



## City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 10, 2023  
**Time:** 1:00 o'clock p.m.  
**Place:** City Council Chambers  
DeRidder City Hall  
200 South Jefferson, DeRidder, Louisiana 70634  
**Contact:** Glenna Luther  
337-462-8905

President Hooper called the meeting to order at 1:00 o'clock p.m., Councilwoman Artemese Hickman led the prayer and Councilman Danny Reynolds led the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilwoman Artemese Hickman, Councilman John Marcello; Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr., Vice President Randy Larken, Councilman Danny Reynolds, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Keith Hooper.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Misty Clanton, Mayor; Holly Buxton, Finance Director; Roy Keen, Director of Utilities; Cassie Henry, Water Office Supervisor; Janet Vincent, Utilities Assistant; Ginny Brand, Finance Department; Tommy Landry, Public Works Director; Fire Chief Ken Harlow; Police Chief Craig Richard; Janet Bailey, Water Department; and Glenna Luther, Clerk of the Council.

Rusty Reeves with Louisiana Rural Water Association continued his presentation on the Water Rate Study from the June 26, 2023 Workshop. The Council discussed increasing water rates for residential, commercial, connection and reconnection fees, deposit, transfers and meter connections.

Vice President Randy Larken exited the meeting at 2:30 o'clock p.m. Now Present are Councilwoman Artemese Hickman, Councilman John Marcello, Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr., Councilman Danny Reynolds, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Keith Hooper.

Discussion continued on adjusting the rates to meet sustainability.

Councilman Labue exited the meeting at 3:00 o'clock p.m. Now Present are Councilwoman Artemese Hickman, Councilman John Marcello, Councilman Wayne Godfrey Sr., Councilman Danny Reynolds, and President Keith Hooper.

In summary, Rusty Reeves presented the Council's proposed water rates beginning October 1, 2023 and announced that confirmation of those rates and other scenarios will be followed by a rate letter with a three-year plan with another workshop scheduled for July 24, 2023 at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Adjournment: 3:40 o'clock p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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

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**KEITH HOOPER**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**