

**MINUTES**

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

**January 3, 2023**

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Theron Smith called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

**PRESENT:** James Hunter, Cleotha Johnigan, Jr., Kurt Kellerman, Joy Nelson, 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.

**Personnel Appointments and/or Reappointments**

Mayor Smith recommended that Lynette H. Nelson be re-appointed as Secretary-Treasurer.

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

**RESOLVED**, That Lynette H. Nelson be re-appointed as Secretary-Treasurer.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Hunter, Johnigan, Nelson, Kellerman and White

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Mayor Smith recommended that John W. Jewell be re-appointed as the City Attorney.

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

**RESOLVED**, That John W. Jewell be re-appointed as City Attorney.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Hunter, Johnigan, Nelson, Kellerman and White

**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 December 20, 2022**

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 20, 2022 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Motion by Mr. Johnigan and seconded by Mr. White.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Board, Commission and Committee Appointments/Reappointments**

Mayor Smith recommended the following appointments and/or reappointments.

**False River Air Park Commission**

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Johnigan.

RESOLVED, That Anthony Hurst be re-appointed to the False River Air Park Commission.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Historic District Commission**

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Nelson.

RESOLVED, That James Dodds and Lee Audrey Porche be re-appointed to the Historic District Commission.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Main Street Board**

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Johnigan.

RESOLVED, That John Ewing, Carol Langlois, Joe Major, Wade O'Neal and Lisa Tyner be re-appointed to the Main Street Board.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

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

RESOLVED, That Ben Farrar be re-appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Resolution – A resolution of the city providing for authorizing signers on all accounts with Regions Bank**

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Hunter, Johnigan, Kellerman, Nelson and White  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Discussion of an increase in licensing/booth fee for Mardi Gras

Mayor Smith proposed an increase in the licensing/booth fee for Mardi Gras.

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

RESOLVED, That the licensing/booth fee for Mardi Gras be increased from \$50.00 to \$100.00.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith welcomed the new council members and expressed his excitement for a new administration. He informed the members that they would be a more informed council to be better equipped with answering questions from the public.

A copy of the city holiday calendar was distributed.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



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Theron Smith  
Mayor



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Lynette H. Nelson  
Secretary-Treasurer