



PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 26, 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, June 26, 2017, at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

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

PRESENT: Vincent Labue; Kimaron Moore; Gordon Jenkins; Keith Hooper; and President Granger.

ABSENT: Hayward Steele and Faith Scott.

ALSO PRESENT: David Lestage, City Attorney; Ginny Brand, Director of Finance; Misty Clanton, Director of Community Services; Major Wetterauer present for Ft. Polk/ Ex-Officio Council Member, LTC Whittenberger; and Glenna Luther, Clerk of the Council.

ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2017, AS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL: Councilman Jenkins made a motion to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of June 12, 2017, as published in the official journal and Councilwoman Moore offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

SERVICE/BID AWARDS:

Fire Chief Harlow presented Thomas Adam Gray with his 5-year service award and commended him on his training, education and time of service with the Fire Department. Fireman Gray was thanked by President Granger and Councilman Hooper for his service to the City of DeRidder.

Police Chief Gott then presented Kevin M. Ray with his 5-year service award and commended Corporal Ray on his contribution to the Dare Program and other school resources. Corporal Gray was thanked by President Granger and the Council for his service with the DeRidder Police Department.

CONDEMNATION: President Granger called Hayes Kelly, Code Enforcement Officer, forward and he reported on 510 Warren Street owned by Ruth Ann Spencer. Mr. Kelly reported that he and Todd Sherman, Director of Public Works, have been in contact with Ms. Spencer and she wishes to proceed with demolition of the home but not the storage building on the back of the property. Accordingly, Mr. Hays recommended to the Council that the City move forward with demolition of the house on the property within thirty days. Councilman Jenkins 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: Councilwoman Moore, Councilman Jenkins, Councilman Hooper, Councilman Labue, and President Granger.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Councilman Steele and Councilwoman Scott.
ABSTAIN: None.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Lestage was called upon to read the following entitled ordinances (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 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR EXISTING AND PROPOSED OUTDOOR ADVERTISING THROUGH USE OF BILLBOARDS, 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 Moore offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

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

The motion having been unanimously approved, the ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing for Monday, July 10, 2017 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

2. AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ESTELLA SCOTT AS COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE, FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA, EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2017 DUE TO RETIREMENT AND RESIGNATION OF THE CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE, HAYWARD STEELE, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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

The motion having been unanimously approved, the ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing for Monday, July 10, 2017 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

REPORTS:

Ms. Brand, Director of Finance, stated that her May 2017 financials are in the Council packets. The packets include the Cash Balances of the three budgeted funds for May 13, 2017 are General Fund **\$1,249,629**; Utility Fund **\$2,652,022**; and the Sales Tax Fund **\$652,911**.

Ms. Clanton announced that there will be a July 4 celebration downtown from 7:00 o'clock p.m. until 9:00 o'clock p.m. and everyone is invited.

Major Wetterauer announced there will be a JRTC rotation until the end of the month with the next rotation continuing through August. He also stated that at the end of the summer there will be two groups returning from deployment. Major Wetterauer then announced that the Fort Polk July 4 celebration will be this weekend and for those who do not have ID cards, buses will be available for transport to Fort Polk.

Councilwoman Moore announced that on Saturday, July 1, 2017 at 4:00 o'clock p.m., the unveiling of the first honorary street designation for SSG Donisha Stroman will be at the corner of Branch and North Streets and everyone is welcome to attend.

Councilman Jenkins confirmed with Ms. Clanton that the July 4 celebration begins at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Councilman Hooper requested that during the July 4th Celebration and fireworks, the destruction debris at the City Hall be roped off for the safety of the public.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Council, President Granger asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hooper made a motion to adjourn and Councilwoman Moore offered a second.



The motion being unanimously approved, President Granger declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 o'clock p.m.

ATTEST:

GLENN LUTHER
CITY COUNCIL CLERK

ELIZABETH S. GRANGER
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL