



PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 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 26, 2026 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. President Randy Larken called the meeting to order, Councilmember Monte' Woods led the Invocation and Councilmember Reynolds led the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America. The roll was called by the Clerk as follows: Councilmember John Marcello, Councilmember Keith Hooper, Councilmember Wayne Godfrey, Sr., Councilmember Monte' Woods, Councilmember Danny Reynolds, Councilmember Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken. All members of the Council were present representing a quorum. Also present were Glenna Luther, Council Clerk; Michael Harris, Mayor; Shane Williams, City Attorney; and Captain Patterson, Ft. Polk Officio Councilmember.

5. Visitors' Docket. Dane Bergeron, on behalf of the people he is representing, addressed the Council concerning the City's Code of Ordinances, and specifically asked the Council what is it going to take to clean the mess up at the corner of High School Drive and Ellis Road, what is to stop someone else from creating another junkyard and it is an embarrassment to the City. President Larken informed Mr. Bergeron that there is an adjudication procedure in place and he needs to talk to the Mayor, Martin Scott or Mr. Adam Bone at the District Attorney's office because he does not know where we are because the City has not had an adjudication hearing since May.

7. Adoption of Minutes. President Larken announced that the January 12, 2026 meeting minutes have been distributed and there being no corrections, the minutes were approved by the Council.

8. ACCEPT/DENY RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DERIDDER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2026
Petition for Annexation of Ginger Noyes for annexation of approximately 8.4055 acres on Highway 190 West.

Councilmember Marcello made the motion to accept the Recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve the annexation of approximately 8.4055 acres on Highway 190 West and Councilmember Reynolds offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

The motion having been approved, the Council accepted the recommendation from the DeRidder Planning & Zoning Commission from its Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026 on the Petition for Annexation of Ginger Noyes for annexation of approximately 8.4055 acres on Highway 190 West. President Larken stated the Ordinance to Annex will be placed for introduction on the February 9, 2026 Agenda after proper notice is published in the City's Official Journal.

12. RESOLUTIONS

A. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM (CWEF) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR GRANT FUNDS TO ASSIST IN REPLACEMENT OF THE NORTH HALL STREET FORCED SEWER MAIN IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER.

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

YEAS: Councilmember Wayne Godfrey, Sr., Councilmember Monte' Woods, Councilmember John Marcello; Councilmember Keith Hooper; Councilmember Danny Reynolds; Councilmember Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.



NAYS: None
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

The Resolution having been unanimously approved, it was adopted by the Council as Resolution R-2026-2 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM (CWEF) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR GRANT FUNDS TO ASSIST IN REPLACEMENT OF THE NORTH HALL STREET FORCED SEWER MAIN IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER.

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development Community Water Enrichment Fund is authorized to fund grant applications for water upgrade projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of DeRidder (“City”) does hereby support and authorize the filing of the grant application for the Water Main Upgrade Project (“Project”) by replacing 500 ft. of 10” ductile iron sewer force main with 10” polyethylene and installing a 12” C900 PVC bypass while replacement is installed on North Hall Street; and

WHEREAS, the Project is necessary to enhance the reliability and safety of the City’s water infrastructure while ensuring adequate fire protection for the citizens in the area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City further agrees and supports the named Project and further agrees to the stipulations named in the said grant application attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City authorizes the City, through its Mayor, to apply to the Community Development Community Water Enrichment Fund for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for grant funds to assist in the Water Main Upgrade Project located on North Hall Street, as set forth in the attached Exhibit A hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City is authorized to execute and sign any and all documents on behalf of the City as required by the grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant application is attached hereto and made a part hereof and the City does agree to adhere to all requirements set out in said application.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 26th 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:

GLENNA LUTHER, CMA/LMMC
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

RANDY LARKEN
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

B. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR THE FIRST STREET SCHOOL BUILDING HVAC AND VENTILATION IMPROVEMENTS.

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

YEAS: Councilmember Monte’ Woods, Councilmember John Marcello; Councilmember Keith Hooper; Councilmember Wayne Godfrey, Sr., Councilmember Danny Reynolds; Councilmember Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.

NAYS: None



ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

The Resolution having been unanimously approved, it was adopted by the Council as Resolution R-2026-3 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2026-3

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2025 FOR THE FIRST STREET SCHOOL BUILDING HVAC AND VENTILATION IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development Local Government Assistance Program is authorized to fund grant applications for drainage ditch projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of DeRidder ("City") does hereby support and authorize the filing of the grant application to install three (3) mini-splits and installation of ventilation in the bathrooms at the First Street School ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City further agrees and supports the Project, and further agrees to the stipulations named in the said grant application:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City authorizes the City, through its Mayor, to apply to the Community Development Local Government Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 install three (3) mini-splits and installation of ventilation in the bathrooms at the First Street School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City is authorized to execute and sign any and all documents on behalf of the City of DeRidder as required by the grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grant application is attached hereto and made a part hereof and the City does agree to adhere to all requirements set out in said application.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 26th 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 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER THROUGH ITS MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GRINER DRILLING SERVICE, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRS TO THE MAYS STREET WELL, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith.

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

YEAS: Councilmember John Marcello; Councilmember Keith Hooper; Councilmember Wayne Godfrey, Sr., Councilmember Monte' Woods, Councilmember Danny Reynolds; Councilmember Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.



The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER, THROUGH ITS MAYOR, TO ENTER INTO A 2026 KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE MINI GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER'S ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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

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

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

3. AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE TO MCLAMORE OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, LLC TO CONSTRUCT A BILLBOARD LOCATED AT 1940 NORTH PINE STREET IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, PRESENTLY ZONED B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) AND IDENTIFIED BY VERNON PARISH TAX ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 0787215323; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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

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

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

4. 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 1, 2026 THROUGH JULY 15, 2026, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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

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

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

5. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER, THROUGH ITS MAYOR, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRIPMASTER BY CTS SOFTWARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SOFTWARE UPGRADES, AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE CITY OF DERIDDER'S TRANSIT DEPARTMENT; AND FURTHER REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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

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

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

13. ORDINANCES

B. Public Hearings.

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11.5., SIGNS, ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS, SEC. 11.5-2. SIGNS DEFINED.; AND AMENDING ARTICLE II. DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SEC. 11.5-31. SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL DISTRICTS, TO REGULATE THE DISPLAY AND REMOVAL OF CAMPAIGN SIGNS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

The title of the Ordinance was read by Mr. Williams. Councilmember Reynolds made a motion to postpone the public hearing and refer the Ordinance back to legal counsel and the Ordinance authored for revisions to address potential content concerns and restructure or rewrite the Ordinance to regulate temporary signs or election-related temporary signs and content, and the Ordinance remain pending on the Council's agenda subject to revisions to be made. Councilmember Marcello offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

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

The motion having been approved, the Ordinance was postponed pending revisions by legal counsel to regulate temporary signs or election-related temporary signs and content and remain on the Council's agenda subject to those revisions to be made.

2. 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.

The title of the Ordinance was read by Mr. Williams. President Larken opened the public hearing and there were no public comments or remarks from the Council. Councilmember Marcello made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilmember Godfrey offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Councilmember Wayne Godfrey, Sr., Councilmember Monte' Woods, Councilmember John Marcello; Councilmember Keith Hooper; Councilmember Danny Reynolds; Councilmember Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.



NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None.
 ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was adopted as Ordinance No. 2026-1; Charter Series, as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2026-1
 CHARTER SERIES**

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.

SECTION 1: BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council sitting in regular session duly convened that the operating budget of revenues and expenditures of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana for fiscal year October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 as follows, to-wit:

IN DOLLARS

GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

City Taxes	\$1,830,400
Licenses/Permits	760,300
Intergovernmental/Grants	999,100
Fees/Charges	155,500
Interest/Rent/Dividends	112,300
Miscellaneous	68,300
Other Financing Sources	<u>4,839,300</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$8,765,200

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

General Administration Department	\$1,750,800
Police Department	4,057,900
Fire Department	2,497,100
Transportation Department	293,700
Recreation Department	698,000
Other Financing Uses	<u>906,400</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,203,900

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)

Expenditures over Revenues \$(1,438,700)

Beginning Fund Balance \$2,903,300

Ending Fund Balance \$1,464,600

SALES TAX FUND REVENUES:

Sales Tax Collections	\$9,372,400
Interest/Dividends	51,300
Intergovernmental/Grants	346,100
Miscellaneous Revenue	7,600
Other Financing Sources	<u>78,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,855,400

SALES TAX EXPENDITURES:

Sales Tax Administration Department	\$2,425,000
Street Department	3,110,400
Other Financing Uses	<u>5,338,900</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,874,300



EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	
Expenditures over Revenues	\$(1,018,900)
FUND BALANCE – BEGINNING	\$4,433,800
FUND BALANCE – ENDING	\$3,414,900
<u>UTILITY FUND REVENUES:</u>	
Sewer Fees & Taps	\$1,190,300
Penalties	64,300
Water Sales, Taps & Service Fees	2,310,800
State Testing Fees	49,400
Intergovernmental/Grants	988,000
Miscellaneous Income	57,800
Interest/Dividends	<u>45,800</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,706,400
<u>UTILITIES FUND EXPENSES:</u>	
Utility Administration Department	\$ 964,600
Utility Maintenance Department	2,139,900
Wastewater Treatment Plant Department	962,400
Water Plant Department	718,500
Other Financing Uses	<u>41,100</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,826,500
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	
Expenses over Revenues	\$(120,100)
FUND BALANCE – BEGINNING	\$10,084,300
FUND BALANCE – ENDING	\$ 9,964,200

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the budget revenues and expenditures for the said fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025, prepared and submitted by the Director of Finance, under the supervision of the Mayor, shall be adopted as set for the hereinabove.

SECTION 3: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2024.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 26th day of January 2026, by the City Council of the City of DeRidder in regular session duly convened, in Council Chambers at DeRidder, Louisiana.

ATTEST:

GLENN LUTHER
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

RANDY LARKEN
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

3. 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.

The title of the Ordinance was read by Mr. Williams. President Larken opened the public hearing and there were no public comments or remarks from the Council. Councilmember Hooper made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilmember Reynolds offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:



YEAS: Councilmember Wayne Godfrey, Sr., Councilmember Monte' Woods, Councilmember John Marcello; Councilmember Keith Hooper; Councilmember Danny Reynolds; Councilmember Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was adopted as Ordinance No. 2026-2; Charter Series, as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2026-2
CHARTER SERIES**

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.

WHEREAS, Veterans' Assistance Counselors changed the lives of their clients and impacted the local economy by helping to bring in Compensation and Pension benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to Beauregard Parish households; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S 29:260-262 ("Statutes"), as amended and reenacted, specifically provide enabling legislation for the LDVA to estimate and recover part of the operations cost of parish Veterans' Service Offices; and

WHEREAS, the statute provides that LDVA shall not contribute more than seventy-five percent (75%) for the operation and maintenance of such parish Veterans' Service Offices; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Article VII, Section 14(C), provides that, "[f]or a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;" and

WHEREAS, the City of DeRidder, Louisiana, ("City") desires to support local veterans and improve their access to benefits and services by providing for both the cost to maintain and operate the local Veterans' Service Offices and space to house such service offices as provided by law by entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement ("CEA") with the Beauregard Parish Police Jury ("BPPJ") and Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs ("LDVA"); and

WHEREAS, City shall contribute to the support of the Veterans' Service Offices by paying LDVA a total of \$14,244.27, as set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana, that City, through its Mayor, enter into a CEA with the BPPJ and LDVA in accordance with the said Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of DeRidder, be, and is hereby authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2026 and terminate on December 31, 2026.



THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 26th day of January, 2026 by the City Council of the City of DeRidder 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

Reports. Mayor Harris reported on the impact of the winter storm. Captain Patterson, Fort Polk Office Councilmember, announced that he will be leaving Fort Polk and introduced his replacements who will be on a rotational basis, and reported that the Fort Polk installation is operating at a 100% capacity. Roy Keen, Public Works Director, reported that there is a small main break remaining on Fruge and the workers will get to it first thing tomorrow. Holly Buxton, Finance Director, reported that the year has closed out, the auditors started last week and as soon as the audit is finished, she will provide the Council with a copy. Mayor Harris initiated further discussion on the condition of the home on the corner of Ellis Road and High School Drive with responses from Dane Bergeron. Mr. Keen responded to questions from Councilmember Labue regarding water pressure in comparison to the hurricanes and the winter storm. Councilmember Woods asked for prayers as she will be having a procedure on Friday. Councilmember Godfrey thanked the City and City workers for doing all they do and to be careful. Councilmember Reynolds reported to Mr. Bergeron that Representative Owen got House Bill 138 done in 2023 and we just have not used it, the process is there, and it works or was working and he wishes we would use it. Councilmember Hooper thanked Ms. Buxton for the financials and asked to schedule a meeting with her and the Mayor tomorrow or Wednesday. President Larken wished a Happy January 26 birthday to Councilmember Vincent Labue. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 o'clock p.m.

ATTEST:

GLENN LUTHER, CMA/LMMC
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

RANDY LARKEN
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL