

**MINUTES**

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

**June 7, 2016**

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Robert A. Myer called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

**PRESENT:** Anthony Daisy, Vernell Davis, Kurt Kellerman, Bernadine St. Cyr and Kirk White

**ABSENT:** None

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

**Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 3, 2016 and May 17, 2016**

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 3, 2016 and the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Daisy.

**RESOLVED**, That the minutes be amended following additions be statements be added to the agenda.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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

**Engineer's Report**

The city engineer reported on the following:

**False River Drive Pedestrian Parkway**

A pre-construction meeting was held earlier today. The project will begin in two weeks and will be completed by September 19, 2016. The engineer also reported that two additional areas were added at a cost of \$6700.00.

Motion by Mr. Daisy and seconded by Ms. St. Cyr.

**RESOLVED**, That the funding request be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

**YEAS:** Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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

**Wastewater Treatment Plant – DEQ Response**

The final response to the Wastewater Treatment Facility Compliance Order was delivered to the Department of Environmental Quality on May 19, 2016.

**Riverdale Subdivision Plans**

The plans have been reviewed for compliance and a report forwarded to the Mayor's Office for review.

**New Roads Street Sidewalk Project**

The project plans are ninety five percent complete. An additional two hundred feet of sidewalk will be added at an estimated cost of \$12,000.00 to \$13,000.00.

**Sixth Street Sewer Lift Station**

The application for funding through the LA Community Development Block program was not approved.

**Shevella Carter – Noise Pollution in the Community**

Ms. Carter gave a presentation on excessive noise and requested the city's help in improving the community.

**Stafford Chenevert – P.C. Historical Society – Update on a New Project**

Mr. Chenevert and several members of the Pointe Coupee Historical Society appeared before the council to request permission to install a plaque at Doris Park. The plaque will honor Mary Reynolds Thomas Lewis. Ms. Lewis was known as "Pie Mary" and peddled her homemade pies on the corner of New Roads Street and W. Main Street for twenty five years.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the request be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

**YEAS: Davis, Kellerman, and White**  
**NAYS: Daisy and St. Cyr**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

On a vote of 3-2-0-0, the motion carried.

**Discussion and consideration of condemnation of blighted/abandoned properties**

- A. Cora Mae Maloid Brue – Property located at 509 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street
- B. Kodi Brue Griffin – Property located at 511 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Mrs. Brue and Mr. Griffin were not in attendance. After some discussion, the following motion was offered.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Daisy.

**RESOLVED, That the properties be condemned.**

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

**YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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

**Approve the Pointe Coupee Banner as the Official Journal for the City as required by LA R.S. 43:141 and LA R.S. 43:142, effective July 1, 2016**

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

**RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Banner be named the official journal for the City.**

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

**YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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

**Discussion on Civic Center**

**Mayor Myer presented a letter from the Police Jury regarding the operations and ownership of the civic center. At its May 24, 2016 meeting, the police jury adopted a resolution accepting the city's proposal and appointing a transition committee to negotiate future direction of ownership of the civic center, playground area, etc.**

**After some discussion, the following motion was offered.**

**Motion by Ms. St. Cyr and seconded by Mr. White.**

**RESOLVED, That the city accept the proposal to divide the land equally between the city and parish.**

**RESOLVED FURTHER, That an additional two acres be relinquished to the city.**

**RESOLVED FURTHER, That a transition committee consisting of Bernadine St. Cyr, Kirk White, Anthony Daisy and Kurt Kellerman be created.**

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

**YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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

**Discussion on CNR Information Center**

**The council was informed that the center will open within the next ten days. The center will be temporarily manned by participants of the senior citizen and youth summer employment programs.**

Motion by Ms. St. Cyr and seconded by Mr. White.

RESOLVED, That the city move forward with the information center.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

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

#### Discussion of Secretary-Treasurer

The discussion was tabled.

#### Quotes on Expanding Splash Park

A quote for new equipment to expand the splash park was submitted for approval. The estimated cost of the new equipment is \$18,000.00. Mr. Kellerman requested a second quote.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. St. Cyr.

RESOLVED, That the quote be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS:	Daisy, Davis, St. Cyr and White
NAYS:	Kellerman
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

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

#### Update on NRG Wholesale Power

Mayor Myer reminded everyone that the switch to NRG Energy occurred on June 1, 2016. Things are going smoothly.

#### Mayor's Report

##### Ernest Gaines Film and Book Festival

Mayor Myer proposed a new event. The Ernest Gaines Book and Film Festival is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

##### LGAP Grant

The council was informed that the city was awarded a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Kings Highway project. Mayor Myer thanked Lynette for her hard work on grants.

##### Board, Committee & Commission Appointments

Mayor Myer recommended that Justin Cox be appointed to the Air Park Commission.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Daisy.

**RESOLVED, That the appointment be approved.**

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

**YEAS: Daisy, Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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

**Mayor Myer recommended that George Lacour and Myron Lambert be appointed to the Port Commission.**

**Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. St. Cyr.**

**RESOLVED, That the appointments be approved.**

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

**YEAS: Daisy, Davis, St. Cyr and White**  
**NAYS: Kellerman**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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

### **Bond Rating**

**Mayor Myer reported that the city has a “Double A” rating with the state bond commission. As a result, he encouraged the council to think about ideas for future projects. Several examples were a long range plan for the civic center and a new substation.**

### **New Employee**

**Mayor Myer introduced Delaney Lee Mr. Lee will serve as the captain of the police patrol unit.**

### **Council Reports**

**Mr. Davis handed out a letter from a resident of Community Street regarding a theft at her home. He then requested that police reports be distributed at every council meeting.**

**Motion by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Kellerman.**

**RESOLVED, That the appointments be approved.**

**A roll call vote resulted as follows:**

**YEAS: Daisy, Davis, St. Cyr and White**  
**NAYS: Kellerman**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

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

**With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.**

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**Robert A. Myer**  
**Mayor**

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**Lynette H. Nelson**  
**Executive Assistant/Grants Manager**