

**MINUTES**

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

**June 7, 2022**

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

**Agenda Amendment(s)**

Mayor Dukes proposed the following amendment to the agenda.

**Item 10A** Discussion of Halting the Sixth Street Lift Station Project until the request for an Attorney General's decision is received.

**Item 10B** Juneteenth Celebration

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

**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 comments on agenda items**

There were no public comments.

**Recognition of Jamie Rogers – Junior NBA Skills Challenge Participant**

The Mayor and council recognized Ms. Rogers for her accomplishments in being named the Junior NBA Skills Challenge winner.

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

**RESOLVED**, That June 21, 2022 be proclaimed "Jamie Rogers Day" in the City of New Roads.

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 to provide that there shall be five (5) council members representing two (2) voting districts, each represented by two (2) council members and one (1) council member at-large and to establish and provide for boundaries of the two (2) voting districts

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

RESOLVED, That the ordinance be adopted.

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.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of May 17, 2022

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 17, 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 adopted in their entirety.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Presentation by Big Brown for the baseball program

On behalf of his foundation, “Big Brown” presented Mr. Smith with a check in the amount of \$1500.00. The proceeds will be used for the annual baseball program.

Discussion regarding policy of council members having keys to city owned facilities (Mr. Kellerman)

Mr. Kellerman stated that based on the last meeting and the discussion regarding keys, he would like to set a policy that allows council members to have keys to all city facilities.

Ms. Nelson and Mr. Davis requested that they be excluded from the policy.

Mr. Smith questioned the reason for not having a key to the park.

Mr. White stated that a council member giving of his time with a program to benefit local youth not having access to the program does not make sense. He further stated that he sees nothing wrong with Mr. Smith having a key to the park.

Mayor Dukes asked “”Who is the program for, you or is this program for the city?”

Mr. Smith stated that that was “a silly question”.

**Ms. Nelson stated that “no it’s not, it’s relevant, it’s very relevant, cause if it is under the city auspices then we should know about everything that’s taking place especially concessions being sold. The question is very relevant”.**

**Mr. Smith stated that “don’t you see the application says the City of New Roads. It’s under the city. Big Brown just gave us money for the program to the city”.**

**Ms. Nelson stated “just make sure you have a record for everything. But when we purchase concessions too under the city auspices, make sure you have a record of items purchased, how much profit is made back there and make sure that money is flowing back into city coffers”.**

**Mr. Smith stated that “I purchase. The city does not purchase concessions. We purchase the concessions”.**

**Mr. Davis asked “who purchases the concessions”.**

**Ms. Nelson asked “where is the money going”.**

**Mr. Smith stated that “there’s no money to be made. Just to provide snacks for the kids and the fans. There’s no profit. Those prices are so low, we lose money don’t make money we just provide a snack”.**

**Mr. Davis asked “Don’t you charge”. How much do you charge for concessions”.**

**Mr. Smith stated that “I just said we lose money don’t make money its’s just to provide for people in the audience. Maybe you all don’t like that idea do you want it to be shut down and make it more democratic.”**

#### **Discussion of Police Officer salary (T. Smith)**

**Mr. Smith asked whether or not the council is serious about pay raises for the police officers. A committee consisting of Mr. Smith, Ms. Nelson and a representative from Faulk and Winkler was appointed to conduct a study.**

#### **Discussion of halting the Sixth Street Lift Station Project until the request for an attorney general’s decision is received**

**A brief discussion resulted in the project being halted.**

#### **Juneteenth Celebration**

**Ms. Nelson proposed the observance of Juneteenth and a celebration on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> or Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**RESOLVED, That a Juneteenth celebration be scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2022.**

**The motion was unanimously carried.**

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Dukes reported the sale of Satterfield's Restaurant.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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**Cornell Dukes**  
**Mayor**

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