

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

September 3, 2024

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Theron Smith called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

PRESENT: James Hunter, Joy Nelson, Kurt Kellreman and Cleotha Johnigan

ABSENT: Kirk White

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

Public comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of August 20, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 20, 2024 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Motion by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Johnigan.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be approved in their entirety.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Agenda Amendment(s)

Mayor Smith proposed the following amendment(s) to the agenda.

Item 6A – Appointment of Chief of Police

Motion by Mr. Johnigan and seconded by Ms. Nelson.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Hunter, Johnigan, Kellerman and Nelson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: White

On a vote of 4-0-0-1, the motion carried

Discussion of utility bills and process used to mail out and due dates

Mayor Smith gave the council a copy of the results of the city's research on this matter. He asked the council to review the information and deferred the discussion to the September 17, 2024 meeting.

Appointment of Chief of Police

Mayor Smith called for the appointment of Louis Hamilton as the new Chief of Police.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Hunter and Nelson
NAYS: Johnigan and Kellerman
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: White

On a vote of 2-2-0-1, the motion carried

Due to a tie vote, Mayor Smith voted to approve the appointment.

Committee Reports

Cletus Langlois reported that the city was approved for additional funding for the Water Sector water/sewer projects.

Council Reports

Mr. Johnigan asked everyone to join him in offering condolences to Brusly council member, Blake Tassin, on the loss of his four year old son.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith commented on the New Roads Connect app and encouraged everyone to sign up for the free application.

He offered his condolences to the family of Mr. Jules Hurst. Mr. Hurst was the first African American Chief of Police in New Roads. Lastly, he welcomed Mr. Hamilton to the city.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



Theron Smith
Mayor



Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer