

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 5, 2019

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Cornell Dukes called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Vernell Davis, Kurt Kellerman, Theron Smith and Kirk White

ABSENT: Joy Nelson

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

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2019

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 15, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. White.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Davis, Kellerman, Nelson, Smith and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was unanimously carried.

Engineer's Report

Cletus Langlois reported on the following:

Major Parkway Lift Station – Pumps should be received by next week.

Fairfield Avenue Lift Station – Compiling a cost estimate packet to construct a shelter for the facility.

Ms. Nelson in at 5:33

Tammy Fabre – Announcement of candidacy for LA House of Representatives District 18

Mrs. Fabre appeared before the council to introduce herself and to announce her candidacy for LA House of Representatives.

Chelsea Grant, Miss Louisiana Earth – Main Street Cleanup Project

Ms. Grant appeared before the council to convey her organization's mission to promote environmental stewardship. She also expressed her interest in conducting a city cleanup event along with students from the Southern University Law Center.

Michael Olinde of Massad Olinde Health Insurance – Open Enrollment Review

Mr. Olinde gave an overview of the recent open enrollment process and mentioned his plans to present quarterly reports to the council.

Discussion of Animal Control Services Agreement between the City and Troy LeCoq

Mayor Dukes presented a resolution and agreement to once again contract with Mr. LeCoq for animal control services.

After some discussion, the matter was deferred.

Resolution – Appointment of Director and Alternate Director to Louisiana Energy & Power Authority Board

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

RESOLVED, That Mayor Dukes be appointed the Director and Paul Seawell the Alternate Director.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution – Appointment of Director and Alternate Director to Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority Board

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

RESOLVED, That Mayor Dukes be appointed the Director and Salvador Rinaudo, Jr. be appointed the Alternate Director.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion and consideration of increasing NSF Fee (D. Malden)

Ms. Malden recommended that the city increase the NSF fee from \$16.00 to \$25.00 or 5% of the check amount. The \$16.00 fee has been in place for over a decade.

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

RESOLVED, That the NSF fee be increased to twenty five dollars (\$25.00) or five (5%) of the face amount of the check, whichever is greater.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Reports

Chief of Police

Kevin McDonald reported on the preparations for the annual Mardi Gras celebration.

Public Works Director

Sal Rinaudo reported on the upcoming kick off meeting for the Industrial Park project, the railroad lease, and the negotiations for a joint contract with the parish for solid waste collection.

He also mentioned that two more “welcome” signs should be received by the end of the month, his attendance at the LA Municipal Gas Authority meeting on February 6th, DOTD striping of Main Street, options for new street lights, and the

purchase of a street sweeper.

Committee

Mr. White reported that the airport project is underway and the airport should re-open later this month.

Council Reports

Mr. Davis reported a sign in the ditch at the corner of Railroad Avenue.

Mr. Smith reported on a storm drain at Parent and St. Mary street that has a gap between the drain and the dirt.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

**Cornell Dukes
Mayor**

**Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer**