



PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017.

The Council of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana met in regular session at its meeting place, the Council Chambers, located at City Hall, 200 S. Jefferson Street, DeRidder, Louisiana on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

President Granger called the meeting to order and called upon Councilman Steele to lead the Invocation and Councilman Labue to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the clerk as follows:

**PRESENT:** Keith Hooper; Hayward Steele; Vincent Labue; Kimaron Moore, Faith Scott, Gordon Jenkins and President Granger.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ron Roberts, Mayor; David Lestage, City Attorney; Misty Clanton, Director of Community Services; Ginny Brand, Director of Finance; Todd Sherman, Director of Public Works; and Glenna Luther, Clerk of the Council.

**VISITOR'S DOCKET:** Sissy Camp and Daniel Barron came forward, addressed the Council concerning their homes flooding on Tara Drive, and presented photographs to the Council of culverts on 190 and Planer Mill Road where Palmetto Creek crosses those routes. After discussion with Council, Todd Sherman and David Lestage, President Granger requested that Mr. Sherman take care of rotation for cleaning all drains, and coordinating with the Beauregard Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana State Highway Department.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** President Granger asked for a motion to amend the Agenda to add two self-insurance payments under Agenda Item 13. Councilman Hooper made the motion and Councilwoman Scott offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS:	Councilman Hooper, Councilman Steele, Councilman Labue, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman Scott, Councilman Jenkins and President Granger.
NAYS:	None.
ABSENT:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Agenda was amended to add two self-insurance payments under Agenda Item 13.

**ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2017, AS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL:** Councilman Jenkins made a motion to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of April 24, 2017, as published in the official journal and Councilman Hooper offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

**SERVICE/BID AWARDS:** Todd Sherman, Director of Public Works, presented Arthur Penrose, Jr. with his 10-year service award, and thanked him for his service to the City.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS:** Mr. Lestage was called upon to read the following entitled Ordinances (12.A.1-2) before the Council for consideration of adoption after a public hearing is held on the Ordinances respectively, to-wit:

- A. **Introductions**
  - 1. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RISK MANAGEMENT, INC. SUBJECT TO ANY MODIFICATIONS ISSUED BY THE LOUISIANA RATING COMMISSION, FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE CONTRACT YEAR**



**BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2017, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

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

YEAS: Councilman Hooper, Councilman Steele, Councilman Labue, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman Scott, Councilman Jenkins and President Granger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing for Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

**2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER THROUGH ITS MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Councilwoman Scott made a motion to introduce the above-entitled Ordinance as presented 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 Hooper, Councilman Steele, Councilman Labue, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman Scott, Councilman Jenkins and President Granger.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing for Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

**PAYMENTS:**

- A. Self-Insurance  
Bruce's Towing  
\$308.76
- B. Self-Insurance  
Decker Automotive  
\$722.15

Councilwoman Scott made a motion to approve the payments as presented and Councilwoman Moore offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Roberts stated to Council that they have in front of them the Sales Tax Report and that Ms. Brand said for the first time we have received a check from Amazon.

Upon request of Councilwoman Moore, Todd Sherman reported that the City of DeRidder and Beauregard Parish Trash Bash is scheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2017 and everyone is encouraged to come out and support the event.



Councilman Steele submitted his resignation after 33 years of service on the City Council to become effective July 2, 2017. He thanked Mayor Roberts for his cooperation through his tenure as Mayor of the City of DeRidder and the progress that he has initiated in making DeRidder a much better place for us to live. He also thanked David Lestage, Todd Sherman, Ginny Brand and former Mayor, Gerald Johnson, for their assistance over the past 33 years. He also thanked Pastor George Glass for his leadership in the City. Councilman Steele then thanked the Council and asked for one more favor in considering his recommendation for Estella Scott to complete his term on the City Council.

Former Mayor, Gerald Johnson, thanked Councilman Steele for his years of service on the Council.

Councilman-at-Large, Vincent Labue, came forward and commented on Councilman Steele's strong faith, sense of public service and wished his good friend and his wife, Lulu, God Speed on their new adventure down this new road.

Mayor Roberts read and presented to Councilman Steele a Proclamation designating May 8, 2017 as Hayward Steele Day.

President Granger stated to Councilman Steele that it has been an honor to serve alongside him on this Council and thanked him for his great leadership and his sweet sweet spirit. President Granger then presented Councilman Steele with a clock for his remembrance of his many years of service to our city.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, President Granger asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jenkins made a motion to adjourn and Councilwoman Scott offered a second. The motion being unanimously approved, President Granger declared the meeting adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

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**GLENNA LUTHER**  
**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

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**ELIZABETH S. GRANGER**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**