

**DERIDDER CITY COUNCIL
200 S. JEFFERSON STREET, DERIDDER, LA
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY – JANUARY 25, 2010 - 5:30 P.M.**

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
2. **INVOCATION**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **ROLL CALL**
5. **VISITOR'S DOCKET**
6. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
7. **ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2010 AS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL.**
8. **PRESENTATION – Service Awards**
 - A) City Police Chief John Gott – 20 Years
 - B) Larry Dickens – Fire Dept – 5 Years
 - C) Deryl Coody – Street Dept. – 5 Years
9. **FINANCE REPORT – Ginny Brand/Finance Director**
10. **ORDINANCES -**
 - A) **Public Hearing –**

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REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT
HEREWITH.

11. **PAYMENTS –**

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Vida Ray Smith - \$314.00

Purpose: repair to ceiling / water damage / Inv. 878994.

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RP 20 – Meyer & Assoc., Inc. - \$6,080.11

Purpose: Inv. 21434 / Eng. services.

12. **REPORTS -**

A) **Mayor**

B) **Director of Public Works**

C) **City Engineer**

D) **Finance Director**

E) **City Council**

13. **ADJOURN**

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON
MONDAY – JANUARY 25, 2010, 2009 AT 5:30 O’CLOCK P.M.**

The Council of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana met in regular session at its meeting place, the Council Chambers, located in City Hall, 200 S. Jefferson Street, DeRidder, Louisiana on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 5:30 o’clock P.M.

PRESENT: Joseph Siciliano, Robert Rice, Gordon Jenkins, Jonnie Mango, Hayward Steele, and President Labue.

ABSENT: Elizabeth Granger

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Roberts, Mayor; David R. Lestage, City Attorney; Allen Shellenbarger, Director of Public Works; Jerry DeWitt, Director of Community Services; Marvin Simmons, Code Enforcement Officer; and Penny R. Simmons, Clerk of the Council.

President Labue called the meeting to order, called upon Councilman Steele to deliver the invocation with Councilman Rice leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITOR’S DOCKET –

A) Ronnie Gill – Ludington Area

Mr. Gill addressed the council stating that he appreciated the work that had been done in his area as requested a while back, but there were still issues with speeders, drug activities in that area and houses that needed to be condemned. Councilman Siciliano stated that he had ridden with the police patrol to check the area out and went on to relate that these matters were on the list to be taken care of but that it would not happen over night.

B) Ms. Ramona Butler – parish resident

Ms. Butler stated that she had damaged her vehicle on the speed bumps recently installed on MLK Drive, that there were no signs to warn people about said bumps. She requested that they be taken out as soon as possible. She also stated that STOP signs did no good either as people didn’t want to be bothered with stopping. There was a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of the speed bumps.

The Director of Public Works interjected here that signs warning people of the speed bumps were installed days prior to the speed bumps actually being installed, on both ends of speed bump locations. There are speed signs installed as well.

Councilman Siciliano stated he went to location to watch the traffic, there were signs posted to warn the traffic to slow down.

Councilman Steele stated that we have speed bumps in several different locations throughout the city and they are different heights in different locations. He suggests that all the speed bumps, henceforth, be uniform in height and that prior to the said installation of speed bumps they be approved by ordinance. He suggested having Meyer & Associates look at this matter, since they are professional engineers and are knowledgeable on such matters.

Councilwoman Mango agreed that the speed bumps should be made uniform no matter where they are located.

Councilman Rice suggested cutting the speed bumps on MLK Drive down an inch or so to alleviate those hitting them too hard and damaging their vehicles.

Councilman Jenkins suggested placing stop signs at each intersection down the MLK Drive to better control traffic speed, although this would be very inconvenient.

At this point, Councilman Steele made a motion to recommend the DPW call upon Meyer & Associates to do a study on the said speed bumps and report to the council their findings as well as to make policy by ordinance for the installation of any future speed bumps within the city and Councilwoman Mango offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

C) Ms. Apalonia Colbert – Representative of God’s Temple of Refuge – Port Street

Ms. Colbert stated that speeders have not slowed down, even with the installation of the speed bumps. She asked that they be raised up some to force people to slow down in the area of the church.

Councilman Siciliano stated that speed bumps make “honest people honest”.

President Labue stated that the matter now rests in the hands of the administration and we will await the findings from Meyer & Associates before making any further decisions regarding the speed bump matter.

D) Mr. Paul Cader – Report on Veteran’s Assistance Office

Mr. Cader addressed the council stating that he wanted to give them an update on

the matter of obtaining an assistant for this office that would be present 5 days a week. The new assistant is Uri Crockett (retired Navy) and will be holding quarterly briefings for the veterans and their families, widows, etc. There will be a power point presentation on pertinent information for these people. The first meeting will be held on March 1, 2010 at the Beauregard War Memorial Civic Center. The office e-mail address will be published as well, to make it easier access for answers to questions without the persons having to get out and come down to the civic center in person. He thanked the council for their support regarding this matter.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None

FINANCE REPORT – Ginny Brand / Finance Director

The cash balances of the three budgeted funds for October 31, 2009 were

General Fund - \$68,340; Utility Fund - \$371,319; and the Sales Tax Fund - \$2,046,531.

General Fund -

Total Revenues - YTD	\$ 209,421
Expenditures - YTD	
General Administration	34,238
Police	222,947
Fire	137,679
Recreation	5,456
Other Financing Uses	<u>4,600</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 404,920
Loss	\$ 195,499

Utility Fund -

Total Revenues - YTD	\$ 169,364
Expenses - YTD	
Utility Administration	35,933
Utility Maintenance	70,585
Wastewater Treatment	21,806
Water Plant	11,819
Other Financing Uses	<u>4,700</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 144,843
Profit	\$ 24,521

Sales Tax Fund -

Total Revenues - YTD	\$ 472,482
Expenses - YTD	
Sales Tax Administration	31,088
Street Maintenance	82,985
Other Financing Uses	<u>178,938</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 293,011

Profit \$ 179,471

**ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2010
AS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL.**

Councilman Rice made a motion to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of Monday, January 11, 2010 as published in the official journal and Councilwoman Mango offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION – Service Awards

A) City Police Chief John Gott – 25 Years

Mayor Roberts stated that Chief Gott has performed his job in an outstanding manner. He has undertaken the project of taking young people to tour Angola State Prison. He participates in Big Brothers/Big Sisters. DeRidder also has the lowest crime rate in the State of Louisiana which speaks volumes for the way the police department handles their business.

B) Larry Dickens – Fire Dept – 5 Years (absent from meeting)

C) Deryl Coody – Street Dept. – 5 Years (absent from meeting)

ORDINANCES –

Mr. Lestage was called upon to read the following entitled ordinance before the council for consideration of adoption, after a public hearing is held, to-wit:

A) Public Hearing –

**ORDINANCE NO.
CHARTER SERIES**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES, OTHER FINANCING SOURCES, AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009, BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY.

SECTION 1:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana 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, 2008 through September 30, 2009 shall be amended as follows, to-wit:

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES AND RESOURCES (IN DOLLARS):

City Taxes	\$ 1,248,900
Licenses / Permits	578,200
Intergovernmental Grants	235,100
Fees / Charges	96,700
Interest / Rent	37,200
Miscellaneous	2,300
Other Financing Sources	<u>2,913,500</u>
Total	\$ 5,111,900

GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURES (IN DOLLARS):

General Administration Department	\$	728,400
Police Department		2,168,000
Fire Department		1,513,900
Recreation Department		320,200
Other Financing (Debt)		<u>117,700</u>
Total	\$	4,848,200

Excess (Deficiency) 263,700

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE 1,087,156

ENDING FUND BALANCE: \$ 1,350,856

SALES TAX FUND (Additional Revenue):

Sales Tax Collections	\$	5,880,700
Interest		15,700
Intergovernmental		59,900
Miscellaneous Revenue		300
Other Financing Sources		<u>16,900</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	5,973,500

Sales Tax Expenditures and Uses:

Sales Tax Administration	\$	1,256,700
Street Department		1,229,900
Other Financing Uses		<u>3,302,000</u>
Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	\$	5,788,600

Excess (Deficiency)
Revenues over Expenditures \$ 184,900

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE 1,668,363

ENDING FUND BALANCE \$ 1,853,263

UTILITIES FUND REVENUE

Sewer Fees & Taps	\$	1,057,600
Penalties		49,800
Water Sales / Taps / Service Fees		1,145,500
State Sales Tax		5,800
State Testing Fees		13,900
Street Bores/Cuts		4,000
Other Financing		5,100
Intergovernmental Grants		94,300
Interest		<u>23,500</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	2,399,500

UTILITIES EXPENDITURES

Utility Administration	\$	343,900
Utility Maintenance		878,400
Sewer Plant		416,400
Water Plant		296,500
Other Financing Uses		<u>73,400</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	\$	2,008,600

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the budget of revenues and

expenditures for the said fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009, prepared and submitted by the Director of Finance, under the supervision of the Mayor, shall be amended as set forth hereinabove.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of DeRidder in regular session duly convened in Council Chambers on this 25th day of January, 2010 at DeRidder, Louisiana.

ATTEST:

/s/ Penny R. Simmons

/s/ Vincent Labue

PENNY R. SIMMONS, MMC/CMA
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

VINCENT LABUE
PRESIDENT

President Labue proceeded to open the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the above stated ordinance. There being no response, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Siciliano made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented and Councilman Rice offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Joseph Siciliano, Robert Rice, Gordon Jenkins, Jonnie Mango, Hayward Steele, and President Labue.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Elizabeth Granger

President Labue stated that the motion having been unanimously approved, the ordinance was considered adopted as presented and it became Ordinance No. 1692, Charter Series.

Mr. Lestage was called upon to read and submit the following entitled ordinances (B & C) aloud and in full before the council for consideration of introduction, to-wit:

B) Introduction –
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER, THROUGH ITS MAYOR, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH B.D. KEEL & SON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERTAKING THE HIGHWAY 27/CARTER STREET LIFT STATION PUMP REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Jenkins made a motion to introduce the above entitled ordinance as presented after Notice of Introduction is published in the official journal and a copy filed with the

Clerk of the Council for public inspection, and Councilman Rice offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Joseph Siciliano, Robert Rice, Gordon Jenkins, Jonnie Mango, Hayward Steele, and President Labue.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Elizabeth Granger

President Labue stated that the motion having been unanimously approved, the public hearing would be set for Monday, February 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

C) Introduction –

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER THROUGH ITS MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH DERIDDER DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL-SOFTBALL, INC. FOR A PART OF P.W. WEST PARK FOR RECREATION OF THE YOUTH OF THE AREA DURING 2010; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilwoman Mango made a motion to introduce the above entitled ordinance as presented after Notice of Introduction is published in the official journal and a copy filed with the Clerk of the Council for public inspection, and Councilman Siciliano offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Joseph Siciliano, Robert Rice, Gordon Jenkins, Jonnie Mango, Hayward Steele, and President Labue.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Elizabeth Granger

President Labue stated that the motion having been unanimously approved, the public hearing would be set for Monday, February 8, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Lestage was called upon to read aloud and in full before the council the following emergency ordinance for consideration of introduction and adoption after holding a public hearing, to-wit:

D) Emergency Ordinance –

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1693

CHARTER SERIES

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER THROUGH ITS MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL, INC. AND KEEP DERIDDER BEAUTIFUL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO REDUCE LITTER, PROMOTE EDUCATION, ENFORCEMENT AND CLEAN-UP OF THE COMMUNITY; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of DeRidder, Louisiana has agreed to participate in the Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. and Keep DeRidder Beautiful programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeRidder is striving to make the city clean and beautiful by reducing litter, promoting education, enforcing litter laws and clean up programs throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeRidder through its mayor proposes to enter into a **Cooperative Agreement** with Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. and Keep DeRidder Beautiful pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein as stated in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of DeRidder hereby declares that it is in the best interest of the city to enter into a cooperative endeavor with said Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. and Keep DeRidder Beautiful pursuant to the said Cooperative Agreement so as to provide the city with litter reduction, promotion of education, enforcement of litter laws and cleaning up the city in general.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City of DeRidder, through its Mayor, join with Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. and Keep DeRidder Beautiful, all pursuant to the aforementioned Cooperative Agreement, marked as Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this matter is declared an emergency due to the fact that the application deadline is set for January 27, 2010 which required that all pertinent materials be turned in by that date.

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

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of January, 2010 by the City Council of the City of DeRidder in regular session duly convened in Council Chambers at DeRidder, Louisiana.

ATTEST:

/s/ Penny R. Simmons

/s/ Vincent Labue

PENNY R. SIMMONS, CMC/AAE/CMA
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

VINCENT LABUE
PRESIDENT

Councilwoman Mango made a motion to introduce the above entitled ordinance as presented and Councilman Jenkins offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Joseph Siciliano, Robert Rice, Gordon Jenkins, Jonnie Mango, Hayward Steele, and President Labue.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Elizabeth Granger

President Labue stated that the motion having been unanimously approved he would now open the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the above stated ordinance. There being no response, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Siciliano made a motion to adopt the above emergency ordinance as presented and Councilwoman Mango offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: Joseph Siciliano, Robert Rice, Gordon Jenkins, Jonnie Mango, Hayward Steele, and President Labue.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Elizabeth Granger

President Labue stated that the motion having been unanimously approved, the emergency ordinance was considered adopted as presented and it became Emergency Ordinance No. 1693, Charter Series.

PAYMENTS –

A) Self Insurance Fund –

Vida Ray Smith - \$314.00

Purpose: repair to ceiling / water damage / Inv. 878994.

Councilman Rice made a motion to approve the above invoice for disbursement and Councilman Siciliano offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

B) Steet Construction Fund J – 2009 Street Overlay Project -

RP 18 – CBK Soil Eng. Inc. - \$992.00

Purpose: Inv. 291205 / Eng. services.

RP 19 – Meyer & Assoc., Inc. - \$3,938.12

Purpose: Inv. 21409 / Eng. services.

RP 20 – Meyer & Assoc., Inc. - \$6,080.11

Purpose: Inv. 21434 / Eng. services.

Councilwoman Mango made a motion to approve the above invoice for disbursement and Councilman Steele offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS -

A) City Council

Councilman Siciliano stated that the matter of televising the council meetings was being worked on and we are getting close to making this happen. With regard to technology, he informed everyone that the website had been established in August of 2009 and to date we have had 148,319 hits. Last Thursday, January 21, 2010 we set up a Face Book account with there being 467 hits as of 4:00 p.m. today. This is significantly more than the City of Lake Charles as well as the City of Houston. He went on to commend the Mayor and his staff for their ability to push to be on top of the new technologies that are continually changing.

Councilman Rice stated he would like to request that trash cans be installed in the new East Side Park. The Director of Public Works stated he had the cans and they would be installed next to the benches in that park.

Councilman Jenkins asked the DPW about the status of the sewer project on Ellis Road. Mr. Shellenbarger stated that the prep work was done and the area was ready for the manhole to be installed.

Councilwoman Mango stated that a resident in her district was having serious sewer problems and was in need of the city's assistance. The DPW stated that the problem was on the list and it would be taken care of as soon as possible.

Councilman Steele questioned the DPW about the complaints made by Connie Smith at the last council meeting and where we were on solving some of those issues. The DPW stated that some of the vehicles had been removed, the logs situation is under control and the logs are being removed and he found no mechanic business in the area, no signs of an ongoing business. He also found that there were no signs missing, they all seemed to be accounted for in that area.

ADJOURN

Councilman Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Siciliano offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved and President Labue stated that the motion having been approved he would declare the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

/s/ Penny R. Simmons

**PENNY R. SIMMONS, MMC/CMA
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

/s/ Vincent Labue

**VINCENT LABUE
PRESIDENT**