



PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 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, August 8, 2022 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. Vice President Randy Larken called the meeting to order, Councilwoman Artemese Hickman led the prayer and Councilman John Marcello led the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America. The roll was called by the Clerk as follows: Councilwoman Artemese Hickman; Councilman John Marcello; Councilman Wayne Godfrey; Councilman Danny Reynolds; Councilman Vincent Labue and Vice President Randy Larken. President Keith Hooper was absent. Also present were Charlie Lestage, City Attorney; Glenna Luther, Clerk of the Council; and Fort Polk Ex-Officio Council Member representative, LTC Patrick Murphy.

7. **Adoption of Minutes.** Vice President Randy Larken stated the minutes of the previous regular meeting have been distributed and there being no corrections voiced by the Council, the July 25, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Council.

13.A. **Ordinances – Introductions.** Charlie Lestage was called upon to read the following entitled Ordinances 13.A.(1-2) 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, THROUGH ITS MAYOR, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MCMANUS CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE MEADOWBROOK STREET ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

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

The motion having been unanimously approved by all councilmembers present, 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.**

2. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021.**

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



The motion having been unanimously approved by all councilmembers present, 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. Police Chief, Craig Richard, reported on a successful National Night Out and active shooter drills at the school. Chief Richard, along with Councilman John Marcello and LTC Patrick Murphy, reported on the successful National Night Out and presented slides of the event. After Councilman John Marcello stated for the record that he had cleared with David Bordelon, attorney with the Louisiana Ethics Commission, he presented Paul and Jacki Herrington with a personal gift certificate from John and Melanie Marcello and recognized Ms. Herrington as the first District 3 employee of the month. Councilman Marcello reported on the Louisiana Municipal Association Annual Convention. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 o'clock p.m.

ATTEST:

GLENNA LUTHER, CMA/LCMC
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

RANDY LARKEN
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL