

MINUTES

(Revised 4/18/22)

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

April 5, 2022

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, April 5, 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, Joy Nelson, Theron Smith 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.

Public Hearing – Adoption of Ordinance 2022-01 relative to rates charged consumers for electricity, to amend the definition of the purchased power cost adjustment, and to further provide with respect thereto

Mayor Dukes recommended that the public hearing be placed on the next city council agenda.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of February 15, 2022

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 15, 2022 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, and Davis

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Kellerman

On a vote of 4-0-0-1, the motion carried.

Keith Jarreau – Request for city water service in the Riverbend Subdivision

Mr. Jarreau appeared before the council to request that the city extend water service to the Riverbend Subdivision.

Mayor Dukes directed the public works director to obtain an analysis to determine whether or not it is feasible to extend the service.

Adoption of Resolution approving the appointment of a director and an alternate director _____ to represent the City of New Roads, State of Louisiana, on the Board of Directors of the _____ Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority as provided by _____ Chapter 10-B of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950

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

RESOLVED, That Paul Seawell be appointed as director and Nicholas Part be appointed as the alternate director.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Davis and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Kellerman

On a vote of 4-0-0-1, the motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Commission Board Appointment

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

RESOLVED, That Vernita Benton be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Smith, Nelson, White, Davis and White
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Kellerman

On a vote of 4-0-0-1, the motion carried.

Condemnation of Blighted/Abandoned Structures

The following property owners were issued letters to show cause for the condition of their respective properties.

- Lucinda Joseph Estate c/o John Joseph – Property at 505 Rita Street
- Angela M. Edwards c/o Cassandra Edwards – Property at 501 Rita Street
- Arthur S. Martin c/o Loyce Howard – Property at 305 Curet Street
- Charles T. Croom – Property at 508 LA Highway 10
- Lorenza S. Harris – Property at 119 & 121 Lorenza Street

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

RESOLVED, That the owners be given forty five (45) days to clean up their property.

The motion carried.

Paula Rush – Discussion/Action for appointment of the Housing Authority New Roads Resident Commissioner (K. White)

Ellen Engemann appeared before the council to ask the council to get the Mayor to use the Housing Authority bylaws to appoint commissioners.

Several residents of the Housing Authority and the audience voiced their concerns for the condition and management of the housing development.

Mayor Dukes stated that “he has followed state law. Not the bylaws prepared by the Housing Authority”.

Mayor Dukes asked Mr. Smith and Mr. White if anyone had “spoken to them about what’s been going on in Pecan Grove as it relates to the condition of the units”. Mr. Smith and Mr. White responded “no” to the question.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Cornell Dukes
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer