

MINUTES

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

September 20, 2016

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 20, 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:

Public Hearing to consider levying increased millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized by law

Mr. James Laurent, Jr., Assessor, was in attendance to explain the purpose of the public hearing. He stated that "every four years the assessor's office reassesses all property in the parish. At that point in time the values go up and millages are automatically adjusted down.

Agenda Amendment

Mayor Myer proposed the following amendment to the agenda.

Item 6A Adoption of Resolution to Support Preparation and Submittal of an Application for Funding through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP)

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

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.

Resolutions to adopt millage rate(s) for 2016

A. Adopt the adjusted millage rate(s)

RESOLUTION NO. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of New Roads of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 20, 2016, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2016, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

General Alimony

5.54 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2016 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution to adopt the adjusted millage rate(s) of 5.79 for 2016 be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

- B. Set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward to millage rate(s) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s)

RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of New Roads of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 20, 2016, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2016, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied.

Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2016 Levy</u>
General Alimony	5.54 mills	5.94 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2016 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B).

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution to set forth the adjusted millage rate(s) and roll forward to millage rate(2) not exceeding the maximum authorized rate(s) of 5.94 be adopted.

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.

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of September 6, 2016

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be amended to include Mr. Davis' concerns for flooding in the new Riverdale Subdivision.

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.

Engineer's Report

The city engineer reported on the following:

False River Drive Pedestrian Walkway – The sidewalk project is fifty percent complete and will take another two to three week to be completed.

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

Kings Highway – Contracts have been sent to the city.

Pointe Breeze Lift Station and Oxidation Pond

Preparing plans and specifications to resolve issues at the above facilities.

Riverdale Subdivision

Cletus Langlois announced that an informational meeting on the recent flood will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at 6:00 at Rosenwald Elementary.

Mr. Langlois complimented the Mayor and city workers for assisting in Major Subdivision.

Mayor Myer thanked Mr. Langlois, Myron Lambert, P.C. Electric, and city workers for their hard work during the flood event.

Adoption of Resolution to Support Preparation and Submittal of an Application for Funding through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP)

A resolution to support preparation and submittal of an application for funding through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) was submitted for approval.

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

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.

Mayor's Report continued

Wm. H. Scott Civic Center Agreement

At the September 6, 2016 meeting, Mr. Kellerman asked whether or not the rental agreement included a statement about cancellation in the event of the facility being designated a shelter. Mayor Myer handed out a copy of the agreement and informed the council that the statement was included.

SBA

Mayor Myer informed the council that the representatives from SBA (Small Business Administration) will be stationed at City Hall for the next three to four weeks.

Budget 2017

A copy of the proposed budget scheduled was handed out.

Harvest Festival

Mayor Myer gave the following update.

- New sponsors**
- Stages will be located on the parkway**
- Carnival rides will be located on the vacant lot and in city hall parking lot**
- Beer garden will be across from Regions Bank**
- A third stage has been added and will be the gospel stage**
- Kids Zone will be located at Kiwanis Park**

Council Reports

Mr. Davis reported a disturbance on Rita Street.

Ms. St. Cyr mentioned that she had spoken to Mr. Stafford Chenevert about the deplorable condition of the roof at the parish museum and wondered if some of the artifacts from the parish museum could be displayed at the visitor center.

Mr. White questioned the fuel adjustment on the utility bills.

Mr. Daisy reported that he had attended the September 16th LEPA meeting and discovered that LEPA is experiencing problems with the new plant.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Robert A. Myer, Mayor

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