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

December 17, 2024

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, December 17, 2024 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, Joy Nelson, Kurt Kellerman, Kirk White and Cleotha Johnigan

ABSENT: None

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

During the prayer, Mr. Johnigan offered his condolences to the family of Mrs. Gothalin Richard Rayford.

Public comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

Budget Hearing to review the amended operating budget for the year ending December 31, 2024 and the operating budget for the year ending December 31, 2025

Tommy Lejeune of Faulk & Winkler presented the budgets for adoption.

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. Johnigan.

RESOLVED, That the amended operating budget for the year ending December 31, 2024 and the operating budget for the year ending December 31, 2025 be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Nelson, Hunter, Johnigan, White and Kellerman
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 November 19, 2024.

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 19, 2024 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be approved in their entirety.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion of additional cell towers for Mardi Gras Day (Mr. Kellerman)

Mayor Smith reported that he is in communication with AT & T regarding a new tower.

Mr. Kellerman asked that additional towers be brought in at no cost to the city.

Discussion of preparations for Mardi Gras parades and requirements from each group (Mr. Kellerman)

Mr. Kellerman voiced his concerns for making sure the organizers of the night parade are “doing the right thing”.

Committee Reports

Mr. White reminded everyone of the event for Yvonne Chenevert scheduled for Friday, December 20, 2024. Mrs. Chenevert is retiring as director of the False River Air Park.

He also mentioned that the overlay project is complete.

Council Reports

Mr. Kellerman reported that the parish is undertaking a parkway project and has contacted the Lt. Governor’s office for additional funding.

He also questioned the ownership of the fire stations and the prospective sale of said stations to the fire districts. Lastly, he mentioned the need to remove the trash stored near the railroad tracks.

Mr. White requested a Public Works committee to address the concerns of Mr. Darryl Patin and the Kiwanis Park.

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Smith distributed a copy of the Harvest Festival and Market at the Mill report. The Harvest Festival had a net gain of \$11,000.00 and the Market at the Mill profited \$32,000.00.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Theron Smith
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer