

MINUTES

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

January 17, 2023

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

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of January 3, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 3, 2023 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.

Application for Beer and/or Liquor License – Becky & Michael Miller

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

RESOLVED, That the applications for a beer and/or liquor license for LA Express 3, LA Express 31 and LA Express 32 be approved.

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 the establishment of a community committee to develop a Community Slogan

Mayor Smith introduced the concept of creating a committee to develop a community slogan. The committee will consist of three individuals. Suggestions will be submitted to city hall where voting machines will be located for interested parties to cast their vote.

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

RESOLVED, That the committee be established.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Resolution – A resolution of the city providing for a Regions Bank Commercial Visa Purchasing Card Program

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Creation of a new city department

Mayor Smith called for the creation of a new city department.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

RESOLVED, That a new department named the Public Utilities Department be created.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Personnel Appointments and/or Reappointments

Mayor Smith called for the following appointments.

Public Utilities Director - Paul Seawell
Public Works Director – Cletus Langlois
Chief of Police – Delaney Lee

A roll call vote to ratify the Mayor's appointments resulted as follows:

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

The roll call vote was carried.

Council Reports

The council members congratulated the new appointees and expressed their gratitude to the public for the overwhelming attendance at the council meeting.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith informed the council of the possible sale of the Visitor Center facility. The prospective buyer is proposing to renovate the building to include high end apartments on the top level and a business on the lower level. He stated that this venture would be a revenue generator and great for economic development.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Theron Smith
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer