

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 2023

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, March 21, 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.

Employee Recognition

Mayor Smith presented a plaque to Shael Stringer in recognition of his retirement as a city police officer.

Agenda Amendment(s)

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

Item 7A – Mr. Darryl Patin – Kiwanis Club

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

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended.

The vote was unanimously carried.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of March 7, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 7, 2023 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Ms. Nelson asked that under “Discussion of Citizen Noise Complaints in the Martin Drive Area, the minutes be changed to read as follows:

“Ms. Nelson reported several complaints of loud music and harassment from motorists traveling in the area. Ms. Nelson cited the noise ordinance. Cletus Langlois stated that he will look into getting signs to put in place”.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted as amended.

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.

Pelican Waste – Discussion of Contract Extension

Mr. Roddie Materne appeared before the council to request a contract extension and a rate increase.

The current contract expires on March 31, 2024. An extension would include a per customer increase of \$3.97 and would begin immediately. The current rate is \$14.37 and the new rate would be \$18.34.

Further discussion resulted in the matter being deferred to the April 4, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Darryl Patin – Kiwanis Club

Mr. Patin appeared before the council to request funding for memorial plaques for Kiwanis Park. The plaques will be of the seven military generals from the parish.

Discussion regarding blighted properties list (c. Johnigan)

Mr. Johnigan questioned the condemnation process. Mayor Smith informed the council that the city ordinance outlines the condemnation process. He further stated that the steps outlined in said ordinance will be followed to ensure that the condemnations are handled according to law.

Resolution – Approving the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Plan

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

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.

Committee Reports

Ms. Nelson gave the Finance Committee report of March 16, 2023.

Discussion of funding sources for LEPA Payment

Ms. Nelson stated that several constituents questioned the funding sources for the LEPA payment. Funding sources included monies from the investment and bank accounts. A balance is still due to LEPA but the city is working diligently to remit additional payment(s).

Discussion and consideration of Bass Pro Fishing Tournament Sponsorship Request

A discussion resulted in a recommendation to approve a \$500.00 sponsorship.

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

RESOLVED, that the recommendation be approved.

The vote was unanimously carried.

Council Reports

Due to his absence at the previous council meeting, Delaney Lee gave a report on the Mardi Gras events.

Council Members Hunter, Kellerman and Johnigan agreed to work with Mr. Lee to promote safe and enjoyable Mardi Gras observances.

Mr. Johnigan questioned Delaney Lee on the complaint of noise in the Martin Drive area. Delaney Lee stated that he has ordered a noise meter and will also order signs.

Mayor's Report

There was not a Mayor's report.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



**Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer**



**Theron Smith
Mayor**