



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023.**

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, April 10, 2023 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. President Keith Hooper called the meeting to order, Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr. led the prayer and Councilman Danny Reynolds led the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America. The roll was called by the Clerk as follows: Councilman Randy Larken, Councilwoman Artemese Hickman, Councilman John Marcello, Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr., Councilman Danny Reynolds, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Keith Hooper. Also present were: Charlie Lestage, City Attorney; and Glenna Luther, Clerk of the Council. Mayor Misty Clanton was absent.

**5. Visitors' Docket.** Jennifer Handy addressed the Council regarding her concerns about the issue of mental health of citizens of DeRidder. J. T. "Sonny" Jackson asked the Council for assistance with the elderly and parking at the Council on the Aging building.

**6. Amendments to the Agenda.** President Hooper asked for a motion to amend the Agenda to remove Item 13.B.4. and Councilman John Marcello made the motion and Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr. offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Councilwoman Artemese Hickman; Councilman John Marcello; Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr.; Councilman Randy Larken; Councilman Danny Reynolds; Councilman Vincent Labue; and President Keith Hooper.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, Item 13.B.4, An Ordinance Authorizing The City of DeRidder, Louisiana, Through its Mayor, to Enter into a Pedestrian Private Crossing Agreement with the Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCS") for a Revocable License to Cross KCS's Right-of-Way and Tracks Near KCS Mile Post K689.22 at the Location Where Second Street Formerly Crossed KCS's Tracks; and Repealing all Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith, was removed from the Agenda.

**7. Adoption of Minutes.** President Hooper stated the minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 27, 2023 have been distributed and there being no corrections voiced by the Council, the minutes were unanimously approved by the Council.

**13.A. Introduction of Ordinances.**

- 1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA TO CONTRACT WITH LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR STATE PROJECT NO. RU 18-06-24, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE NON-URBANIZED AREA OF BEAUREGARD PARISH, LOUISIANA (CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NO. 20.509); AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES.**

Councilman Randy Larken 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 Councilman Danny 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 Wayne Godfrey Sr.; Councilman Randy Larken; Councilwoman Artemese Hickman; Councilman Danny Reynolds; Councilman Vincent Labue; and President Keith Hooper.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on **April 24, 2023 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**



2. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LANDMARK AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY THROUGH MCGRUFF INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PACKAGE OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE FOR THE 1ST STREET SCHOOL, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr. 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 Councilman Randy Larken offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr.; Councilman Randy Larken; Councilwoman Artemese Hickman; Councilman John Marcello; Councilman Danny Reynolds; Councilman Vincent Labue; and President Keith Hooper.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on **April 24, 2023 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**

3. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER THROUGH ITS MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR BUILDING ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS WITH STAR SERVICE, INC. OF LAKE CHARLES, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Councilman Danny Reynolds 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 Councilman Randy Larken offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Councilman Randy Larken; Councilwoman Artemese Hickman; Councilman John Marcello; Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr.; Councilman Danny Reynolds; Councilman Vincent Labue; and President Keith Hooper.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was considered introduced and set for public hearing in Regular Session on **April 24, 2023 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**

President Keith Hooper announced that although Item 13.B.4. was removed from the Agenda, the Ordinance will be coming back up for introduction when the Contract has been revised.

**Reports.** Tommy Landry confirmed with Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr. that a resident/applicant has to complete an application with Janet Vincent for autism signs. Councilman John Marcello commended Tommy Landry, Public Works Director, for his professional help on a situation in his district today. Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr. asked the Council to look into a way to solve the problem with mental health and homeless citizens of DeRidder. A discussion followed with suggestions from councilmembers. President Hooper thanked the Council for working together on this issue and thanked Mr. Jackson for coming to the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**GLENNA LUTHER**  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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**KEITH HOOPER**  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL