

MINUTES

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

June 6, 2023

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, June 6, 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, Kirk White

ABSENT: Joy Nelson

Public comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of May 16, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 16, 2023 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Condemnation of Blighted/Abandoned Structures

Leon B. Will Estate – 907 Olinde Street

After some discussion, the following motion was offered.

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

RESOLVED, That the property be removed from the condemnation list.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Kellerman, Hunter, Johnigan and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

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

Cassandra R. Edwards – 501 Rita Street

Ms. Edwards was not in attendance.

A motion was offered by Mr. Johnigan and seconded by Mr. White.

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

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Committee Reports

Mr. White reported that funding for the False River Airport is still under consideration and approval by the state legislature.

Council Reports

Mr. Kellerman questioned the status of an application for a Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding grant and the status of the cleanup of the railroad in the Elm Street vicinity.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith announced that a Juneteenth celebration would be held on June 17th at Emmitt Douglas Park. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will feature kickball, water slides, and a BBQ cookoff.

He also reminded everyone that June 6, 2023 was the 79th annual observation of D-Day.

Executive Session

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

RESOLVED, That the council convene into executive session.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Regular Session

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

RESOLVED, That the council re-convene into regular session.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the council accept the recommendation of the attorney for the Johnson, et al litigation.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Kellerman, Johnigan, Hunter and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

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

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Theron Smith
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer