

MINUTES

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

August 17, 2021

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, August 17, 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

Mr. Gerald Humphries voiced his concerns for not receiving his utility bill and for receiving a disconnect notice. The documents were handed to the Mayor to have staff research the matter and refund him any late fees assessed.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of August 3, 2021

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 3, 2021 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Susan Early – Concerns for unlicensed and unqualified businesses

Mayor Dukes stated that Mrs. Early requested to be removed from the agenda.

Introduction of proposed ordinance and scheduling public hearing re mayor's use of city personnel as his drivers

AN ORDINANCE

To prohibit the use of security personnel by the mayor.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of New Roads, Louisiana:

SECTION 1. The mayor may not use city employees, including but not limited to police personnel, hereafter "security personnel", while on duty to drive him or to otherwise accompany him, except as authorized from time to time by the city council. No security personnel shall receive pay for service prohibited by this ordinance from city funds.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Should any provisions of this ordinance, or the application thereof, be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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

RESOLVED, That the ordinance be introduced and a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Committee Reports

Mr. White reported that he had met with Rep. Lacombe regarding the boat launch and possible funding to repair the structure. Further discussion resulted in a decision to move forward with securing the funds.

Mr. Smith reported on the LCDBG grant funding application.

Mr. Kellerman reported on the informative boater safety meeting he attended at the Sandbar.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dukes thanked everyone for the team efforts to fight COVID 19 and encouraged social distancing and safety. In closing, he asked everyone to pray for Haiti and Afghanistan.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Cornell Dukes
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer