

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 17, 2016

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 17, 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, Bernadine St. Cyr and Kirk White

ABSENT: Kurt Kellerman

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

Agenda Amendment(s)

Mayor Myer proposed the following amendment(s) to the agenda.

Item 7A Wm. H. Scott Civic Center

Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. Davis

RESOLVED, that the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 3, 2016

Adoption of the minutes was deferred.

Engineer's Report

The city engineer reported on the following:

False River Drive Pedestrian Parkway

The contractor is pending receipt of a performance bond. Upon receipt of said bond, a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – DEQ Response

A response to the compliance order was submitted to DEQ. The final report is due the first week in June but will be completed by May 20th.

New Roads Street Sidewalk Project

Surveying is being conducted. Plans and specifications should be ready in two weeks.

Update on Youth and Senior Citizen Employment Program

Mayor Myer reported that plans are now underway for the summer employment programs. The 2016 program will be funded by a \$50,000.00 grant from the Pennington Foundation.

Wm. H. Scott Civic Center

Mayor Myer informed the council that he had received a letter from the Police Jury regarding the William H. Scott Civic Center and Recreation Properties. The letter, dated May 5, 2016, advised the city that the police jury had agreed to continue their agreement and support of the operations and maintenance of the civic center. They also agreed to keep all properties the same, and not divide the civic center, playground area and recreation properties.

After some discussion, Mayor Myer stated that the city would adhere to the July 1st deadline and encouraged the council to speak with the jurors regarding the matter.

Mayor's Report

LMA Convention

Mayor Myer encouraged the council to attend the 79th annual convention scheduled for July 28th to July 31st in Alexandria, Louisiana.

NLC City Summit

The National League of Cities City Summit is scheduled for November 16th to 19th in Pittsburgh. Council members were reminded to submit their intentions to attend the event.

Delta Regional Authority

Mayor Myer announced plans to meet with representatives of the Capital Region Planning Commission and the Delta Regional Authority on Thursday, May 26, 2016 to discuss funding for the Industrial Park. DRA recently launched the 2016 application cycle for its States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) and a new funding program, Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF).

The Delta Regional Authority is a federal-state partnership created by Congress in 2000 to help create jobs, build communities, and improve lives through strategic investments in economic development in 252 counties and parishes across eight states. These investments target public infrastructure, workforce development, small businesses and entrepreneurs, local transportation infrastructure, access to healthcare and disaster recovery and resilience.

Playful City USA Designation

Mayor Myer presented a press release announcing the city's recognition as a 2016 Playful City USA designation for the 10th time. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the national recognition program honors cities and towns across the country for making their cities more playable.

NRG – Implementation

It was announced that on June 1, 2016, the city will officially purchase its energy from NRG Energy.

4th of July Activities

The annual 4th of July activities will be held on Sunday, July 3rd from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. July 1st. A fireworks display is tentatively scheduled for 9:45. A triathlon will be held at 8:00 a.m., a two mile kids Fun Run will be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The boat parade will be held on Monday, July 4th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Heritage Building

The Heritage Building will undergo minor improvements to accommodate a visitor center. The center will be manned by participants in the senior citizen employment program and volunteers.

Morrison Parkway Improvements

City workers have made several improvements on the parkway that include a rebuilt bench wall and a new curve.

Capital Outlay Request

An existing 2016 capital outlay request has been revised to request \$2.7 million dollars to fund the Industrial Park project.

Rodemacher

Mayor Myer informed the council that an official letter will be sent to Cordell Grand requesting confirmation by LEPA of the scheduling and dispatch procedures for the Rodebacher equipment.

Upon receipt of confirmation, the city will authorize LEPA to continue to schedule and dispatch its portion of the Rodebacher for purposes of providing economic and reliable power supply to the City as of June 1, 2016.

Committee Reports

False River Airpark Commission

Mr. White reported that raffle tickets are available for purchase. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the CAF Red Tail Squadron "Rise Above" Traveling Exhibit. He also informed the council that at the May 5th meeting, a discussion was held in reference to the land lease between the airport and Sheriff's Department should the Sheriff's Department decide to purchase a privately owned hangar.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Robert A. Myer
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Executive Assistant/Grants Manager