

**MINUTES**

**CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**September 5, 2017**

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:40 P.M. Tuesday, September 5, 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, Vernell Davis, Kurt Kellerman, Bernadine St. Cyr and Kirk White

**ABSENT:** None

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

**Agenda Amendment(s)**

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

**Item 10 Adoption of resolution authorizing the city to extend the current Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Franchise Agreement.**

Motion by Ms. St. Cyr 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 June 20, 2017 and August 15, 2017**

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 20, 2017 and August 15, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

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.

**Derrick Edwards – Announcement of Candidacy for State Treasurer**

Mr. Edwards postponed his appearance.

**Engineer's Report**

Cletus Langlois reported on the following.

Sixth Street Lift Station – The windows have been installed and the panel door is still awaiting repairs.

False River Sidewalk – Plans for sidewalk repairs have been submitted to the state for approval.

Riverdale Subdivision – A site visit made after the last city council meeting has revealed that the contractor is still redesigning several features.

Sewer Stations – Researching all sewer stations and gathering costs to prepare packages.

**Approval of Periodic Estimate of Payment for R.J. Daigle & Sons Contractors, Inc.**

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

RESOLVED, That the periodic estimate of payment 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.

**Yvonne Chenevert – Acceptance of grant from LaDOTD**

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

RESOLVED, That the grant be accepted.

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 resolution authorizing the city to extend the current Pointe Coupee Electric Membership Franchise Agreement**

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

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.

**Discussion and consideration of condemnation of blighted/abandoned properties**

**A. Florence Poydras Day – Property located at 509 Joyce Street**

Ms. Day was not in attendance. After a brief discussion, the following motion was offered.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Davis.

**RESOLVED**, That the city proceed with the condemnation process.

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.

**B. Gwendolyn Jones c/o Carolyn Bridgewater – Property located at 510 St. Jude Street**

Along with her brother, Ms. Bridgewater was in attendance and requested additional time to renovate the property.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the property owner be given 60 days to submit a loan/grant application to USDA for funds to renovate.

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.

**C. Norbert Victorine – Property located at 504 St. Jude Street**

Mr. Victorine was not in attendance. Ms. St. Cyr requested that the matter be deferred and she be granted time to speak with the family regarding the property.

**D. John A. Blanchard – Property located at 211 Community Street**

Mr. Blanchard was not in attendance. Mr. White requested that the matter be deferred and he be granted time to speak with the family regarding the property.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Myer clarified the comments about Riverdale Subdivision and the use of hardy

product for the building façade.

Mr. Kellerman stated that “the developers promised curb and gutter, subsurface drainage which is not done at this point. One, I don’t think its gonna be done but I’ll wait until the project is over with. Master irrigation system was promised which I’ve not seen yet again he might do it. I’ll wait until this is over. He promised architectural shingles which he did and he also promised a metal/iron fence around the entire property which I’m sure he’s gonna do that”.

### **Council Reports**

Ms. St. Cyr requested that the city proceed with extending sidewalks from Rosenwald Elementary to Singletary Street. Cletus Langlois was asked to prepare a cost estimate.

Mr. Kellerman requested a copy of the financial report that includes vendor names. He also asked about an agreement with Kansas City Railroad that provides for grass cutting in exchange for drainage work. Lastly, he stated that the Hospital Road drainage issues need to be discussed with the state.

Mr. Daisy asked why the new police officers were not in attendance and requested that they attend the next meeting.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Robert A. Myer, Mayor

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Lynette H. Nelson