

MINUTES

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

January 21, 2020

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, January 21, 2020 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, Joy Nelson, Theron Smith and Kirk White

ABSENT: None

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

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of January 7, 2020

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 7, 2020 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman, and Davis

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Application for Beer and/or Liquor License – Isidro Rebollar, Owner LaCocina De Maria Mexican Restaurant

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

RESOLVED, That application be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman, and Davis

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Pelican Waste & Debris – Update on Voltaire residence repairs

Brian Willis informed the council that the aforementioned matter has been handed over to the company's attorneys.

Adoption of Resolution authorizing the City of New Roads to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the P.C. Parish School Board through which the city will be allowed use of Rosenwald Park

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted contingent upon said parcel ground as reflected on the attached sketch.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman, and Davis
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Adoption of Resolution authorizing the City of New Roads to enter into a local Services agreement with the Parish of Pointe Coupee under which the City shall be granted ownership of certain recreational equipment owned by the parish

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman, and Davis
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Committee Reports

Mr. White reported that construction at the airport will begin on February 10th and should be completed in 90 days.

Council Reports

Ms. Nelson requested an update on the Berthier Street railroad issue. Mayor Dukes stated that a meeting with the property owners is scheduled for January 22nd at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. White requested an update on the Hendricks Cable project. Paul Seawell explained that the new system will improve the electrical infrastructure in Major Subdivision.

Mr. White also requested an update on the issue involving several fences in Major Subdivision that are encroaching the city's right of way. Cletus Langlois explained the issue and called for a resolution authorizing the city attorney to draft a letter to the residents regarding removal of the fence from the city's right of way.

Agenda Amendment(s)

Mayor Dukes proposed the following amendment to the agenda.

Item 11A Resolution authorizing the city attorney to draft a letter to the residents regarding the removal of all structures within the city servitude to allow city access.

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

RESOLVED, that the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Kellerman, Nelson, White and Davis
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Resolution authorizing the city attorney to draft a letter to the residents regarding the removal of all structures within the city servitude to allow city access

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman, and Davis
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Agenda Amendment(s)

Mayor Dukes proposed the following amendment to the agenda.

Item 11B Tracy Edwards

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

RESOLVED, that the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Kellerman, Nelson, White and Davis
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Tracy Edwards

Ms. Edwards appeared before the council to address Mr. Davis for his comments about her expressed in the January 7, 2020 meeting.

Ms. Nelson stated that “you all the constituents, the residents of Parish of Pointe Coupee, within the city in the City of New Roads and we didn’t have Attorney Jewell her last meeting. I just want to clarify something with you all and I want it spread out in the community. Myself, Joy Nelson, I do not have authority or jurisdiction to hire and fire any police officers, any city employees. If I’m not mistaken, and correct me if I’m wrong Attorney Jewell, that’s under the jurisdiction of the Mayor and the chief of police and that’s all the verification to substantiate my statement cause I want the public to know I don’t have authority to hire and fire police officers.”

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Dukes asked “that no one come to the meeting with hearsay conversations. I do not want hearsay. This forum is not for hearsay. We are here to deal with policy and procedures that come before this board.”

Mayor Dukes thanked the staff, the community and the Level Up group for organizing the Patrick Queen event. He also commended the NAACP for the Dr. Martin Luther King Day event.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion was offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Kellerman to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Cornell Dukes
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer