

MINUTES

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

September 7, 2021

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, September 7, 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.

Presentation of memorial plaque to the family of Mr. Elie Part

Mayor Dukes and the council presented a plaque to Nicholas Part and Marie Lindsley in memory of their father, Mr. Elie Part.

Public Hearing – Adoption of Ordinance to prohibit the use of security personnel by the Mayor

An ordinance to prohibit the use of security personnel by the mayor was presented for adoption.

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

RESOLVED, That the ordinance be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Kellerman and White

NAYS: Davis and Nelson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of August 17, 2021

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 17, 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.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion of the readiness of the power plant (K. White)

Mr. White questioned the status of his recommendation to have staff perform weekly maintenance at the power plant.

Discussion of Louisiana One Call and delays in completing service requests (K. White)

Mr. White questioned the length of time it takes LA One Call to respond to service calls.

PickleBall Update (V. Davis)

Several members and ambassadors of the local PickleBall team appeared at the meeting to thank the city for its contribution to the sport.

Discussion of work orders submitted by council members (K. White)

Mr. White questioned the response time to complete work orders and why city council members have to submit work order requests with the cashiers.

Mayor Dukes stated that council members are not allowed to direct day to day operations, as this slows down our work order process. As a result, all work orders should be requested using the proper procedures and not by contacting individual employees.

Appointment to Historic District Commission

Mayor Dukes called for the appointment of Carol Triola Langlois and Brandy Blanchard.

Committee Reports

Mr. White reported that the airport had received bids for the new project.

Council Reports

Ms. Nelson questioned Myron Lambert of P.C. Electric on the manner in which the company responded to complaints/service calls during Hurricane Ida.

Mr. Kellerman expressed his appreciation to P.C. Electric for the assistance it provides to the city.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dukes called for a round of applause for those individuals that "kept the lights on" during Hurricane Ida. In addition, he announced that a COVID vaccine event would be held on September 9th from 11:00 to 2:00 at Emmitt Douglas Park.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Cornell Dukes
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer