

## MINUTES

### CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

November 5, 2019

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

**ABSENT:** None

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

A moment of silence was held in memory of Pointe Coupee parish native and world renowned author, Mr. Ernest Gaines.

#### Agenda Amendment

Mayor Dukes proposed the following amendments to the agenda.

- Item 6A Stacy Allen – Complaints of crime and grass cutting at inappropriate times
- Item 7A 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
- Item 7B 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.
- Item 7C Approval of filming contract between City of New Roads and Eightboat Productions, LLC

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

**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.

#### Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of October 15, 2019

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 15, 2019 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 – Reyna Vallejo dba Mi Ranchito Grocery & Taqueria**

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

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

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

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

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

**Stacy Allen – Complaints of crime and grass cutting at inappropriate times**

**Mrs. Allen was not in attendance. On her behalf, Ms. Nelson reported on the ongoing vehicle burglaries and grass cutting at 6:30 a.m. on the weekend. She stated that the residents on Main Street maintain their own properties and have requested that the contractor be assigned to other areas of the city.**

**Adoption of Resolution appropriating funds to satisfy litigation**

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

**RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.**

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

**YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman, Davis 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 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 Ms. Nelson and seconded by Mr. White.**

**RESOLVED, That adoption of the resolution be deferred.**

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

**YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Kellerman, Davis 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 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 Ms. Nelson and seconded by Mr. White.**

**RESOLVED, That adoption of the resolution be deferred.**

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

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

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

**Approval of filming contract between City of New Roads and Eightboat Productions, LLC**

**Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. Smith.**

**RESOLVED, That the contract be approved.**

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

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

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

### **Committee Reports**

**Mr. White reported on the bid opening for a new contractor for the airport rehabilitation project. He also informed the council that Yvonne Chenevert was recently awarded the Louisiana Excellence in Aviation Award.**

### **Council Reports**

**Ms. Nelson requested an update on the clean up of a vacant lot on Rita Street and tall grass at 709 Tuminello Street. She requested that the council declare an emergency and have the city clean up the aforementioned properties.**

**Mr. Davis requested an update on the incident at the Voltaire residence on Louis Street and was informed that the police reports have been sent to the company responsible for the incident. It was requested that representatives from Pelican Waste appear at the next council meeting to address numerous complaints.**

**Mr. Kellerman commented on the agenda and timely delivery.**

**Mr. White requested an update on the Harvest Festival.**

### **Engineer's Report**

Cletus Langlois reported that the Railroad Projects is proceeding as planned and should be completed no later than December 4, 2019.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dukes acknowledged the passing of Mr. Emmett "Bozo" Jarreau and recognized all veterans for their service to the country.

A presentation was made to members of the STEM Academy soccer team for volunteering at the annual Harvest Festival.

Mayor Dukes offered his appreciation and thanks to the sponsors, volunteers, vendors, staff, police department and attendees. He stated that the attendance was estimated at 70,000. In closing, he stated "that the festival was not done for the city to profit but to bring people in to visit."

Mr. Kellerman requested a financial report.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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**Cornell Dukes**  
**Mayor**

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**Lynette H. Nelson**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**