

**MINUTES**

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

**February 18, 2020**

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, February 18, 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:

**“A Black History Moment” in observance of Black History Month**

Students from Rosenwald Elementary portrayed several famous African Americans to include Harriett Tubman and Ernest Gaines. Under the direction of Mrs. Sandra Herbert, the Rosenwald choir performed several songs.

Alyssa Albert, the granddaughter of Mayor Pro Tem Theron Smith, read a poem by Paul Dunbar.

Mayor Dukes thanked the parents for their participation in the presentations and called for a moment of silence “to work together and build our educational system so that we all can be prosperous”.

**Agenda Amendment(s)**

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

Item 17A Executive Session  
Item 17B Advertise to sell a golf cart

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

**RESOLVED**, That the agenda be amended.

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.

**Public Hearing – Presentation by Planning & Zoning for the approval of the Conditional use application for a mobile home permit located at 503 Singletary Street**

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Conditional use application be approved.

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

**Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of February 4, 2020**

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 4, 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.

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

**Public Comments on agenda items**

There were no public comments.

**Mr. George Lacour – Property Concern**

Mr. Lacour deferred his comments or actions since the request was approved.

**Ratification of Board, Commission and Committee Appointments**

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

RESOLVED, That the appointments be ratified.

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

**Adoption of Resolution – Authorizing the City of New Roads to accept the donation of a servitude for road and utility purposes between Berthier Street and West End Drive, and to further provide with respect thereto – Salario**

**Adoption of Resolution – Authorizing the City of New Roads to accept the donation of a servitude for road and utility purposes between Berthier Street and West End Drive, and to further provide with respect thereto – Abundantly Blessed**

**Adoption of Resolution – Authorizing the City of New Roads to purchase real property and to further provide with respect thereto**

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

RESOLVED, That the resolutions be adopted contingent upon the mortgage company's approval.

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

**Adoption of Resolution – Authorizing the City of New Roads to sell a surplus tank and to further provide with respect thereto**

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

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

**Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

**Council Reports**

Mr. Kellerman requested an update on the oxidation pond and was informed that the odor was not from the city's pond.

**Agenda Amendment(s)**

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

Item 16A Reversal of One Way Traffic on Court Street

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended.

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.

**Reversal of Traffic Flow**

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

RESOLVED, That the connecting road from New Roads Street to Court Street be a one way street from east to west.

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

**Mayor's Report**

The new bucket truck and tractor has been delivered. Lundi Gras activities will be highlighted on Fox 44 on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:50 a.m.

**Executive Session**

The regular meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:25 p.m.

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.

The council reconvened into regular session at 6:45 p.m.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Cornell Dukes  
Mayor

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Lynette H. Nelson  
Secretary-Treasurer