



PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022.

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, July 11, 2022 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. President Randy Larken called the meeting to order, Councilwoman Artemese Hickman led the Prayer and Councilman John Godfrey led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Clerk as follows: Councilman John Marcello; Councilman Wayne Godfrey; Councilman Keith Hooper; Councilwoman Artemese Hickman; Councilman Danny Reynolds, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken. Also present were Charlie Lestage, City Attorney; and Glenna Luther, Clerk of the Council.

7. **Adoption of Minutes.** President Larken stated the minutes of the previous regular meeting have been distributed and there being no corrections voiced by the Council, the June 27, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Council.

8. **Service Award.** Fire Chief, Ken Harlow, announced that Lt. Adam Gray was unable to attend but would see that he receives his service award.

13.A. **Ordinances – Introductions.** Charlie Lestage was as 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:

1. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA, THROUGH ITS MAYOR, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH DERIDDER YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE 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 John Marcello 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 Wayne Godfrey offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Councilman Wayne Godfrey, Councilman Keith Hooper, Councilwoman Artemese Hickman, Councilman John Marcello, Councilman Danny Reynolds, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.
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 **Monday, July 25, 2022 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**

2. **A AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.4, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II. SALE AND CONSUMPTION GENERALLY, SEC. 2.4-40. – ANNUAL LICENSE-REQUIRED; EXEMPTION FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Councilman Keith 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 Councilman John Marcello offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Councilman Keith Hooper, Councilwoman Artemese Hickman, Councilman John Marcello, Councilman Wayne Godfrey, Councilman Danny Reynolds, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.
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 **Monday, July 25, 2022 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**

3. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A REZONING OF PROPERTIES LOCATED ON MILLER STREET AND IDENTIFIED BY BEAUREGARD PARISH TAX ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 0336002501, 0337107005, 337616007, 0336303005A, 0336303005, 0336736035, 0337634501, 0337383665, 0337091998A, 0337091998 AND 0337436900 IN DERIDDER, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINANCE, SAID PROPERTIES BEING PRESENTLY ZONED B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS) TO BE REZONED R-3 (MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS); AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

Councilwoman Artemese Hickman 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 Keith Hooper 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, Councilman Keith Hooper, Councilman Danny Reynolds, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.
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 **Monday, August 22, 2022 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**

Reports. The Mayor, newly sworn councilmembers, directors and chiefs reported they are looking forward to working with the new Council, Mayor, administration and city attorney, Charlie Lestage. The remaining councilmembers welcomed new councilmembers and Holly Buxton, Finance Director, responded to questions from John Marcello regarding financials and Mayor Clanton responded to questions regarding the graffiti on the new recreational courts at West Park and the subject of broadband. Councilman Wayne Godfrey addressed the issue of the problems of who is responsible for issues that need to be taken care of in Green Acres and why Council meetings are not televised.

Consideration of other Items on the Agenda.

A. Election of President and Vice President of the Council.

Councilman Vincent Labue made the motion to nominate Councilman Keith Hooper for President of the Council and there being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and the motion was submitted to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

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

The motion having been unanimously approved, Councilman Keith Hooper was elected as President of the Council.

Councilman Keith Hooper made the motion to nominate Councilman Randy Larken for Vice-President of the Council and there being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and the motion was submitted to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

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




The motion having been unanimously approved, Councilman Randy Larken was elected as Vice-President of the Council.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

ATTEST:



GLENN LUTHER, CMA/LCMC
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL



RANDY LARKEN
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL