

## MINUTES

### CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

December 6, 2016

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 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 Regular Council Meeting of November 1, 2016 and Regular Council Meeting of November 15, 2016**

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 1, 2016 and Regular Council meeting of November 15, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Under the "Discussion of Electric, Water/Sewer and Gas Rates", the word "laws" was changed to "loss".

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:

**New Roads Street Pedestrian Sidewalk Project**

- Substantial completion 10/28/16
- Punch List/SC Certificate to City for execution
- Contract in 45 day lien period once he receives certificate

**King's Highway Paving**

- Substantial Completion & Punch List 11/18/16 to City for execution
- Rumble Strips Change Order to be executed by City - \$4636.88
- Submitted 3-core test results and asphalt AC-30 analysis
- Pay request by contractor forthcoming

**Riverdale Subdivision**

- Continuing construction
- Paula (Housing Authority New Roads) requests for specific inspection as well as routine site visits by PEC.

**Pointe Breeze Lift Station Project**

- Bid date Friday, October 28, 2016 10:00 a.m. Need authorization to award.
- Low Bid Contractor – Spinks Construction - \$50,000

**False River Drive Pedestrian Walkway**

- Contractor requested Substantial Completion 10/27/16
- Contractor requested additional days via letter
- Draft SC Punch List sent to City for review
- Need to schedule inspection by City

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

RESOLVED, That the city not assess any damages to either party.

Mr. Daisy offered a substitute motion.

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

RESOLVED, That the contractor be assessed \$300.00 a day for four days.  
A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Kellerman to not assess liquidated damages on the False River Drive Pedestrian Walkway project.

RESOLVED, That the city not assess liquidated damages on the False River Drive Pedestrian Walkway project.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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|----------|----------------------------|
| 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.

**Pointe Breeze Lift Station Project continued**

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

RESOLVED, That the bid be awarded to Spinks Construction.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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|----------|--|
| 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.**

**Ricky Blanton – Presentation on Health Insurance Renewal**

**Mr. Blanton presented the options for the health insurance renewal and stated that over the last three years, the premiums had increased by 21%.**

**Stafford Chenevert – Presentation by P.C. Historical Society**

**Mr. Chenevert appeared before the council to request the city’s support in restoring an old barge that was found in False River. He also requested space to temporarily store the barge materials while the restoration is in progress.**

**Jimmy Duckworth provided additional information on the project.**

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

**RESOLVED, That the city provide temporary storage for the barge.**

**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 called for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into a taxing district meeting.**

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

**RESOLVED, That the regular meeting be adjourned and a taxing district meeting convene.**

**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 read the following public announcements.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of New Roads, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of New Roads Downtown Economic Development District (the “District”), will meet on TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017, at the City of New Roads City Hall, 211 West Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana 70760, at five-thirty (5:30) o’clock P.M. and that at the said meeting there will be approved an ordinance authorizing the District to levy a hotel occupancy tax within the District, a separate notice of which will be published according to law.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of New Roads, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of New Roads Memorial Boulevard Economic Development District (the “District”), will meet on TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017, at the City of New Roads City Hall, 211**

West Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana 70760, at five-thirty (5:30) o'clock P.M. and that at the said meeting there will be approved an ordinance authorizing the District to levy a hotel occupancy tax within the District, a separate notice of which will be published according to law.

After the announcements, the following resolutions were presented for adoption.

**Adoption of Resolution – Authorizing the publication of a Notice of Intention to levy a hotel occupancy tax in the Downtown Economic Development District and setting the time, date and place of a public hearing**

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

**Adoption of Resolution – Authorizing the publication of a Notice of Intention to levy a hotel occupancy tax in the Memorial Boulevard Economic Development District and setting the time, date and place of a public hearing**

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Mayor Myer called for a motion to reconvene into regular session.

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

RESOLVED, That the council reconvene into regular session.

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.

**Introduction of 2017 Budget**

Jacqueline Bloemer of Faulk & Winkler presented the options for the utility rate increases. After some discussion, the following motion was offered.

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

**RESOLVED, That the 2017 budget be introduced with Option #2 rate changes.**

**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**

**Holiday Market at the Mill - A great event that profited \$15,000.00. The funds will be used to install an automated fire system.**

**Harvest Festival – The profit earned on the festival was \$25,000.00.**

**Civic Center – Officially city owned property as of November 21, 2016.**

**Americorps – Funds earned from the partnership was \$55,000.00. This amount was divided between the city and the commission.**

**Alma Plantation – Will continue to support the festival.**

**Council Reports**

**Mr. Kellerman requested past invoices from NRG and the contract.**

**Mr. Davis – Cletus Langlois is working on his request.**

**Mr. Daisy introduced a former resident who expressed her concerns for drug activity in her mother's neighborhood.**

**With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

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

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