

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2019

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Cornell Dukes called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

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

ABSENT: None

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

Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of June 4, 2019

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

The motion was unanimously carried.

Agenda Amendment(s)

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

Item #4A Public Comment

Motion by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Smith.

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Nelson, Smith, Kellerman, Davis and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Public Comment

Desiree Lemoine of Pointe Coupee Electric Membership appeared before the council to respond to questions about a recent advertisement that read "Do you know you may have a choice in utility providers".

She stated that the advertisement is a part of her organization's marketing campaign and is no way in competition with the franchise agreement with the city.

Engineer's Report

Cletus Langlois reported that the coating process for the Major Parkway Lift Station project will begin in three days. He also reported that he is working on plans on the Giselle and Gretchen Street drainage issues.

Representative Jeremy Lacombe – Update on 2019 Legislative Session

Mr. Lacombe gave a recap of the 2019 legislative session that included the following items:

- Redirection of eight million dollars in BP oil money to various projects.
- \$125 million to West Baton Rouge for the Hwy. 415 connector project.
- Annexation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Port with the Greater Baton Rouge Port.
- Capital Outlay appropriation of \$12 million dollars to Pointe Coupee Parish for various projects.
- \$20 million dollars budgeted for programs for 0 – 3 year olds.
- Teacher pay raise of \$1000.00.
- Support staff and personnel pay raise of \$500.00.
- Foster care age increase to 21 years old

In closing, Mr. Lacombe announced his plans to run in the October 2019 election.

Adopt the millage rate(s)

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

RESOLVED, That the millage rate be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Council Report

Mr. Kellerman commented on the clean up event and requested a letter to DOTD re double yellow lines from West End Drive to Major Parkway.

Mr. Smith acknowledged Mrs. Iola Thomas on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

Ms. Nelson questioned the letters that were mailed regarding unpaid traffic tickets. Mayor Dukes explained the reason why the letters were mailed and that new data entry software has been installed to resolve the issue.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dukes offered a special thank you to Mr. Kellerman for securing food for the clean up event. He also commended Ms. Louisiana Earth for her participation. Lastly, he reminded everyone of the False River Rotary Prayer Breakfast scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Cornell Dukes
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer