

## MINUTES

### CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 2, 2023

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, May 2, 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

**ABSENT:** Kirk White

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 April 4, 2023 and April 18, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 4, 2023 and April 18, 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.

#### Condemnation of Blighted/Abandoned Structures

##### Ray A. James – 715 Louis Street and 717 Louis Street

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

**RESOLVED**, That the property at 715 Louis Street be condemned within thirty (30) days.

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.

*Mr. White arrived during the discussion of condemnation of the Ray A. James property*

##### Nolan Carter Estate c/o Deandrea Davis – 612 Bernard Street

A representative of the Nolan Carter Estate was not in attendance.

As a result, the following motion was offered.

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

RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred to the May 16, 2023 meeting.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Cassandra R. Edwards – 501 Rita Street**

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

RESOLVED, That further discussion be deferred to the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a contractor be hired and plans and a cost estimate be submitted at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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.

**Bernice Bradley Jack – 707 Bernard Street**

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

RESOLVED, That the property be condemned within thirty (30) days.

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.

**James Cornell Johnson – 711 Bernard Street**

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

RESOLVED, That the property be condemned within thirty (30) days.

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.

**Leon B. Will Estate – 907 Olinde Street**

A representative of the Leon B. Will Estate was not in attendance an email was received requesting time to address the property.

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

RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred to the June 6, 2023 meeting.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Discussion and update on noise complaints in the Martin Drive area**

Delaney Lee gave an update on his department's resolution to resolving the complaints of noise in the Martin Drive area.

**Committee Reports**

Mr. White reported on the Public Works Committee meeting of April 25, 2023.

Rick Jones and Pelican Waste agreement - Mr. Jones has entered into an agreement with Pelican Waste for bulk waste pickup.

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

RESOLVED, That the city discontinue assessing a fee and remit a refund to Mr. Jones.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Terry Ducote Issue - Ms. Ducote has a busted pipe in her front yard that should be repaired this week.

Sixth Street Lift Station Update - Work on the station should begin in June or July.

Water Sector Grants Update - Plans in place to repair the lift stations utilizing Water Sector Grant funds.

Mr. Hunter reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met on April 26, 2023 to discuss youth and senior citizen recreation programs.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Smith reported that the Parish has funds for road work and will prepare a list of areas to be addressed.

The city will be hosting the National Day of Prayer observance on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon at the parish courthouse.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Theron Smith  
Mayor

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Lynette H. Nelson  
Secretary-Treasurer