

## MINUTES

### CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 3, 2021

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, August 3, 2021 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:

#### Public comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

#### Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of July 20, 2021

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 20, 2021 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.

#### Discussion on resolution regarding the Mayor's driver (Mr. White)

Mr. White yielded his time to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith asked that the Mayor respond to the public allegations in relation to the detail, the amount of taxpayer funds used to pay for the detail, and the improper use of the detail.

Mayor Dukes stated that he would not be a part of a "witch hunt".

Further discussion of this matter resulted in the following motion.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Kellerman that a committee be appointed to draft an ordinance.

The city attorney stated that a committee is not needed.

**Presentation to Mr. Leon Dixon, Sr. (Mayor Dukes)**

Roger Dixon was in attendance and accepted a plaque in recognition of his father's 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Mr. Leon Dixon, Sr. observed his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on July 27, 2021.

**Discussion on city police officers seen outside the city limits (Mr. White)**

Mr. White yielded his time to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith directed his questions to Kevin McDonald regarding reports of city police responding to calls outside of the city limits.

Mr. Kellerman requested that a report of all calls outside the city limits be submitted at the next council meeting.

**A review of never seen purchases made by Councilman Kirk White on city credit card Discussion on resolution regarding the Mayor's driver (Mr. White)**

Mayor Dukes stated that he would not address the matter and removed the item from the agenda.

Mr. White stated that there is absolutely no basis to the item and he appreciated the removal of the item from the agenda. He further stated that he has been portrayed as having used the city credit card for personal use and clarified the purpose of the charge in question.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dukes called for comments from Joy Nelson and George Miller on the retreat that was held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

The city council retreat featured presentations by representatives of CSRS, Inc. and Faulk and Winkler. Special appearances were made by John Gallagher, Executive Director of the Louisiana Municipal Association and Representative Jeremy Lacombe.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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Cornell Dukes  
Mayor

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Lynette H. Nelson  
Secretary-Treasurer