

**DERIDDER CITY COUNCIL  
200 S. JEFFERSON STREET, DERIDDER, LA  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
MONDAY – NOVEMBER 9, 2009 - 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 OCTOBER 26, 2009 AS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL.**
8. **PRESENTATION –**
  - A) Jorge Quinones / Freedom Team Salute Ambassador / U.S. Army
9. **CONDEMNATIONS –**
  - A) Jonnie Bennett – 615 E. North St.(tabled 10.26.09)
  - B) Lillie Morris – 601 W. W. Batties St.(tabled 10.26.09)
  - C) Angela Roberson – Shady Lane (tabled 10.26.09)
  - D) Janice Dixon – Elm St. (tabled 10.26.09)
10. **ACCEPT / DENY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DeRidder PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION / REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY- 11.2.09 –**
  - A) Request from Jeffery Holmes for special exception use / Class B m.h. / R-3 Zone / 318 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
11. **ORDINANCES -**
  - A) **Public Hearing -**

AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA, UNDER AUTHORITY OF LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 33:171, ET SEQ., AND ANNEXING CERTAIN AREAS THERETO AS DESCRIBED MORE FULLY HEREINBELOW AS REQUESTED BY MIKE NOTHNAGEL DBA NOTHNAGEL, LLC; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.
  - B) **Public Hearing –**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF DERIDDER UNDER CHAPTER 7.5-MOBILE HOMES AND CHAPTER 15 – ZONING TO ADD STANDARDS FOR DETERMINATION OF CLASS B MOBILE HOMES; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.
  - C) **Introduction –**

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  - D) **Introduction –**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF GAGE DRIVE IN TIMBER RIDGE SUBDIVISION, AND ZOE DRIVE IN WEST MEADOWS SUBDIVISION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER/DEVELOPER, WAYNE HALL; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.
12. **REPORTS -**
  - A) **Mayor**
  - B) **Director of Public Works**
  - C) **City Engineer**
  - D) **Finance Director**
  - E) **City Council**
13. **ADJOURN**

**PUBLISH:** Sunday – November 8, 2009

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON  
MONDAY – NOVEMBER 9, 2009, 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, November 9, 2009 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; Jerry DeWitt, Community Services Director; David R. Lestage, City Attorney; Allen Shellenbarger, Director of Public Works; and Penny R. Simmons, Clerk of the Council.

President Labue called the meeting to order, called upon Councilman Steele to deliver the invocation and Mr. Jorge Quinones, Freedom Team Salute Ambassador, a representative of the U. S. Army, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VISITOR’S DOCKET –**

**A)** Mr. Sonny Jackson – contractor

Mr. Jackson addressed the council stating that he was seeking clarification on the matter of bids being presented to the city for work connected to properties that have been condemned. He was to turn in a bid on this date and found out that the work had been done just prior to the bid letting and felt that there should be some time frames established. Since he makes his living doing jobs like these, it cuts him out of the process at the last minute. He would like the city to set some rules down for said procedures. Mayor Roberts stated they would take the matter under advisement to research for a solution.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA –**

Councilman Jenkins made a motion to amend the agenda regarding Item 11(D), the ordinance needs to be done as two single items, making them Agenda Items 11 (D & E), and Councilman Siciliano offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Jenkins made a motion to amend the agenda to include two resolutions, making them Agenda Items 10 (B&C), and Councilman Rice offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 26, 2009  
AS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL.**

Councilman Rice made a motion to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of

October 26, 2009 as published in the official journal and Councilman Siciliano offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

**PRESENTATION –**

**A)** Jorge Quinones / Freedom Team Salute Ambassador / U.S. Army

Mr. Quinones addressed the council stating that he thanked all those who supported the military as well as those who have served in the military. He went on to present commendations to present Mayor Roberts, Jerry DeWitt, Community Relations Director, Kerri Broussard, mayor's assistant, and Vincent Labue, City Council President and thanked them for supporting the Army and its mission. He went on to present commendations to James Fritze and John Davison with Chief Gott accepting the awards for several other officers who were unable to attend the meeting.

**CONDEMNATIONS –**

**A)** Jonnie Bennett – 615 E. North St.(tabled 10.26.09)

The DPW stated that Mr. Bennett is prepared to make the necessary renovations to the property and is in line for a building permit and advised the council to let this matter remain on the table.

**B)** Lillie Morris – 601 W. W. Batties St.(tabled 10.26.09)

Mr. Morris stated that he would like to repair the structure and was advised to meet with the DPW this week to work out a plan and time frame for said repairs. The matter will remain on the table.

**C)** Angela Roberson – Shady Lane (tabled 10.26.09)

The DPW stated that there has been no communication from the property owner and stated that it should be condemned. Councilman Siciliano made a motion to remove the matter from the table to allow council action, Councilman Rice offered a second and the motion was unanimously approved. Councilman Jenkins made a motion to condemn said property allowing the property owner 30 days to clean/clear the property of structure and debris and Councilman Siciliano offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

**D)** Janice Dixon – Elm St. (tabled 10.26.09)

There has been no communication from Ms. Dixon, therefore, the consensus was to leave the matter on the table at this time.

**ACCEPT / DENY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DeRidder PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION / REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY- 11.2.09 –**

**A)** Request from Jeffery Holmes for special exception use / Class B m.h. / R-3 Zone / 318 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

Councilman Rice made a motion to accept the recommendations of the DeRidder Planning and Zoning Commission, allowing time for notices to be sent to the surrounding property

owners and Councilman Steele offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved. President Labue set the public hearing for this matter for Monday, November 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Lestage was called upon to read aloud and in full the following resolutions (B&C) before the council for consideration of adoption after holding a public hearing on each of them respectively, to-wit:

**B)  
A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED  
FY 2010 - FY 2011 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS,** the City of DeRidder is desirous of submitting an application to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for funding under the FY 2010 – FY 2011 LCDBG program for streets; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to pay all administrative costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program to receive one bonus point, should funding become available.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of DeRidder has hired the administrative and engineering firms of GNF Management Company, Inc. and Meyer & Associates, Inc. to assist in the preparation of said application for the fees of \$1,400.00 and \$1,500.00, respectively. An additional fee of \$35,000.00 will be paid to the administrative firm of GNF Management Company, Inc. for subsequent program administration of the LCDBG program. All fees are contingent upon funding of the project by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration under the FY 2010 or the FY 2011 LCDBG program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of DeRidder has agreed to utilize local funds to pay the above contract amount and all other administrative costs associated with the preparation and implementation of the FY 2010 – FY 2011 LCDBG program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** and known that a motion was made by Councilman Siciliano and a second was offered by Councilwoman Granger to adopt this resolution as presented with the vote to approve adoption being unanimous.

**THUS DONE AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of DeRidder in regular session duly convened on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009 in Council Chambers in DeRidder, Louisiana.

**ATTEST:**

**/S/ Penny R. Simmons**

**/S/ Vincent Labue**

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

**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. Mr. Shellenbarger gave the council a brief overview of the project in line for this grant. Councilman Siciliano made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented and Councilwoman Granger offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

**C)  
A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED FY 2010-  
FY 2011 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS,** the City of DeRidder is desirous of submitting an application to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for funding under the FY 2010 – FY 2011

LCDBG program for streets; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary to pay all engineering costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program to receive one bonus point, should funding become available.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of DeRidder has hired the engineering firm of Meyer & Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services relative to the LCDBG program. All engineering fees are established in the LCDBG application and are contingent upon funding of the project by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration under the FY 2010 or the FY 2011 LCDBG program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of DeRidder has agreed to utilize local funds to pay all engineering costs associated with the preparation and implementation of the FY 2010 – FY 2011 LCDBG program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** and known that a motion was made by Councilman Rice and a second was offered by Councilman Steele to adopt this resolution as presented with the vote to approve adoption being unanimous.

**THUS DONE AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of DeRidder in regular session duly convened on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009 in Council Chambers in DeRidder, Louisiana.

**ATTEST:**

**/S/ Penny R. Simmons**

**/S/ Vincent Labue**

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

**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. Councilman Rice made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented and Councilman Steele offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ORDINANCES –**

Mr. Lestage was called upon to read the following entitled ordinances (A&B) aloud before the council for consideration of adoption after holding a public hearing on each of them respectively, to-wit:

**A) Public Hearing -**

**AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA, UNDER AUTHORITY OF LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES 33:171, ET SEQ., AND ANNEXING CERTAIN AREAS THERETO AS DESCRIBED MORE FULLY HEREINBELOW AS REQUESTED BY MIKE NOTHNAGEL DBA NOTHNAGEL, LLC; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

The DPW requested the council table this matter in order to allow the property owner time to work out a problem with the installation of sewer service. Councilman Siciliano made a motion to table the ordinance 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 ordinance would be placed on the next council agenda (11.23.09) for council action.

**B) Public Hearing –**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1684**

CHARTER SERIES

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF DERIDDER UNDER CHAPTER 7.5-MOBILE HOMES AND CHAPTER 15 – ZONING TO ADD STANDARDS FOR DETERMINATION OF CLASS B MOBILE HOMES; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS,** the City of DeRidder does maintain the zoning ordinance for the use and protection of all property located within the corporate limits of the City of DeRidder; and

**WHEREAS,** the updates of the zoning laws and requirements shall be reflected in the Code of Ordinances of the City of DeRidder; and

**WHEREAS,** under Chapter 7.5-Mobile Homes found on page 448 in the Code of Ordinance book, the following requirements shall be added as 7.5-32.(2)a.- Definitions, to-wit:

***Standards for determinations of Class B status:***

**(2)a. A Class B mobile home shall have a minimum width, as measured across the narrowest portion of the dwelling’s main structure, of not less than fourteen (14) feet.**

**WHEREAS,** under Chapter 15-Zoning Article 15-61.Supplementary Use Regulations, found on page 1174 of the Code of Ordinance book, it shall be amended to include the following information under (5)a.-Class B Mobile Home Determination requirements, to-wit:

***(5) Class B Mobile Home Determination:***

**a. A Class B mobile home shall have a minimum width, as measured across the narrowest portion of the dwelling’s main structure, of not less than fourteen (14) feet.**

**b. Exterior finish materials of the Class B mobile home shall not reflect light of greater intensity than would be reflected from a surface painted with clean white, gloss enamel. Vinyl siding or equivalent is preferable.**

**c. Obscure from view any wheels, undercarriages, framing extensions, etc. All mobile homes shall be skirted with similar material in appearance to the mobile home exterior surface.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the City Council of the City of DeRidder does hereby approve and adopt the amendments stated in the body of this ordinance and declares that it shall be inserted into the Code of Ordinance book as herein presented.

**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 on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009 in regular session duly convened in Council Chambers in 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 Steele 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: 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 ordinance was considered adopted and it became Ordinance No.1684 , Charter Series.

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

**C) Introduction –**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DERIDDER, LOUISIANA TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH BUILDING INSPECTION GROUP, LLC, FOR PERFORMANCE OF ALL INSPECTIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION IN THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF THEIR PERFORMANCE AS THE CITY OF DERIDDER’S BUILDING OFFICIAL; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Siciliano made a motion to table above entitled ordinance to add language to said ordinance upon the advice of the city attorney, and Councilman Rice 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 ordinance was considered introduced and set the public hearing for Monday, November 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

**E) Introduction –**  
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF GAGE DRIVE IN TIMBER RIDGE SUBDIVISION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER/DEVELOPER, WAYNE HALL; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Jenkins made a motion to introduce the above entitled ordinance after the 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: 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 ordinance was considered introduced and set the public hearing for Monday, November 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

**E) Introduction –**  
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF ZOE DRIVE IN WEST

MEADOWS SUBDIVISION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER/DEVELOPER,  
WAYNE HALL; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF  
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Siciliano made a motion to introduce the above entitled ordinance after the 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 ordinance was considered introduced and set the public hearing for Monday, November 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

**REPORTS -**

**A) Mayor**

Mayor Roberts addressed the council thanking Chief Gott and his staff for cooking at the Downtown at Sundown event. They did a great job and the crowd was much bigger than expected.

On Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a Town Hall meeting at the War Memorial Civic Center regarding the DeRidder Development Ready Community Program and asked the council members to attend.

Saturday, November 14, 2009 is the Culinary Festival with 12 cooks participating. We are looking forward to a large crowd this year and again invited the council to come and participate.

**B) Director of Public Works**

Mr. Shellenbarger addressed the council stating that the parking lot is completed at the new eastside park and the lights have been installed around the walking trail. The 2009 Street Overlay Project is nearly completed. KCS is in town for the purpose of installing new crossings in the Washington Avenue area. Washington Avenue will be closed for a period of time while these installations are being made. It will be a slight inconvenience, but the crossings will be nice and smooth when completed.

**C) City Council**

Councilwoman Granger stated that there are approximately 100 citizens involved in the Development Ready City Program and their participation is greatly appreciated. She also provided each council member with a folder of pictures of different spray parks, each different in design, price and color. She will discuss more on this matter at a later date.

Councilman Rice requested that 440 feet of sidewalk be installed on North Street

to complete that portion that was already done. Mr. Shellenbarger stated that that would be done in the near future.

Councilwoman Mango stated that Lewis Street has a sharp curve in it and that the sign was overgrown and hard to see. She asked the DPW to have that portion of the road cleaned up to make the sign more visual. Also, Muldrow Street is badly overgrown and unkempt and asked the DPW to see about having that area cleaned up as well.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilman Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Siciliano offered a second. The motion was unanimously approved and President Labue declared the meeting adjourned.

**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**