

**MINUTES**

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

**April 5, 2016**

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 5, 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:

**Agenda Amendment(s)**

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

**Item 13A New Roads NAACP Request for Permit to Protest**

**Motion by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. Daisy.**

**RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended.**

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.

**Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 15, 2016 and Board of Adjustments Meeting of March 15, 2016**

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 15, 2016 and Board of Adjustments meeting of March 15, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

**Motion by Mr. Daisy and seconded by Mr. Davis.**

**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.

## Engineer's Report

The city engineer reported on the following:

### LGAP Grant

Sewer system cleaning machine is on back order due to the quantity of orders received by the manufacturer. The engineer will contact the vendor regarding the delivery date.

### Wastewater Treatment Plant – DEQ Response

The deadline to submit a response to the violations has been extended to April 26, 2016.

### False River Drive Pedestrian Parkway (Plans & Specifications)

The contractor has agreed to a 60 day extension and the new deadline is May 10, 2016. The bicycle racks have been ordered and an additional \$2,000.00 has been awarded to purchase additional racks.

### Keith Jarreau – Riverbend Subdivision Request for Water Service

The city engineer presented several cost estimates for providing water service to the residents of Riverbend Subdivision. After some discussion, it was recommended that 1) residents meet with Fire District #5 Board to request monetary assistance and 2) a letter be sent to the residents regarding the city's participation in support of the project.

### Market at the Mill and Park & Mill Improvements

The annual event, scheduled for April 8 – 10, 2016, has a 30% increase in vendors booths. Improvements have been made at the park to include

- Pavilion cleaned and converted to a rentable multi use area
- New entrance with sidewalks
- Inventory reduced
- Buildings demolished
- Grounds cleaned
- New covered picnic area

### Great American Cleanup Event

The city's annual cleanup will be held on Friday, April 22, 2016 from 8:00 to 11:00. Participants in the clean up efforts will include members of Keep New Roads Beautiful, 4H clubs, and local businesses.

### Industrial Park Opportunity Economic Development Trip

Les Cantrell of the Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation on the group that is considering New Roads as the site of their manufacturing company. It was stated that the city is still in competition having beat out Livingston and Ascension Parish.

A delegation representing the city and state will be traveling to Atlanta for a second presentation.

### Discussion of Economic Development Credit and Broadening of Ordinance

Mayor Myer explained the need to amend the Economic Development Credit section under the utilities ordinance to uncap the monthly maximum kilowatt hour requirement.

## City of New Roads Community Recreation Program

Mayor Myer introduced the concept of a program that would provide year round recreational and educational opportunities to the community.

## Update on \$8,000,000.00 Housing Development – Riverdale Subdivision

The residential construction project is proceeding as planned.

## NAACP New Roads Branch – Request for Permit to Protest

The aforementioned request was submitted for approval. The protest will be held at the school board office on April 6, 2016 from 4:00 to 5:00.

Motion by Mr. Daisy and seconded by Mr. Kellerman.

RESOLVED, That the request be approved.

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

Training sessions for Comprehensive Master Plan and the Zoning ordinance are scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2016. Three sessions will be held at 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., 2:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All sessions will be held at City Hall and are open to the public.

## Council Reports

Mr. Daisy voiced his concerns for loud music and questioned the status of the trash pickup contract renewal.

Mr. Davis reported on a complaint of the police department's response to a recent vehicle burglary. He also reported on a break-in at his residence and the response time to the 911 call.

Mr. Kellerman repeatedly questioned the number of police officers on patrol.

Mr. Davis requested a police report on the burglary at his residence.

Mr. Kellerman asked for an update on the agreement with NRG. Mayor Myer informed him that a meeting with NRG is scheduled for next week. He also questioned the status of the web site upgrade.

Mr. Kellerman also stated that he has not received a copy of the check register, the flow chart on the new planning and zoning process, and the financials on the car show. He also mentioned the need to cut the grass on Morrison Parkway.

Mr. White reported on the vacancy on the Air Park Commission and thanked Kevin McDonald for his promptness in providing extra patrol at Pointe Breeze Motel.

**Mayor Myer stated that “commercial businesses should protect their own place of business with cameras and other security devices. We cannot protect every place. Businesses need to help us help themselves.”**

**He also handed out copies of the Country Roads magazine and commented on the city’s new ad and ad location.**

**With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

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**Robert A. Myer  
Mayor**

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