



PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 12, 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, July 12, 2021, at 5:30 o'clock p.m. President Larken called the meeting to order, led the Invocation and Councilman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Clerk as follows: Councilman John Marcello, Councilman Julian Williams; Councilwoman Kimaron Moore; Councilman Keith Hooper; Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds; Councilman Vincent Labue; and President Randy Larken. Also present were Misty Clanton, Mayor; David Lestage, City Attorney; and Glenna Luther, Clerk of the Council.

Visitor's Docket: State Representative, Charles Owen, addressed the Council with updates on the accomplishment of the recent Legislative Session and commended Mayor Clanton and the Council on the success of the City.

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 28, 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Council.

President Larken announced that there were no service or bid awards, ratification of appointments, resolutions or condemnations and moved to the next item on the Agenda as follows:

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 meeting/hearing is held on the Ordinances respectively, to-wit:

1. AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES FOR POLICE AND FIRE OPERATIONS AND GENERAL ALIMONY; 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 Councilman Williams offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Councilman Julian Williams, Councilwoman Kimaron Moore, Councilman Keith Hooper, Councilman John Marcello, Councilwoman Lydia 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 meeting in Regular Session on **Monday, July 26, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**

2. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING TO ROLL FORWARD TO MILLAGE RATES NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED RATE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilwoman Moore 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 Williams offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Councilwoman Kimaron Moore, Councilman Keith Hooper, Councilman John Marcello, Councilman Julian Williams, Councilwoman Lydia 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 meeting in Regular Session on **Monday, July 26, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**



3. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER THROUGH ITS MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TOTAL CONSTRUCTION OF DERIDDER, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRS TO THE DAMAGED ROOF ON THE RESTROOMS AT BRYANT PARK, RESULTING FROM DAMAGES CAUSED BY HURRICANE LAURA, 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 Kimaron Moore, Councilwoman Lydia 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 26, 2021 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.**

13.B. Ordinances – Public Hearings.

1.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2021-37
CHARTER SERIES**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF JOHNNY JOE LANE IN MEMORIAL PARK SUBDIVISION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNERS AND DEVELOPERS, JOSEPH L. SOWELLS, VANILLA SANDERS AND DEBBIE VAUGHN; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of DeRidder desires to hereby accept the dedication of Johnny Joe Lane located within Memorial Park Subdivision and the servitudes located within said subdivision as being in the best interest of the City and its residents therein; and

WHEREAS, the owners/developers, Joseph L. Sowell, Vanilla Sanders and Debbie Vaughn, have requested and agreed to the dedication of Johnny Joe Lane located within Memorial Park Subdivision, all as stated in the Statement of Dedication which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of DeRidder that it does hereby accept the above-described dedication of Johnny Joe Lane in Memorial Park Subdivision and the servitudes located within said subdivision, all as requested by the owners/developers, Joseph L. Sowell, Vanilla Sanders and Debbie Vaughn.

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

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana on this 12th day of July, 2021 in Regular Session duly convened in Council Chambers at DeRidder, Louisiana.

ATTEST:

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

**RANDY LARKEN
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

President Larken opened the public hearing asking if anyone present wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the above stated Ordinance. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed. Tommy Landry, Public Works Director, responded to a question from Councilman Hooper stating that the street has been inspected, meets the required criteria and improvements have been made to the bridge. There were no further remarks from the Council. Councilman Hooper made a motion to adopt



the Ordinance as presented and Councilwoman Moore 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, Councilwoman Kimaron Moore, Councilman Keith Hooper, Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was considered adopted and became **Ordinance No. O-2021-37**, Charter Series.

2.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2021-38
CHARTER SERIES**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1412 ROSE STREET AND IDENTIFIED BY BEAUREGARD PARISH TAX ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 0333022856 IN DERIDDER, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINANCE, SAID PROPERTY BEING PRESENTLY ZONED B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO BE REZONED B-1 (TRANSITIONAL BUSINESS DISTRICT), AS REQUESTED BY ARYN CLOUSE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, The City of DeRidder, Louisiana ("City") provides for rezoning thereof in Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances of City; and

WHEREAS, City is divided into various districts, including, but not limited to, B-3 (General Business District) and B-1 (Transitional Business District); and

WHEREAS, the City of DeRidder has an official zoning map which reflects the zones for property within the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS the DeRidder Planning & Zoning Commission ("Commission") convened on May 17, 2021 to discuss the matter of rezoning the following described property, which is presently zoned B-3 (General Business District) and which has been requested to be rezoned to B-1 (Transitional Business District):

THE NORTH 160 FEET OF BLOCK SIX (6) OF THE LONG-BELL LUMBER COMPANY SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SE/4 OF SECTION TWENTY-ONE (21), TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS THEREON.

Municipal Address: 1412 Rose Street, DeRidder, Louisiana 70634

The Commission voted to approve the said rezoning request and forwarded its recommendation to the City Council for consideration:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the aforementioned property described hereinabove be, and the same is hereby rezoned to B-1 (Transitional Business District).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this conditional rezoning is in accordance with the Code of Ordinances of the City of DeRidder Chapter 15, Section 15-36 Conditional Rezoning.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the zoning map of the City of DeRidder be, and the same is hereby, amended in conformance with the said conditional rezoning.

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

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of July, 2021 by the City Council of the City of DeRidder in Regular Session duly convened in Council Chambers at DeRidder, Louisiana.



ATTEST:

GLENN LUTHER, CMA/LCMC
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

RANDY LARKEN
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

President Larken opened the public hearing asking if anyone present wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the above stated Ordinance. Applicant, Aryn Clouse, addressed the Council stating that the property has always been a home, it was an oversight that it was never rezoned previously, that they have lived in the home for two or three years and before that it was owned by the church across the street. President Larken stated that applicants have been put out for a couple of months on closing and the buyers have already moved in and renting the home until rezoning could take place. President Larken stated that it was noticed in the appraisal process that it was still zoned on the Ludington side after the home was sold. Mayor Clanton thanked applicants for their patience during the lengthy rezoning process. There being no additional comments from the public, the public hearing was closed. There being no comments from the Council, Councilman Hooper made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented and Councilman Marcello offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

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

The motion having been approved, the Ordinance was considered adopted and became **Ordinance No. O-2021-34**, Charter Series.

Reports. President Larken stated that Holly Buxton, Finance Director, was not present but the April and May financials were on Council's desks for review. Tommy Landry, Public Works Director, stated that 8th Street was scheduled to be overlaid this morning but was pushed back until tomorrow due to the rain, that the Texas Street overlay from 8th to just past 10th Streets will be next and from there move to the Fisher Road overlay. Police Chief Craig Richard updated the Council on National Night Out scheduled for August 3, 2021 and asked everyone to visit the web pages of the Police, Fire and Sheriff's Department for more information on the activities which are free to the community. Fire Chief Harlow thanked everyone who participated with the Ambulance Committee and the Ordinance concerning same will be introduced at the next meeting. LTC Keller, Fort Polk Ex Officio, apologized for tardiness over the Covid period, stated that he is glad to be working with Chief Richard for the National Night Out event. Councilman Hooper thanked Representative Owen for speaking to the Council, thanked Representative Owen, Senator Reese and Representative Carrier for the town hall meeting held this past week and keeping the public updated on what is going on in Baton Rouge, and acknowledged and thanked Grace Church for hosting the meeting. Councilman Williams thanked Tommy Landry and Mayor Clanton for the work on Martin Luther King and expressed his appreciation to Representative Owens for his sincerity in what he says and does.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 o'clock p.m.

ATTEST:

GLENN LUTHER
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

RANDY LARKEN
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL