

## **MINUTES**

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

**March 18, 2025**

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

**ABSENT:** None

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

#### **Public comments on agenda items**

Several members of the audience signed up for public comments.

#### **Agenda Amendment**

#### **Item 6A – Resolution – A resolution to Approve the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Plan**

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

**RESOLVED**, That the agenda be amended.

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.

#### **Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2025**

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 18, 2025 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

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.

**Resolution – A resolution to approve the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Plan**

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

**Discussion of Mardi Gras 2025 and merging future parades together (K. Kellerman)**

Mr. Kellerman proposed that all future parades run “back to back”. The first parade would begin at 10:00 a.m. and the second parade would immediately follow. He also asked that the organizers limit the number of parade entries.

Mr. Kellerman noted the reports of arrests and guns in the local newspaper and the need to shorten the time to eliminate violence.

Gerard Louis expressed his concerns for the merger of the parades on Mardi Gras Day.

Gary Roy expressed his concerns for keeping the parades separate.

\_\_\_\_\_”Big Brown” Joseph voiced his concerns for the crowd control. He stated that barricades were moved and placed in private yards or moved entirely.

Other comments included the presence of a marching group and the shortage of law enforcement officers.

**Discussion of EV charger on Main Street (K. Kellerman)**

Mr. Kellerman informed the council of his idea of placing an electric vehicle charging station in the city.

Mayor Smith intervened and reported council that he had already researched the matter and that a station would be installed by the next council meeting.

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

RESOLVED, That the city proceed with the installation of an electric vehicle charging station.

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.

**Status report from engineers and Public Works Director – Line item report on each lift station (K. Kellerman)**

Steven Linderman of the engineering firm, Owen and White gave an update on the water/sewer projects. He also explained that the project delays are due to equipment delivery.

**Discussion of Uber/Lyft in New Roads (K. Kellerman)**

Mr. Kellerman voiced his concerns for Uber/Lyft services in the city.

**Committee Reports**

Mr. White reported that the hangar project at the airport is moving along and that the commission is considering the acquisition of additional property.

**Council Reports**

Mr. Hunter requested an update on Police Station No. 2. It was reported that a quote on the gate is pending and the steel doors have been ordered.

Mr. Kellerman mentioned a incident with the meter readers and whether or public works is following up on service order tickets.

Mrs. Grace Hebert appeared before the council to address issues with a waterline on her property next to Doris Park on New Roads Street.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Smith reported on the results of a test performed on utility bills and the delivery mail delivery thereof. It was deducted that it is not the utility bill processor.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Theron Smith  
Mayor

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Lynette H. Nelson  
Secretary-Treasurer