

## MINUTES

### CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 2, 2021

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Cornell Dukes called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

**PRESENT:** Kurt Kellerman, Theron Smith and Kirk White

**ABSENT:** Vernell Davis and Joy Nelson

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

#### Public comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

#### Consider additional suspension of public hearings in regard to mobile home permits

Mr. Smith requested that the waiver of public hearings for conditional use permits be extended.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the public hearing requirement be suspended for an additional three months.

On a vote of 3-0-0-2, the motion carried.

#### Discussion of speeding on Gisele Street

Mr. Kellerman reported several complaints of speeding motorists on Gisele Street and requested that the police department continue to patrol the area.

#### Discussion of Car Show

George Miller reported that eighty (80) individuals have pre-registered for the car show.

#### Discussion of LEPA Contract

Mayor Dukes reported that LEPA and CLECO are preparing a proposal for power generation.

Paul Seawell reported that a consultant has been retained to study said proposals to ensure the city is making the right decision.

#### Discussion of Police Department relocation

Several council members questioned the decision to relocate the police department. Mayor Dukes stated that the decision to relocate was "another opportunity to work with the parish".

Kevin McDonald stated that the new office will also house the sheriff's office and the registrar of voters.

**Discussion of recent freeze and the power plant**

Mr. Kellerman questioned the actions taken to prepare the power plant for the winter storm.

Mayor Dukes and Paul Seawell reported that employees are being trained to operate the plant.

Mr. Kellerman requested a “direction on power plant by the next meeting”.

**Discussion of Parkway Project**

Paul Seawell explained that the project was delayed due to the weather but will be completed by the weekend.

Mr. White and Mr. Smith requested that the council have input on project construction and design.

Mr. White also asked why the “Council Reports” section was removed from the agenda.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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**Cornell Dukes**  
**Mayor**

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