



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 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, January 11, 2021. President Larken called the meeting to order and led the Invocation and Councilman Hooper led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the Clerk as follows: Councilman Julian Williams; Councilwoman Kimaron Moore; Councilman Keith Hooper; Councilman John Marcello; Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds; Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken. Also present were David Lestage, City Attorney; and Shannon Gray, Recording Clerk. Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds was absent.

Chief Richard came forward and commended Todd Suire and members of the DeRidder High School City Council who were present and congratulated each on their efforts in the Toys for Tots Toy Drive. Mr. Suire reported on the success of the Toy Drive and the way the City worked together and combined efforts for both receiving and donating toys. He then recognized Jackie Herrington, Ms. Stout and the DeRidder City Council and Mayor Clanton and then presented each with a gift of thanks. Chief Richard announced that the DeRidder Police Department came in 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation on National Night Out.

**Adoption of Minutes:** President Larken asked for a Motion to correct the December 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes to reflect that on the vote for B.1., Public Hearing, Councilman Hooper abstained and B.2., Public Hearing, Councilman Hooper voted yes. 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, Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds.  
ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the December 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes were corrected to reflect that on the vote for B.1., Public Hearing, Councilman Hooper abstained and B.2., Public Hearing, Councilman Hooper voted yes.

**Resolutions.**

**12.A.**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-1**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM (CWEF) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR GRANT FUNDS TO ASSIST IN A WATER LINE UPGRADE PROJECT (BOWER STREET).**

**WHEREAS,** the Office of Community Development Community Water Enrichment Fund is authorized to fund grant applications for water upgrade projects; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of DeRidder does hereby support and authorize the filing and grant application for the Water Line Upgrade Project which will improve the water pressure and volume by replacing the transite water line with C900 water lines as well as to improve fire fighting capabilities in the area of Bower Street which is located within the corporate limits of the City of DeRidder; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of DeRidder further agrees and supports the named project, Water Line Upgrade Project, and further agrees to the stipulations named in the said grant application:



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of DeRidder authorizes the City of DeRidder, through its Mayor, to apply to the Community Development Community Water Enrichment Fund for Fiscal year 2020-2021 for grant funds to assist in the water line upgrade project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the City of DeRidder is authorized to execute and sign any and all documents on behalf of the City of DeRidder as required by the grant application.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the grant application is attached hereto and made a part hereof and the City Council does agree to adhere to all requirements set out in said application.

**THUS DONE AND ADOPTED** on this 11th day of January, 2021 by the City Council of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana sitting in Regular Session duly convened in Council Chambers at DeRidder, Louisiana.

**ATTEST:**

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**GLENN LUTHER**  
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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**RANDY LARKEN**  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

President Larken opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the above Resolution. There being no response from the public, the public hearing was closed. Roy Keen, Director of Utilities, explained to the Council, the reason the City is applying for this grant. There being no remarks from the Council, Councilman Hooper made the motion to adopt the above stated Resolution as read and Councilman Williams 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; Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

The Resolution having been unanimously approved, it was adopted by the Council and became Resolution R-2020-1.

**12.B.**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-2**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 RIGHT-OF-WAY DRAINAGE DITCH PROJECT (5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET).**

**WHEREAS,** the Office of Community Development Local Government Assistance Program is authorized to fund grant applications for drainage ditch projects; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of DeRidder does hereby support and authorize the filing and grant application for the drainage ditch program that runs in the Right-of-way through 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The concrete drainage ditch will improve the rain runoff and decrease the amount of standing water and overgrown vegetation.

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of DeRidder further agrees and supports the named project, Drainage Ditch Project, and further agrees to the stipulations named in the said grant application:



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of DeRidder authorizes the City of DeRidder, through its Mayor, to apply to the Community Development Local Government Assistance Program for Fiscal year 2020-2021 for grant funds to assist the drainage ditch project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor of the City of DeRidder is authorized to execute and sign any and all documents on behalf of the City of DeRidder as required by the grant application.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the grant application is attached hereto and made a part hereof and the City Council does agree to adhere to all requirements set out in said application.

**THUS DONE AND ADOPTED** on this 11th day of January, 2021 by the City Council of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana sitting in Regular Session duly convened in Council Chambers at DeRidder, Louisiana.

**ATTEST:**

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**GLENN LUTHER**  
**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

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**RANDY LARKEN**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**

President Larken opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the above Resolution. There being no response from the public, the public hearing was closed. Tommy Landry, Public Works Director, explained to the Council the reason the City is applying for this grant. In response to questions from President Larken, Councilman Williams and Councilman Hooper, Mr. Landry explained that the funds from this grant will be used to concrete the ditch located between Helen and Emmerson Streets, East 5<sup>th</sup> to East 7<sup>th</sup>. There being no remarks from the Council, Councilman Williams made the motion to adopt the above stated Resolution as read and Councilman Hooper 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; Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.  
**NAYS:** None.  
**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Lydia Reynolds.  
**ABSTAIN:** None.

The Resolution having been unanimously approved, it was adopted by the Council and became Resolution R-2020-2.

**13. Public Hearing.**  
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**ORDINANCE NO. O-2021-1**  
**CHARTER SERIES**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019.**

**SECTION 1:** **BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council sitting in Regular Session duly convened that the operating budget of revenues and expenditures of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana for fiscal year October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 be amended as follows, to-wit:



**GENERAL FUND REVENUES: (IN DOLLARS)**

City Taxes	\$1,334,900
Licenses/Permits	622,800
Intergovernmental/Grants	857,500
Fees/Charges	149,200
Interest/Rent/Dividends	222,800
Miscellaneous	62,200
Other Financing Sources	<u>4,199,000</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$7,448,400</b>

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:**

General Administration Department	\$1,260,000
Police Department	3,096,400
Fire Department	1,874,300
Transportation Department	253,500
Recreation Department	132,400
Other Financing Uses	<u>88,900</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$6,705,500</b>

**EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)**

<b>Revenues over Expenditures</b>	<b>742,900</b>
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<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$1,200,100</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$1,943,000</b>

**SALES TAX FUND REVENUES:**

Sales Tax Collections	\$8,478,500
Interest/Dividends	110,900
State of Louisiana	14,600
Miscellaneous	30,700
Other Financing Sources	<u>24,000</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$8,658,700</b>

**SALES TAX EXPENDITURES:**

Sales Tax Administration Department	\$1,672,800
Street Department	2,127,000
Other Financing Uses	<u>4,591,100</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$8,390,900</b>

**EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)**

<b>Revenues over Expenditures</b>	<b>267,800</b>
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<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3,157,700</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3,425,500</b>

**UTILITIES FUND REVENUES:**

Sewer Fees & Taps	\$1,160,900
Penalties	19,300
Water Sales, Taps, Service Fees	1,391,200
State Testing Fees	51,900
Intergovernmental/Grants	80,300
Miscellaneous Income	44,000
State Sales Tax	5,600
Interest/Dividends	73,200
Other Financing Sources	<u>390,000</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$3,216,400</b>

**UTILITIES FUND EXPENSES:**

Water Administration Department	\$545,200
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Utility Maintenance Department	1,776,900
Wastewater Treatment Plant Department	683,700
Water Plant Department	562,300
Other Financing Uses	<u>118,500</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,686,600</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)</b>	
Expenses over Revenues	(470,200)
<b>BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$9,904,800</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$9,434,600</b>

**SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the budget revenues and expenditures for the said fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, prepared and submitted by the Director of Finance, under the supervision of the Mayor, shall be adopted as set forth hereinabove.

**SECTION 3: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2019.

**THUS DONE AND ADOPTED** on this 11th day of January, 2021 by the City Council of the City of DeRidder in Regular Session duly convened, in Council Chambers at DeRidder, Louisiana.

**ATTEST:**

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

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**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. There were no remarks from the Council. Councilman Marcello made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented and Councilman Hooper 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; Councilman Vincent Labue and President Randy Larken.  
 NAYS: None.  
 ABSENT: Councilwoman Kimaron Moore.  
 ABSTAIN: None.

The motion having been unanimously approved, the Ordinance was considered adopted and became Ordinance No. O-2021-1, Charter Series.

**Reports:**

President Larken thanked Mayor Clanton for allowing her staff to help out with preparation for this meeting. Mayor Clanton asked everyone to keep those affected by COVID in your prayers and she will answer any questions concerning the roll-out of the vaccine or questions can be directed to state delegations because they are working with state agencies. Tommy Landry reported that the debris removal company, Graham County, has picked up all the construction and demolition debris in town that was out when they went by on their one pass, and if anyone has additional work on their homes, they need to talk to their contractor about getting rid of the debris. He then provided an account on the amounts of debris removed from the City. Chief Richard provided end of year statistics for 2020. Chief Harlow provided a plan for working with the owners of Crawfish-to-Go in an effort to control traffic during crawfish season. Chief Harlow informed the Council that the Acadian Ambulance contract expires in July of this year and at the request of Mayor Clanton, he has been asked to head up a committee to determine what is most viable for our citizens as far as response times. Mayor Clanton stated that at one time there was an ambulance committee comprised with two or three council members. At the request of President Larken,



Councilman Marcello and Councilwoman Moore volunteered to serve on the Committee along with Mayor Clanton, Chief Harlow and possibly an individual from the Parish.

Councilman Williams expressed his appreciation for Adam Williams, Tommy Landry and Roy King. He then stated how nice it was to see the Sheriff come in because the City and the Sheriff have a good working relationship which is good for the City. Councilwoman Moore thanked all who called and checked on her during the time her husband was hospitalized. She then thanked Tommy Landry for always doing what she asks of him and taking care of the problem on North Street. At the request of Councilwoman Moore, Mayor Clanton elaborated on the progress of debris removal in the cemeteries. At the request of Councilman Hooper, Tommy Landry provided an update on the State project on 171 and the damaged manhole on Pine Street. Councilman Marcello thanked Tommy Landry for quickly addressing the drainage issue in Kilman Pines. President Larken thanked Mayor Clanton and her staff for a job well done and stated there is no better place to live than DeRidder. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 clock p.m.

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

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**RANDY LARKEN**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL**