



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021.**

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 25, 2021. President Larken called the meeting to order, Councilman Marcello led the Invocation and Councilman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Clerk as follows: Councilman Julian Williams; Councilman Keith Hooper; Councilman John Marcello; Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds; Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken. Councilwoman Kimaron Moore was not present; Also present were David Lestage, City Attorney; and Glenna Luther, City Council Clerk.

**Visitors' Docket:** President Larken, the Council and Mayor Clanton welcomed Troop 86 Boy Scouts out of Westlake who were present at the meeting to meet ranking requirements.

**Adoption of Minutes:** President Larken stated the minutes of the previous regular meeting have been distributed and there being no corrections other than the change made to the roll call in advance, there were no amendments voiced by the Council and the January 11, 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Council.

**Resolutions.**

**12.A.**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-3**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE  
2019–2020 FISCAL YEAR.**

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Legislative Auditor has submitted the LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (“Questionnaire”) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which must be completed by the Administration and approved by resolution of the Council pursuant to the Single Audit Act of 1984 and OMB Circular A-128 or A-133, where applicable; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council has reviewed the attached Questionnaire which has been completed by the Administration and finds same to be accurate and acceptable:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of DeRidder, that the attached Questionnaire for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, as completed by the Administration, be, and the same is hereby, approved.

**THUS DONE AND ADOPTED** on this 25th day of January, 2021 in Regular Session duly convened by the City Council in Council Chambers in DeRidder, Louisiana.

**ATTEST:**

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**GLENNA LUTHER, LCMC/CMA**  
**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

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**RANDY LARKEN**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

President Larken opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the above Resolution. There being no response from the public, the public hearing was closed. There being no remarks from the Council, Councilman Hooper made the motion to adopt the above stated Resolution as read and Councilman Marcello offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

**YEAS:** Councilman Keith Hooper; Councilman John Marcello; Councilman Julian Williams; Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds; Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.  
**NAYS:** None.  
**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Kimaron Moore.  
**ABSTAIN:** None.

The Resolution having been unanimously approved, it was adopted by the Council and became Resolution R-2020-3.

**13.A. Ordinances – Introductions.** 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 Ordinances respectively, to-wit:



**Introductions.**

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER, THROUGH ITS MAYOR, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KEEP DERIDDER BEAUTIFUL AND KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING FROM THE KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND RESTORATION TO PUBLIC SPACES, INCLUDING STRUCTURES REQUIRED FOR LITTER PREVENTION AND WASTE REDUCTION, DAMAGED BY THE 2020 HURRICANES LAURA AND DELTA; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on **Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**

2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA, THROUGH ITS MAYOR, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH BEAUREGARD UNITED SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE MANAGEMENT OF A RECREATION PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF DERIDDER; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on **Monday, February 8, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**

3. AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EMERGENCY WORK PERFORMED BY MASTER CRAFT CONSTRUCTION, LLC ON HONEYSUCKLE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT HIGHWAY 190, DERIDDER, LOUISIANA FOR REPAIR OF TWENTY FOOT SECTION GRAVITY SEWER MAIN, AND PAYMENT THEREFOR; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Labue moved to introduce the above-entitled Emergency Ordinance as read by Mr. Lestage and Councilman Marcello offered a second. The motion for introduction having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

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

The Motion having been unanimously approved, the Emergency Ordinance was considered introduced and President Larken proceeded to open the public hearing asking if anyone present wished to speak in favor



of or in opposition to the above stated Emergency Ordinance. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Burgess who was present for Master Craft along with Roy Keen, Utilities Director, explained to Councilman Hooper and to the Council the reason that the invoice is for partial payment, that the additional work to be accomplished is for cleanup to the property and that job will be invoiced separately. There were no additional remarks from the Council. Councilman Hooper made a motion to adopt the Emergency Ordinance as presented and Councilman Labue offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

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

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Emergency Ordinance was considered adopted and became Emergency Ordinance No. O-2021-2, Charter Series as follows:

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. O-2021-2  
CHARTER SERIES**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EMERGENCY WORK PERFORMED BY MASTER CRAFT CONSTRUCTION, LLC ON HONEYSUCKLE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT HIGHWAY 190, DERIDDER, LOUISIANA FOR REPAIR OF TWENTY FOOT SECTION GRAVITY SEWER MAIN, AND PAYMENT THEREFOR; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS,** the City has been confronted with a sewer line emergency on Honeysuckle Right-of-Way at Highway 190 in the City beginning January 6, 2021 which necessitated commencement of an immediate repair and replacement work by the Administration through Master Craft Construction, LLC (“Master Craft”), as set forth in Invoice Number 1001956, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council acknowledges the aforesaid sewer emergency and the repair work necessary to resolve the sewer line problems and the need to approve the aforementioned Master Craft Invoice for payment by the Mayor:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of DeRidder that the aforesaid emergency work be, and the same is hereby, authorized and the said Invoice constituting Exhibit A hereto is hereby approved for payment by the Mayor.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all acts of the Mayor and the administration in furtherance of the said sewer line rehabilitation taken prior hereto, be and the same are hereby, ratified, confirmed and approved.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this is an Emergency Ordinance for the reasons set forth more fully hereinabove.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same, are hereby repealed.

**THUS DONE AND ADOPTED** as an Emergency Ordinance on this 25th day of January, 2021 in Regular Session duly convened in Council Chambers by the City Council of the City of DeRidder at DeRidder, Louisiana.

**ATTEST:**

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**GLENNA LUTHER, CMC/LCMC  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

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**RANDY LARKEN  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

President Larken reminded the Council that the financials are in their binders along with the Sales Tax Receipts and the Finance Director not being present, any questions can be directed to Ms. Buxton directly.

**Reports.**

Mayor Clanton informed the Council that if anyone has any other questions concerning the confusion regarding the Master Craft invoice, those can be addressed to her directly. Roy Keen, Utilities Director, informed the Council that within the week or so, a portion of 8<sup>th</sup> street will be temporarily closed for repairs.



Councilman Labue stated that he has been questioned by a citizen concerning the traffic issue at the light at Texas and West First Streets and the possibility of constructing a turning lane. Mayor Clanton stated she will look into it because it is a problem, particularly in the mornings and after school, and it will be addressed by administration. Councilwoman Reynolds stated she has been contacted concerning debris pickup at 1111 McArthur. In response, Mr. Landry informed Councilwoman Reynolds that debris pickup is complete but he would check into what type of debris is remaining at that location to see if it is compliant for trash pickup. Councilman Williams thanked Mayor Clanton and Roy Keen for attempting to communicate last night concerning the water issue but expressed his concerns about several residents' hot water heaters blowing out during the last water shutoff. Mayor Clanton said the issue will be taken into consideration and residents can call City Hall with any concerns that they have. In response to a question from Councilman Marcello, Mayor Clanton responded that the drainage problem on Tara Drive is still a priority and she has briefed the Police Jury about the issue and it will be addressed in a meeting with the Parish soon. Mayor Clanton informed Councilman Hooper that Beauregard Transit is fully staffed with drivers at this time. Councilman Hooper then thanked the public for shopping locally as evidenced in the sales tax receipts and thanked Holly Buxton for providing the financials in Council's binders. President Larken wished Councilman Vincent Labue and Councilman Julian Williams happy January 26<sup>th</sup> birthdays. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 clock p.m.

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**GLENN LUTHER, CMA/LCMC**  
**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

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**RANDY LARKEN**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**