

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2025

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Theron Smith called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

PRESENT: James Hunter, Cleotha Johnigan, Jr. , Kurt Kellerman, and Kirk White

ABSENT: Joy Nelson

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

Public comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

Public Hearing – Discussion and approval of recommendations of Planning & Zoning Commission for the following:

Ryan Ryder of Magnolia Grace Investments, LLC – 208 New Roads Street Proposed rezoning application. The current zoning district is C-2: General Downtown Commercial. The proposed zoning district is R: Single Family Residential.

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

RESOLVED, That the recommendation to rezone the property from C2 to R1 be approved based on financial hardship.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Hunter, Johnigan, Kellerman and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

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

Michael Joseph (Gravery Investments, LLC) – 640 Napoleon Street Proposed minor subdivision application. Plat showing the subdivision of the H. T. Olinde property and the remaining portion of the James R. Schexnayder property into Lot 1 and 2 formerly being known as Plantation Place.

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

RESOLVED, That the recommendation to subdivide the property be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Hunter, Johnigan, Kellerman and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

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

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of November 4, 2025

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 4, 2025 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Agenda Amendment – Introduction of 2025 Budget Amendment and 2026 Budget

Motion by Mr. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Johnigan.

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended to include Item 8A.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Hunter, Johnigan, Kellerman and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

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

Discussion of offer to purchase city property

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

RESOLVED, That a portion of the property be staked out for sale.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Hunter, Johnigan, Kellerman and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

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

Introduction of 2025 Budget Amendment and 2026 Budget

Motion by Mr. Johnigan and seconded by Mr. Hunter.

RESOLVED, That the 2025 Budget Amendment and 2026 Budget be introduced.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a public hearing to adopt the 2025 Budget Amendment and the 2026 Budget be held on December 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Hunter, Johnigan, Kellerman and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Nelson

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

Committee Reports

Mr. White reported that the Public Works committee met to discuss improvements and upgrades to the police station.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Smith handed out a copy of the Harvest Festival report, stated that new Christmas decorations will be installed this weekend and announced that Holiday Market at the Mill will be held November 21st to 23rd.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

**Theron Smith
Mayor**

**Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer**