



PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026 AT 5:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

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, January 12, 2026 at 5:30 o’clock p.m. President Randy Larken called the meeting to order, Council member John Marcello led the invocation and Council member Vincent Labue led the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America. The roll was called by the Clerk as follows: Council member Monte’ Woods, Council member John Marcello, Council member Wayne Godfrey, Sr., Council member Danny Reynolds, Council member Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken. Council member Keith Hooper was absent, and six members of the Council were present representing a quorum. Also present were Glenna Luther, Council Clerk; Michael Harris, Mayor; and Shane Williams, City Attorney.

7. **Adoption of Minutes.** President Larken announced that the December 22, 2025 meeting minutes have been distributed and there being no corrections, the minutes were approved by the Council.

12. RESOLUTIONS

- A. A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR THE WATER SECTOR PROGRAM, PHASE 2, RAISING OF MLK LIFT STATION PROJECT; CITY OF DERIDDER PROJECT LAWSP2251033 (A9-24055-DA).

The Resolution was read by Mr. Williams. There were no questions or comments from the public or remarks from the Council. Council member Reynolds made the motion to adopt the Resolution as read and Council member Woods offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

- YEAS: Council member John Marcello; Council member Wayne Godfrey, Sr.; Council member Monte’ Woods; Council member Danny Reynolds; Council member Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSENT: Council member Keith Hooper.
- ABSTAIN: None.

The Resolution having been unanimously approved, it was adopted by the Council and became Resolution **R-2025-1** as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-1

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR THE WATER SECTOR PROGRAM, PHASE 2, RAISING OF MLK LIFT STATION PROJECT; CITY OF DERIDDER PROJECT LAWSP2251033 (A9-24055-DA).

WHEREAS, the City of DeRidder requests authorization to advertise for sealed bids for the Water Sector Program, Phase 2, Raising of MLK Lift Station Project; City of DeRidder Project No. LAWSP2251033 (A9-24055-DA); and

WHEREAS, the sealed bids will be received by the Mayor and City Council, at the office of City Hall, 200 South Jefferson, DeRidder, Louisiana 70634, on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 2:00 o’clock p.m. and shall at that time and place publicly open the bids and read aloud:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of DeRidder does hereby authorize the City of DeRidder, through its Mayor, to advertise for sealed BIDS for the Water Sector Program, Phase 2, Raising of MLK Lift Station Project; City of DeRidder Project No. LAWSP2251033 (A9-24055-DA) at the office of City Hall, 200 South Jefferson, DeRidder, Louisiana 70634, on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 2:00 o’clock p.m..

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of January, 2026 by the City Council of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana sitting in Regular Session duly convened in Council Chambers at DeRidder, Louisiana.



ATTEST:

GLENN LUTHER, CMA/LMMC
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

RANDY LARKEN
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

13. Ordinances.

A. Introductions.

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES, OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024.

Council member Godfrey made the motion to introduce the above-entitled Ordinance as read by Mr. Williams and Council member Marcello offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

- YEAS: Council member Wayne Godfrey, Sr.; Council member Monte' Woods; Council member John Marcello; Council member Danny Reynolds; Council member Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSENT: Council member Keith Hooper.
- ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been approved, the Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on Monday, January 26, 2026 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 BETWEEN THE BEAUREGARD PARISH POLICE JURY AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ("LDVA") RELATIVE TO THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICES ESTABLISHED BY LDVA PURSUANT TO LA R.S. 29:260-262, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Council member Reynolds made the motion to introduce the above-entitled Ordinance as read by Mr. Williams and Council member Godfrey offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

- YEAS: Council member Wayne Godfrey, Sr.; Council member Monte' Woods; Council member John Marcello; Council member Danny Reynolds; Council member Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSENT: Council member Keith Hooper.
- ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been approved, the Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

Reports. Mayor Harris thanked the Council for their work in 2026 and then he stated that he had received several telephone calls from people in Green Acres regarding the water and that the water system is a private contractor and the City has no rights to the water. Mayor Harris reported on his plans to work with the Council to accommodate the citizens of Green Acres. President Larken asked the Mayor to get with Ms. Luther to schedule the workshop so she can disseminate the information out to the Council. Mayor Harris encouraged citizens to dress warm due to the changing weather and commended the police and fire departments for their work over the holidays. He then reported on upcoming Martin Luther King events. President Larken announced that the Council already had Mr. Keen's report and Mr. Keen indicated there was nothing else to report. Council member Woods reported that "Jesus Loves You" and Council member Godfrey responded, "I do too". Council member Marcello thanked the Police Department for monitoring those who are texting and calling on cell phones while driving. He then commended Council member Reynolds on the renovations of the Agape building and how those renovations have enhanced the City of DeRidder. President Larken thanked City administration and all the workers who put up and took down the Christmas lights for the City Christmas Light Show.



There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 o'clock p.m.

ATTEST:

GLENN LUTHER, CMA/LMMC
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

RANDY LARKEN
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL