

MINUTES

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

February 15, 2022

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, February 15, 2022 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, Joy Nelson, Theron Smith and Kirk White

ABSENT: Vernell Davis

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

Public comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

Agenda Amendment

Mayor Dukes proposed the following amendment to the agenda.

Item 5A Black History Month Skit

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

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, and Kellerman

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Davis

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

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of February 1, 2022

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 1, 2022 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.

Black History Month Skit

In observance of Black History Month, Jelanie Joseph and Jarvis Joseph portrayed American abolitionist and political activist, Harriet Tubman and American author, Ernest Gaines.

Mia Ruffin – Introduction of CRPC (Capital Region Planning Commission)

Ms. Ruffin gave a presentation on the broadband infrastructure and the method to test and measure one’s personal broadband capability.

Shevella Carter – Presentation on Community Improvement through Self Improvement and Awareness

Ms. Carter appeared before the council to address changes and the need to unite and grow stronger as a community and as a city.

Consideration and approval of Application for Beer and/or Liquor License for Mrs. Susan Early of Signature Southern Bistro, LLC dba Signature Southern Bistro

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

RESOLVED, That the application for a beer and/or liquor license be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, and Kellerman
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Davis

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

Introduction of Ordinance – Relative to rates charged consumers for electricity, to amend the definition of the purchased power cost adjustment

After some discussion, Ms. Nelson made a motion to introduce the ordinance.

Appointment to False River Air Park Commission

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Louis Hebert be re-appointed to the False River Air Park Commission.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion of donation of fifteen feet of right of way on property owned by the Hebert Family (K. White)

After some discussion, Mr. White recommended that the matter be tabled.

Cletus Langlois – Discussion and consideration of acceptance of water line at Audubon Estates

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. Smith.

RESOLVED, That the water line at Audubon Estates be accepted.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Dukes commended Les Cantrell for his thirteen years of service with the P.C. Chamber of Commerce.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

**Cornell Dukes
Mayor**

**Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer**