

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 6, 2017

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:44 P.M. Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Robert A. Myer called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Anthony Daisy, Vernel Davis, Kurt Kellerman, Bernadine St. Cyr and Kirk White

ABSENT: None

Notice of this meeting was duly exercised and mailed per bylaws:

Agenda Amendments

Mayor Myer proposed the following amendments to the agenda.

Item 8A Aimee Moreau – Report on LA State Triathlon

Item 12A Bernadine St. Cyr – Summer Youth Education Program

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Daisy.

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 16, 2017

Adoption of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June May 16, 2017 was deferred.

Engineer's Report

Cletus Langlois reported on the following.

Memorial Boulevard – Mr. Langlois requested that the proposal be rejected.

Motion by Ms. St. Cyr and seconded by Mr. Daisy.

RESOLVED, That the proposal be rejected.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: **None**

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Sixth Street Lift Station – An update will be presented at the next meeting.

Jason Field, PE of Moffatt & Nichol – Update on Crossing Safety Corridor Proposal

The Crossing Safety Corridor proposal is a collaboration between Kansas City Southern Railroad, Union Pacific, LA Department of Transportation and Development and the city.

The aforementioned entities have proposed a railroad corridor crossing safety project that includes installation of new crossing signals and gates, construction of new road segments, and closure of certain railroad crossings. This proposal increases safety for the community by addressing every railroad crossing with the city limits. The crossing closures in conjunction with the new road segments to be constructed are spread out to maintain overall connectivity throughout the city. Crossing closures include those on Berthier, Richey, Court, Pennsylvania and Oak Streets. New crossing signals and gates will be installed on all crossings which do not presently include same.

After some discussion, the following motion was offered by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Kellerman.

RESOLVED, That a resolution to accept a recommendation to accept the proposal be adopted.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a public hearing be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Les Cantrell – Resolution in support of Industrial Tax Exemption Program

Mr. Cantrell gave a brief presentation on the Industrial Tax Exemption program and requested that a resolution be adopted in support of the program.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. St. Cyr.

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Aimee Moreau – LA State Triathlon

Ms. Moreau reported on the results of a survey conducted after the event. She also thanked the city, the police department, the public works department and the Sheriff's office for their assistance and support.

Approve the Pointe Coupee Banner as the Official Journal for the city as required by LA R.S. 43:141 and LA R.S. 43:142 effective July 1, 2017

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Kellerman.

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Banner be appointed the city's official journal.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Payoff of 2007 Electric Revenue Bonds

Mayor Myer announced that the city had remitted its final payment to pay off the 2007 Electric Revenue Bonds prior to conducting a "bond burning" ceremony.

Update on Riverdale Subdivision

Mayor Myer stated that the questions about the quality of work at the Riverdale Subdivision were out of place. He presented a letter from the building inspector attesting to the quality of work performed by the contractor and a copy of his inspections/permits.

Update on Summer Employment Programs

Mayor Myer reported that the 2017 summer programs have experienced an increase in applicants. He also informed the council that he has been invited to make a presentation on the summer programs at the state capitol on June 9th.

Bernadine St. Cyr – Summer Youth Education program

Ms. St. Cyr presented a proposal from Nikita Dukes to conduct educational workshops at the local schools and summer programs. The amount requested was \$3,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Daisy and seconded by Mr. Kellerman.

RESOLVED, That the funding request be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Update on Art Exhibit at the Visitor Center

Mayor Myer announced that the art works of C.C. Lockwood will be on exhibit at the visitors center. An open house and a lecture by Mr. Lockwood is scheduled for July 20th.

Committee Reports

Mr. White gave a report on the June 1, 2017 commission meeting.

Council Reports

Ms. St. Cyr reported on the need for repairs at the civic center.

Mr. Daisy also reported on the damaged restroom facility at the civic center and the need for cameras. He mentioned the interviews of the student applicants for the summer program.

Mayor Myer reported that the barge had been removed and thanked Coastal Bridge for assisting with the removal.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Robert A. Myer, Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson