

MINUTES

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

November 19, 2019

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, November 19, 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, Joy Nelson, Theron Smith and Kirk White

ABSENT: Kurt Kellerman

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

Agenda Amendment(s)

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

Item 7A Introduction of 2020 Budget

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White and Davis

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kellerman

On a vote of 4-0-0-1, the motion carried.

Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of November 5, 2019

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 5, 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 and Davis

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kellerman

On a vote of 4-0-0-1, the motion carried.

Kenneth St. Romain – Discussion of St. Mary/Kiwanis Park Pavilion

Mr. St. Romain appeared before the council to request that the city assume responsibility for the St. Mary/Kiwanis Park Pavilion. According to Mr. St. Romain's research, the property is leased to the city as part of a 99 year lease agreement with St. Mary's Catholic Church.

After some discussion, Mayor Dukes asked if the organization would be willing to partner with the city in an effort to "spruce up" the area. Mr. St. Romain will discuss the request with the Kiwanis Club members and report back to the Mayor.

Brian Willis of Pelican Waste – Discussion of Citizen Complaints

Mr. Willis appeared before the council to respond to several complaints of the services provided by Pelican Waste.

One such complaint involved the dumping of garbage at NRG Field at Community Park after the breakdown of one of the trucks. After being contacted by a resident, the public works director contacted Pelican Waste about returning to the area to clean up the garbage.

Mayor Dukes reminded Pelican Waste to make sure that this type of incident doesn't happen again.

Mr. Kellerman joined the meeting at 6:00.

Introduction of 2020 Budget

Tommy Lejeune of Faulk & Winkler introduced the 2020 budget and informed the council that a public hearing to adopt the budget would be held at the second meeting in December.

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

Adoption of the resolution was deferred.

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

Adoption of the resolution was deferred.

Committee Reports

Mr. White reported that the lowest bidder for the airport rehabilitation project was Barber Brothers.

Council Reports

Ms. Nelson thanked Paul Seawell and the public works department employees for taking care of the issues on Rita and Singletary Street.

Mr. Davis thanked Paul Seawell for installing street signs.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dukes offered his condolences to the family of Emmitt "Bozo" Jarreau and read a proclamation that will annually observe November 5th as "Ernest Gaines Day".

Wind Retrofit & Safe Room Project - This project was awarded to Mougeot Architecture and will begin soon.

Holiday Market at the Mill – The event will be held at the Oil Mill site on November 22nd to 24th.

WAFB Road Trip – The televised event will begin at 4:30 a.m. on Friday, November 22nd.

Film Production – The mayor extended his appreciation to the production company for contributing to the city’s economy during the recent filming.

Motion by Ms. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Davis that the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**Cornell Dukes
Mayor**

**Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer**