

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 2026

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, May 19, 2026 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, Cleotha Johnigan, Jr. , Kurt Kellerman, Joy Nelson and Kirk White

ABSENT: None

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

There were no public comments.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of May 5, 2026

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 5, 2026 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Johnigan.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

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

Agenda Amendment(s)

Item 8A – Discussion of moving the site of the Harvest Festival.

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

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Proclamation – Recognizing June 2nd as Mississippi River Day

Mayor Smith read and presented a proclamation declaring June 2nd as Mississippi Rifer Day to Mindy Lacour of the P.C. Historical Society.

Discussion of Lift Station Project (K. Kellerman)

Joseph Lutz and Steven Linderman of Owen & White appeared before the council to address the issues surrounding the completion of the Water/Sewer Lift Station projects.

The discussion resulted in the scheduling of a Public Works Committee meeting for Wednesday, March 27, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Discussion of moving the site of the Harvest Festival

Mr. Kellerman proposed to move the location of the Harvest Festival to the Scott Civic Center. He stated that the city needs to try something new as the downtown merchants have financially suffered through the years.

He stated that it would be easier and safer if the festival was moved. Shortening the time from three days to two days was also discussed.

Further discussion resulted in a suggestion to have Mr. Kellerman visit the facility to plan it out.

Committee Reports

Mr. White reported that the Airport commission is working on the acquisition of an additional 3.5 acres of land.

Mr. Kellerman reported that future events were discussed at a Chamber of Commerce meeting held earlier.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith reported that representatives from Pelican Waste will be providing meals for public employees beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the park pavilion on Major Parkway.

He reminded everyone of "Vibes on False River" concert on Friday, May 22nd from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Also, the LMA (LA Municipal Association) district meeting scheduled for June 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Addis Community Center.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Theron Smith
Mayor



Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer