

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 1, 2025

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, April 1, 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

There were no public comments.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of March 18, 2025

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

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

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

Kevin Bihm of LEPA – Presentation on Rate Stabilization

Mr. Bihm gave a presentation on the LEPA Wholesale Rate Stabilization Program. He explained that several years ago the City of Winnfield asked LEPA to design a wholesale rate that would limit the high electricity costs the city experienced during extreme winter events.

The goal of rate stabilization is to limit high monthly price fluctuations (spikes) in electricity costs for the city and its residents.

The council agreed to place the item on the next agenda for a decision.

Board/Commission/Committee Appointments

Main Street Board

Mayor Smith recommended that Derriana Victorian, owner of the Red Straw restaurant, be appointed to the board.

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

RESOLVED, That the recommendation to appoint Mr. Victorian be approved.

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.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Smith recommended that Marcel Joseph be appointed as a member and chairman of the commission.

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

RESOLVED, That the recommendation to appoint Mr. Joseph be approved.

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.

Committee Reports

Cletus Langlois reported that the Hospital Road and Pennsylvania lift stations are demolished.

Council Reports

Mr. Hunter requested an update on the renovations at the police station on Parent Street. He was informed that a price quote on the gate is pending and the doors should be received in a few weeks.

Mr. White questioned the lateness of the utility bills and the extended due date.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith reported that a citywide sidewalk repair project is underway.

The electric vehicle charging station will be installed by the next council meeting.

The next meeting will include a discussion on modifying life insurance coverage for employees.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**Theron Smith
Mayor**

**Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer**