

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

June 22, 2023

The New Roads City Council met in special session at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Thursday, June 22, 2023 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Theron Smith called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Joy Nelson, Kurt Kellerman, James Hunter and Cleotha Johnigan

ABSENT: Kirk White

Notice of this meeting was duly exercised and mailed per bylaws:

Public comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

Mardi Gras Discussion

The city council and members of the New Roads Lions Club and the Community Center Carnival Club of Pointe Coupee met to discuss Mardi Gras.

Topics of concern discussed included the following:

- Vulgar music
- Limiting parade participants
- Eliminating the gaps
- Traffic engineer to assist with traffic flow into the city
- Extending the parade route to Olinde Street
- More unity and diversity between the organizations
- Law enforcement coverage
- Lack of barricades
- Outsourced law enforcement
- Cell phone service
- People in the streets
- Parking on sidewalks at St. Mary Cemetery
- Cars parked along the parade route
- Judging of floats at line up and not during a stop at the judges stand

In closing, it was stated that the only way to address the issues at hand will involve changes and being open to change.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Theron Smith
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer