

**MINUTES**

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

**May 17, 2022**

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

**Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of May 3, 2022**

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 3, 2022 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Davis.

**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.

**Tommy Lejeune, Faulk & Winkler – Quarterly Financial Update**

Mr. Lejeune presented the financial update for the first quarter of 2022.

**Major Thibaut, Pointe Coupee Parish President**

**Discussion of P.C. Parish Animal Services Program**

Mr. Thibaut requested that the city re-enter into an agreement with the parish for animal control services. The agreement would be for a one year period. Further discussion resulted in the following motion.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the city amend the budget and enter into a one year cooperative endeavor agreement for animal control services.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Discussion of a water line extension project for ferry landing/cruises hips/detention center**

Mr. Thibaut requested that the city and parish apply for funding to provide water service to the ferry landing and a secondary water source to the jail.

**Ms. Shevella Carter – Diversity, Public Servants and Professionalism**

Ms. Carter was not in attendance.

**Discussion of Evans-Graves contract (T. Smith)**

Mr. Smith questioned why a contract was entered into without the council's authorization. The city attorney will request an attorney general opinion on the matter.

**Council Comments**

Mr. White reminded everyone of the "Prayer for Country" event on June 2, 2022 at the Immaculate Catholic Church in Lakeland.

Mr. Smith questioned why the locks at Douglas Park were changed and requested a key.

Mr. Davis reported tall grass at several residential locations and requested that the grass be cut.

Ms. Nelson asked that the council assist in reminding the public to observe Juneteenth.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dukes announced that it was National Police Week and commended the police department. He also reported that in partnership with the Council on Aging a crawfish boil would be held for first responders.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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**Cornell Dukes**  
**Mayor**

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**Lynette H. Nelson**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**