

MINUTES

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

April 18, 2023

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, April 18, 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

There were no public comments.

Agenda Amendment(s)

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

Item 6A – Harold Terrance

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

RESOLVED, That the agenda be 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.

Presentation by Ms. Joy Nelson

Ms. Nelson presented a plaque to her father, Thomas Nelson, Sr. The plaque read as follows:

**Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr.
United States Representative of Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District
Congratulates Network 2022 Honoree
Honorable Thomas Nelson
Pointe Coupee Parish School Board Member
Retiring after 56 years of service, longest in the State of Louisiana
For Shattering Glass Ceilings**

Harold Terrance

Mr. Terrance appeared before the council to extend his appreciation for being allowed to sponsor a benefit dinner for city employee Michael Porche.

Discussion of Pelican Waste Contract Extension and Rate Increase

The council continued the discussion on the contract extension and rate increase. After some discussion, the members agreed to a six year extension to include a CPI increase of 2% for four years and 4% for the last two years.

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. Johnigan.

RESOLVED, That the city proceed with the new agreement pending the city attorney's review.

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.

Council Reports

Ms. Nelson called for an update on the noise problem in the Martin Drive area. Delaney Lee stated that signs are out of his control. The decibel meter was received but unfortunately picks up all the noise in the atmosphere. He further stated that several citations have been issued.

Ms. Shevella Carter was in attendance and voiced her concerns as to why nothing is being done about the noise.

The discussion resulted in the city attorney being instructed to review the current ordinances relative to noise. The topic will be further addressed at the next council meeting.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Theron Smith
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer