

## MINUTES

### CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 6, 2016

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 6, 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 August 16, 2016 and Special Council Meeting of August 26, 2016

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 16, 2016 and Special Council Meeting of August 26, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

**RESOLVED**, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

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's Report

Mayor Myer invited the representatives of Americorps to give an update on the organization's disaster relief efforts.

#### Planning & Zoning Commission Report

Arthur Ewing reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission met prior to the council meeting and approved the above referenced site plan. He also mentioned that the commission will be reviewing its procedures to include updates to the application, building permit, subdivision (major and minor), zoning text amendment, zoning map amendment, and variances.

#### Engineer's Report

The city engineer reported on the following:

False River Drive Pedestrian Walkway – The sidewalk project has begun with a completion date of September 19, 2016.

Mayor Myer cautioned the council against prematurely advising any contractor about their contract performance clauses.

New Roads Sidewalk Project – The sidewalk project is scheduled to begin soon.

#### Riverdale Subdivision

The review of the revised plans have been completed and all comments and questions have been answered.

Mr. Davis stated that “we had a lot of water in the past month. I guess the past month. So back on Cherry Street on the back of those houses that water was like a river back there”. He then asked if “that was going to effect the people on Cherry Street. Those houses being built back in that area.

The engineer explained that the developer has planned to have the water drain into two ditches that have been widened to accommodate the additional flow.

Mr. Davis also mentioned that years ago he had two culverts installed. One at the intersection of Singletary Street and Tenth Street and the other on Lindsly Street. He asked whether or not the new development would cause any flooding problems on Lindsly Street.

Mayor Myer asked the engineer to contact the railroad and request the installation of a culvert to drain water off of Major Subdivision.

Mayor Myer mentioned that a Community Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8 at 5:30 at the library.

#### LMA 2016 Community Achievement Award

Mayor Myer announced that the city was awarded a 2016 Community Achievement Award for Economic Development for the New Roads Comprehensive Master Plan & Land Use Regulations. The LMA’s (Louisiana Municipal Association) annual awards program recognizes municipalities for outstanding achievement in basic services, community development and economic development.

#### Mayor’s Report continued

Americorps – The organization’s stay in the city and parish has been extended to October 15, 2016.

Harvest Festival – Plans are underway for the sixth annual festival.

#### Committee Reports

Mr. White reported that the installation of the new fuel tank at the airport is 75% complete. He also reminded everyone that raffle tickets are on sale to benefit the Red Tail Squadron Rise Above Traveling Exhibit. The exhibit is scheduled for November 9 – 13, 2016 and highlights the courage and determination of the Tuskegee Airmen, who overcame obstacles to train and fight as U.S. Army Corps pilots and what it means to us 60 years later.

#### Council Reports

Mr. Kellerman asked if renters of the civic center were notified that the facility was being used for emergency purposes. He recommended that a clause be added to the contract that explains the procedures for cancelling a reservation in the event of an emergency and/or disaster.

**Ms. St. Cyr reported that there is still a problem with horses and dogs on city streets and stressed the need to enforce the ordinance relative to livestock.**

**Mr. Daisy asked if the city was still pursuing the hotel/motel tax.**

**With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**

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**Robert A. Myer, Mayor**

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