

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2025

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, April 15, 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, Joy Nelson, and Kirk White

ABSENT: Cleotha Johnigan, Jr.

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 April 1, 2025

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 1, 2025 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

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

Discussion of Blighted Properties

Joseph V. Will Estate

Mayor Smith read an email from the family stating that improvements to the home would be completed by January 2026.

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. White.

RESOLVED, That the Joseph V. Will Estate be given until January 2026 to complete the improvements.

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

Mr. Johnigan joined the meeting.

Francis L. Jacobs Estate

Mr. Jacobs appeared before the council to provide an update on the improvements to the property.

After some discussion, the following motion was offered.

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

RESOLVED, That a forty five (45) day notice be sent regarding condemnation of the property.

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.

Discussion of Rate Stabilization

Mayor Smith requested the council's approval of participating in the rate stabilization program being offered by LEPA (Louisiana Energy and Power Authority).

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

RESOLVED, That the city participate in the rate stabilization program.

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.

Adoption of a Resolution authorizing a Traffic and Speed Study (K. White)

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Ms. Nelson

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Discussion of Employee Life Insurance Increase (J. Hunter)

Mr. Hunter recommended that the employee's life insurance be increase from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

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

RESOLVED, That the increase be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Committee Reports

Mr. White reported that the airport project involving the addition of four T-hangars should be completed by April 25 2025.

He also reported that the board's quest to acquire additional property has been delayed to January 2026.

Council Reports

Mr. Hunter requested an update on the renovations at the police station on Parent Street.

Mr. White requested an update on the lift stations project.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith reported that the sidewalk repair project is moving along. The charging station is not operable yet as there is a delay in the delivery of signs.

He also stated that the city is looking at electric vehicles and a charging station for the Public Works department.

Expressions of sympathy were offered to the family of John Ewing.

Mayor Smith invited everyone to attend the observance of National Day of Prayer. A service will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 12:00 noon on the lot across from City Hall.

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