

MINUTES

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

February 7, 2023

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, February 7, 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. , Joy Nelson and Kirk White

ABSENT: Kurt Kellerman

Notice of this meeting was duly exercised and mailed per bylaws:

Public comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

Mr. Kellerman entered the meeting.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of January 17, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 17, 2023 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Motion by Mr. Johnigan and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Agenda Amendment(s)

Mayor Smith proposed the following amendment(s) to the agenda.

Item 8A Cynthia A. Dobard – Application for Beer and/or Liquor License -
New Orleans Style Snack Shop, LLC

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

RESOLVED, that the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Planning & Zoning Commission – Rezoning Request for Chancellor Porche

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

RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission 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.

Swearing In of New Police Officer(s)

Dante Smith, Kizzy Battley and Mary Citizen were sworn in as part-time police officers.

Ryan Pourciau – False River Big Bass Program

Ryan Pourciau and Chuck Ballard appeared before the council to introduce their organization and to request a partnership and a donation of \$500.00.

Cynthia A. Dobard – Application for Beer and/or Liquor License - New Orleans Style Snack Shop, LLC

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

Resolution – A resolution approving the appointment of a Director and Alternate Director on the Board of Directors of Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA)

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

RESOLVED, That Theron Smith be appointed as Director and Paul Seawell be appointed as Alternate Director to the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority.

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

Resolution – A resolution approving the appointment of a Director and Alternate Director to the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority (LMGA)

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

RESOLVED, That Theron Smith be appointed Director and Cletus Langlois be appointed Alternate Director to the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority.

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

Resolution – A resolution approving Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds

After a lengthy discussion, a Special Meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion of Mayor’s Vehicle Allowance – Mr. White

After some discussion, Mr. White proposed a vehicle allowance of \$800.00 a month. The vehicle driven by the previous Mayor will be returned and the lease cancelled.

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

RESOLVED, That the request 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.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith distributed committee assignments and mentioned that there is still a potential buyer for the building that houses the visitor center.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

**Theron Smith
Mayor**

**Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer**