

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 16, 2018

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Anthony Daisy called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Vernell Davis, Kurt Kellerman, Bernadine St. Cyr and Kirk White

ABSENT: Elmer G. Dixon

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

Kevin L. Celestine James – Announce candidacy for 18th Judicial District Judge in “Division B”

Due to the inclement weather, Mrs. James was not in attendance.

Tom Acosta - Announce candidacy for 18th Judicial District Judge in “Division B”

Due to the inclement weather, Mr. Acosta was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of January 2, 2018

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 2, 2018 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be approved in their entirety.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Dixon

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

Engineer's Report

Cletus Langlois reported that he is currently gathering information on the city's sewer lift stations and has scheduled an inspection of the Riverdale Subdivision for next week.

Poydras Farms, LLC c/o Barry Berthelot – Final Approval of Subdivision Request

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

RESOLVED, that the council recommend that Lisa Bryant accept the request with the condition that no variances be allowed.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

John Lowman of Crown Restaurants, LLC – Application to waive Burger King sign requirements

Mr. Lowman appeared before the council to request approval to install a 12' sign instead of a 10' sign. After some discussion, the following motion was offered.

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. White that the waiver be granted.

A substitute motion was offered by Ms. St. Cyr but failed due to lack of a second.

Mr. Kellerman withdrew his motion.

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

RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Board, Commission and Committee Appointments/Reappointments

The following appointments were submitted for approval.

Fire District #5 - Greg Johnson

Historic District Commission – Richard Gibbs

Planning & Zoning Commission – Ben Farrar

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

RESOLVED, That the appointments be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Mayor Daisy announced the appointments to city committees. The committees are Finance, Personnel, Public Works and Parks/Recreation/Civic Center.

Presentation/Introduction of 2018 Budget Amendment

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

RESOLVED, That the budget amendment be introduced.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a public hearing be held on February 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

City of New Roads Telephone System

Mr. Davis voiced his concerns for the new telephone system and the need to hire someone to answer the telephones.

Discussion of city credit card audit

Mr. Kellerman recommended that the city hire a firm to perform an audit. After some discussion, the following motion was offered.

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

RESOLVED, That an audit be performed by city auditors.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Discussion of train safety and emergency planning

It was recently brought to the city's attention that there some safety issues on some sections of the track that runs through New Roads. As a result, Sal Rinaudo emailed Kansas City Southern to inform them of these issues.

Mayor Daisy read the response from Kansas City Southern that simply thanked the city for bringing the matter to their attention.

Kurt Kellerman commended the fire department, police department, sheriff's office and all other first responders for their assistance during the derailment.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Daisy reminded everyone of the Mayor's Impact Award Banquet scheduled for January 18, 2018.

Council Reports

Mr. Kellerman reported that the lights at Memorial Boulevard are still out.

**Ms. St. Cyr questioned the opening of Obama Drive.
Mr. Davis requested the installation of “road humps” on Obama Drive. He also asked for a cost comparison on road humps versus speed bumps.**

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**Anthony Daisy
Mayor**

**Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer**