contribution and hard work in making the event successful. Chief Richard presented the 2019 Crime Statistics to the Council. Councilman Jenkins congratulated Chief Richard on the Safest City Award. LTC Sean Keller announced he will be speaking at the Lyons Club on Wednesday, reported on the training partnership with Chief Richard this week, announced that Toby Keith is the headliner at the annual July 4th event with the public to be invited, stated he will be working with DeRidder on the upcoming Army birthday event, and extended an offer to assist Chief Richard in the National Night Out event to be held in August.

Councilman Williams presented Lauren Parson with an award from the Mayor and Council acknowledging her for bringing home to DeRidder the State College Softball Championship ring from LSUE. Councilman Larken introduced Donna Sikes, Legislative Assistant-District 30, Office of State Representative, Charles Owen, and said that she is the go-to person if you have any issues. Mayor Clanton reminded the Council and all present that Representative Owen will be holding a Town Hall Meeting in Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:00 o'clock p.m. Councilman Jenkins thanked Chief Richard and Chief Harlow for their hard work.



There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

ATTEST:

GLENNA LUTHER, CMC/LCMC
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

KEITH HOOPER
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL