

MINUTES

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

April 19, 2022

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, April 19, 2022 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.

Agenda Amendment(s)

Mayor Dukes proposed the following amendment to the agenda.

Item 6A Cedric Floyd, President of DataCenter, LLC – Redistricting Update

Motion by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Nelson.

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended.

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.

Public Hearing – Adoption of Ordinance 2022-01 relative to rates charged consumers for electricity, to amend the definition of the purchased power cost adjustment, and to further provide with respect thereto

This item was deferred.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of April 5, 2022

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 5, 2022 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be amended to read as follows:

Mayor Dukes asked Mr. Smith and Mr. White if anyone had “spoken to them about what’s been going on in Pecan Grove as it relates to the condition of the units”. Mr. Smith and Mr. White responded “no” to the question.

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.

Cedric Floyd, President of DataCenter, LLC – Redistricting Update

Mr. Floyd gave an update on the results of his redistricting analysis. The analysis concluded that there are no changes to be made. Mr. Floyd will prepare the ordinance for introduction at the next council meeting.

Shevella Carter – Did You Know and Do You Know?

Ms. Carter requested that the item be deferred to the May 17th meeting.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Council Reports

Ms. Nelson voiced her concerns for the number of youngsters riding four wheelers and dirt bikes, kids hanging out the windows of moving vehicles.

Mr. Davis commented on his attendance at the National League of Cities Congressional Conference.

Ms. Nelson reported on a complaint received for drainage issues at a residence on Martin Drive.

Mr. Smith questioned the status of the repairs to the council chambers.

Mr. Kellerman commented on the riverboat cruises and Market at the Mill event.

Mr. Smith questioned the status of the council chambers repairs. Mayor Dukes stated that the city is working with the insurance adjuster and architect to resolve issues relative to the amount of funds the carrier will commit for the repairs.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Dukes commented on the major changes at the mill, a Harvest Festival meeting scheduled for April 20th at 11:00 and the pending negotiations with the Williams regarding the gardening program and the awarding of the Love LA Outdoors grant.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion was offered by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Ms. Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

**Cornell Dukes
Mayor**

**Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer**