

**DERIDDER CITY COUNCIL  
200 S. JEFFERSON STREET, DERIDDER, LA  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY – JANUARY 11, 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 DECEMBER 14, 2009 AS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL.**
8. **PRESENTATION – Service Awards**
  - A) City Police Chief John Gott – 25 Years
9. **FINANCE REPORT – Ginny Brand/Finance Director**
10. **CONDEMNATIONS –**
  - A) Creasey Wonece Thibodeaux – 501 O’Neal Street
11. **RESOLUTIONS –**
  - A) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LA SYSTEMS SURVEY AND COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010.
12. **ORDINANCES -**
  - A) **Introduction –**  
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14. **REPORTS -**

- A) Mayor
- B) Director of Public Works
- C) City Engineer
- D) Finance Director
- E) City Council

15. **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 11, 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 11, 2010 at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ron Roberts, Mayor; David R. Lestage, City Attorney; Allen Shellenbarger, Director of Public Works; Marvin Simmons, Code Enforcement Officer; Ginny Brand, Finance Director; and Penny R. Simmons, Clerk of the Council.

President Labue called the meeting to order, called upon Councilman Steele to deliver the invocation and Councilman Jenkins to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VISITOR’S DOCKET –**

**A)\_Connie Smith – 201 Cain Avenue**

Ms. Smith addressed the council stating that she had several complaints and needed assistance to resolve them. She informed the council that a neighbor was stockpiling wood, cutting it in his yard, making loud noise from the saws for long periods of time, a neighbor has five (5) abandoned cars in his yard, a neighbor is operating a mechanic shop and the noise is

awful and he is housing abandoned cars as well, and there are street signs in our neighborhood that need to be replaced. She has asked for help with these problems repeatedly with no action being taken. Councilman Steele reaffirmed the problems in the Twin Lake area and asked Mr. Shellenbarger to see if something couldn't be done regarding said complaints.

**B)\_Lonnie Roberson – 512 Carlisle Street**

Mr. Roberson addressed the council stating that he would like to see more diversified races on the police force. He stated that the police would follow cars for a period of time before stopping them for whatever reason and went on to state that most of the drug busts were taking place in the North street area and questioned the reason for this. He went on to state that he would like to inform the council that the speed bumps on M. L. King Drive were just too high and has gotten many complaints from friends and family regarding this problem. Councilman Steele stated that a survey of area residents should be obtained prior to taking any action on the speed bump issue while Councilwoman Mango suggested that a workshop meeting take place to discuss the speed bump issue with the police department.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - None**

**ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2009 AS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL.**

Councilman Jenkins made a motion to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of Monday, December 14, 2009 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

Due to illness in the family, Chief Gott could not be present at the meeting, therefore, this matter will be replaced on the agenda at a later date.

**FINANCE REPORT – Ginny Brand/Finance Director**

The cash balances of the three budgeted funds for September 30, 2009 were

General Fund - \$211,367; Utility Fund - \$289,399; and the Sales Tax Fund - \$1,968,006.

**General Fund -**

Total Revenues - YTD

\$5,111,904

Expenditures - YTD

General Administration	728,502
Police	2,168,109
Fire	1,514,000
Recreation	320,271
Other Financing Uses	<u>117,737</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,848,619
<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$ 263,285</b>

**Utility Fund -**

Total Revenues - YTD	\$ 2,399,487
Expenses - YTD	
Utility Administration	343,755
Utility Maintenance	878,391
Wastewater Treatment	416,060
Water Plant	296,358
Other Financing Uses	<u>73,354</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 2,007,918
<b>Loss</b>	<b>\$ 391,569</b>

**Sales Tax Fund -**

Total Revenues - YTD	\$5,973,441
Expenses - YTD	
Sales Tax Administration	1,256,662
Street Maintenance	1,230,101
Other Financing Uses	<u>3,301,989</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 5,788,752
<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$ 184,689</b>

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**CONDEMNATIONS –**

A) Creasey Wonece Thibodeaux – 501 O’Neal Street

Councilman Steele made a motion to table this matter until a later date due to the fact that Ms. Thibodeaux is suffering with a serious illness at this time and Councilwoman Mango offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTIONS –**

Mr. Lestage was called upon to read aloud and in full before the council, the following resolution for consideration of adoption, to-wit:

A)

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** the City of DeRidder, State of Louisiana, has submitted a LOUISIANA SYSTEMS SURVEY AND COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, which requires the City’s approval by resolution pursuant to the Single Audit Act of 1984 and OMB Circular A-128 or A-133, where applicable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of DeRidder, State of Louisiana, sitting in regular session duly convened on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 hereby approved the Auditor’s Questionnaire for the 2008-2009 fiscal year which consists of a Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire, which has been completed by the City Administration and presented to this Council for its

approval.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council has reviewed the questionnaire and its contents and the Council does hereby approve and adopt said questionnaire, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**THUS DONE AND ADOPTED** on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 in regular session duly convened by the City Council in Council Chambers at DeRidder, Louisiana.

**ATTEST:**

**/s/ Penny R. Simmons**

**/s/ Vincent Labue**

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

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**VINCENT LABUE**  
**PRESIDENT**

President Labue opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak in favor of or in opposition to the above stated resolution. There being no response, the public hearing was closed. Councilman Siciliano made a motion to adopt the above stated resolution as presented and Councilman Rice offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ORDINANCES –**

Mr. Lestage was called upon to read in full and aloud the following ordinances before the council for consideration of introduction, to-wit:

**A) Emergency Ordinance –**

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1691  
CHARTER SERIES**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER 49 CFR 5311, NON-URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM AND/OR 49 CFR 5309, DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL PROGRAM, THROUGH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, WITH REGARD TO A MASS TRANSPORTATION PROJECT; TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT IN CONJUNCTION WITH SAID MASS TRANSPORT PROJECT; AND REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS,** the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and

**WHEREAS,** the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs; and

**WHEREAS,** it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights of 1964 and the U. S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive

procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINEDED** by the City Council of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana that:

**SECTION 1:** That the Mayor of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of DeRidder with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or Capital assistance projects pursuant to the Rural Public Transit Program, 49 CFR 5311 and/or the Discretionary Capital Program, 49 CFR 5309.

**SECTION 2:** That the Mayor of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana is hereby authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuation the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

**SECTION 3:** That the Mayor of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana is hereby authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or the project.

**SECTION 4:** That the Mayor of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana is hereby authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.

**SECTION 5:** That the Mayor of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana is hereby authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of the City of DeRidder with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects, and further, that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in conjunction with the mass Transit project.

**SECTION 6:** This Ordinance is applicable for a period of one (1) year unless revoked by the governing body and a copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the Department of Transportation and Development.

**SECTION 7:** The City of DeRidder does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents pertaining to this agreement and further, does agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the said contract which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A".

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this ordinance is adopted under the emergency procedure due to time frame established by the DOTD.

**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** by the City Council of the City of DeRidder, Louisiana in regular session duly convened in Council Chambers on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 in DeRidder, Louisiana.

**ATTEST:**  
**/s/ Penny R. Simmons**

**/s/ Vincent Labue**

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

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**VINCENT LABUE**  
**PRESIDENT**

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

President Labue stated that the motion having been unanimously approved, the emergency ordinance was considered adopted as presented and it became Emergency Ordinance No. 1691, Charter Series.

**B) Introduction –**  
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Councilman Steele 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 Councilwoman Mango offered a second. The motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows, to-wit:

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

President Labue stated that the motion having been unanimously approved, the public hearing would be set for Monday, January 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

**PAYMENTS –**

- A) **Self Insurance Fund –**  
Coburn's - \$773.37  
Purpose: repairs/replacement restroom facilities at West Park.  
  
Rapid Response Restoration - \$2,754.36  
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Councilman Siciliano made a motion to approve the above invoices for disbursement and Councilman Rice offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

**REPORTS -**

- A) **Mayor**

Mayor Roberts stated that the Development Ready Program has received the report back from the Site Selector, Mr. Jay Garner from Atlanta, Georgia, with glowing reviews. He stated that the reports have been prepared in such a superior manner that he will use DeRidder as an example for the other 11 cities on how to prepare their reports for said program. DeRidder has made a permanent impression on him. Mayor Roberts went on to commend Mr. Leon Lagneaux and Councilwoman Granger, who co-chair the Development Ready Program, for their diligent and professional work in leading the committees to this point. Everyone involved in this process has done a wonderful job in their preparation and information gathering and they are very much appreciated.

- B) **Director of Public Works**

Mr. Shellenbarger stated that he would ask for council approval for awarding a bid regarding the Lift Station Valve Replacement Project / Highway 27 and Carter Street. The bids received were as follows, to-wit: 1) Blake Hines - \$29,325; 2) Don Davis Backhoe –

\$14,262; and B. D. Keel & Son - \$8,250. The lowest bidder being B. D. Keel & Son, therefore, the award should go to said company. Councilman Siciliano made a motion to award the bid to the lowest bidder, B. D. Keel & Son at \$8,250 and Councilman Jenkins offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

He went on to inform the council that the 5 bridges located throughout West Park would be replaced with 6 foot wide passage in all steel materials.

An L GAP Grant has been approved for the purchase of property located at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Washington to enable the city to make a turn lane coming off of Pine Street to assist us in getting the large trucks off the main thoroughfare.

**C) City Council**

Councilwoman Granger stated the LDRC Program is in the strategic planning stages now and goals are being set. She was requesting input from interested parties as well as other council members regarding goals and how to accomplish them.

Councilman Siciliano stated that he would ask the administration to request the LADOTD to do another site survey on the intersection of 171 North and the entrance into Green Acres. He feels it is necessary to install a stop light at said intersection for the safety of all those residents as well as those traveling the highway in that area. It is the only entry/exit to that subdivision and it would certainly enhance the traffic flow as well as provide safety for all those using said entry/exit. He also request that he and Councilman Rice be notified of the dates and times this survey would take place.

Councilman Rice stated he would ask the Public Works Dept. to look into making repairs to sink holes on North Street. He also asked for a time frame for the sidewalk completion on North Street. Mayor Roberts interjected here that the project would be completed during this fiscal year.

Councilman Jenkins commended the police department on taking care of a drug ring problem in his district. They did an excellent job and were where they needed to be at the time things were happening. He thanked this department for their excellent handling of said matter.

**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**

**/s/ Vincent Labue**

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