

MINUTES

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

April 2, 2024

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, April 2, 2024 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, James Hunter and Kurt Kellerman

ABSENT: Cleotha Johnigan and Kirk White

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

Public comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

Mr. White arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Presentation of Award to Avery Parnell (T. Smith)

Mayor Smith presented an award to Ms. Avery Parnell for the heroic and courageous rescue of a neighbor from a house fire.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of March 5, 2024 and March 19, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Council meetings of March 5, 2024 and March 19, 2024 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Agenda Amendment(s)

Mayor Smith proposed the following amendment to the agenda.

Item 5 Pelican Yacht Club request for Boat Parking Space

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

RESOLVED, that the agenda be amended.

Pelican Yacht Club - Request for Boat Parking Space

Mayor Smith informed the council of the organization's request to park one of their sail boats at the pier behind city hall.

After some discussion, a motion was offered by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

RESOLVED, That the Pelican Yacht Club's request be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

On a vote of 3-1-0-1, the motion carried.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith invited Cedrick Epps to give a report.

Mr. Epps thanked the council for ratifying his appointment as Chief of Police. He shared his overview and vision for the department that included the following.

- **Quality law enforcement**
- **Creation of job duties and titles**
- **On call calendar**
- **Increased manpower from two per shift to three per shift**
- **Equipment**
- **Salary increases**

Mr. Kellerman recommended that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

In closing, the Mayor reminded everyone of the Market at the Mill event on April 5th and 6th and the Wine Down on False River on April 13th.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:06

Theron Smith
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer