

MINUTES
CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

February 18, 2025

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, February 18, 2025 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, Kurt Kellerman, Kirk White and
Cleotha Johnigan

ABSENT: Joy Nelson

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 December 17, 2024 and February 4, 2025

Under the section titled “Presentation by AT & T on additional towers for Mardi Gras”, Mr. Kellerman stated that a letter to recap the meeting was forwarded but the request was denied. In addition, he suggested that Starlight could assist using their equipment to link up and boost city services.

Under the section “Report on Utility Bill changes”, Mr. Kellerman expressed his concern for the utility bills not being mailed on time, late receipt of utility bills and untimely posting of payments.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be approved.

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

Jean Pierre Derousseau – Update on False River Air Park

Mr. Derousseau appeared before the council to introduce himself as the new Director of the False River Air Park and to present his goals for the continued success of the facility.

Discussion of Remodeling of Parent Street Police Station

Mr. Hunter presented a list of deficiencies and corrections for the station. Some of the issues were new steel doors, lighting, upgraded IT system, upgraded printers and a security gate with controlled access.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Council Reports

Mr. Kellerman reported on the opening/construction of a bait and tackle shop on Hospital Road and a bar and grill on New Roads Street. He also mentioned that he is working with a retail clothing store representative to bring business to the city. The Morrison Parkway Improvement project and the installation of speed bumps on West End Drive were also mentioned in his report.

Mr. White questioned the status of the repair of an AT & T cable. He also mentioned the unsightly tires on Hospital Road that need to be removed or shut down.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith stated that he is not sure if the late delivery of utility bills is a result of the postal service. The city has redesigned the bill, eliminated the verification process so that the bills will be out for delivery two days sooner.

The city has submitted an application for LGAP funds to renovate city hall and an application for CWEF for a water project in Pleasantview subdivision. An additional appropriation of \$25,000.00 is expected from Sen. Kleinpeter's office. Said funds will be used to redo the floors at the civic center.

Mardi Gras meeting held this date with members of the night parade krewe. A joint meeting of all krewes will be held on Thursday, February 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Kellerman questioned the need for an insurance certificate for the night parade krewe. He also stated that he reached out to Verizon but they are unable to assist with a portable tower.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Theron Smith
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer