

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 4, 2017

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:45 P.M. Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Robert A. Myer called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Vernell Davis, Kurt Kellerman, Bernadine St. Cyr and Kirk White

ABSENT: Anthony Daisy

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

Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 21, 2017

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 21, 2017 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Davis, Kellerman, St. Cyr and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Daisy

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

Engineer's Report

Cletus Langlois reported on the following:

New Roads Street Sidewalk Project

A meeting will be held with the contractor to discuss project completion.

Sixth Street Lift Station

A report will be given at the next meeting.

Kings Highway

The road is complete but will not be opened until the connecting road(s) and Riverdale Subdivision are complete.

Roger Richard – Port Commission Update

Mr. Richard gave an overview of his background and thanked the council for appointing him to the Port Commission. He reported on changes to the commission, the Lettsworth ports and his vision for the old ferry landing.

Resolution – Conversion of sick leave for municipal police officers to the Municipal Police Employees’ Retirement System

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

RESOLVED, That the resolution be adopted.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Discussion and approval of Wm. H. Scott Civic Center Rental Agreement

A draft agreement was presented to the council at the March 21st meeting for their review and comment. As there were no changes to the agreement, the following motion was offered.

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

RESOLVED, That the agreement be approved.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Funding to deal with juveniles – Kellerman

Due to a serious increase in juvenile crimes, Mr. Kellerman requested that monies be appropriated to assist with the prevention of juvenile crime within the city limits.

After a discussion, a motion was offered by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. White.

RESOLVED, That the city appropriate \$60,000.00 contingent upon the development of a detailed plan on how the money will be spent.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Discussion of ordinance setting fines and fees for violations of court ordered monitoring

After researching the authority of the Mayor’s Court, the city attorney reported that there are two city ordinances that can be enforced in Mayor’s Court. Those ordinances pertain to curfews and truancy and no other crimes.

So, in an effort to combat juvenile crimes, the city would have to pursue the parents and have them appear before Mayor's Court.

Mr. Jewell recommended that the city entertain an ordinance that mirrors the district court's ordinance. The new ordinance would be relative to the delinquency of a minor and improper supervision of a juvenile. Mr. Jewell will continue his research and report back to the council.

Mayor's Report

Main Street Manager – Tommy Comeaux has been hired as the Main Street Manager.

Expression of Sympathy – Mayor Myer thanked everyone for their expressions of sympathy on the death of his father-in-law.

Tri Screen Entertainment – Mayor Myer stated that his office had received a letter from the Tri Screen Entertainment regarding research and production of several presentation boards. The presentation boards show the possibilities for the development of a sound stage at the Mill.

Market at the Mill – The annual event will be held April 7th through the 9th.

Council Reports

Kurt Kellerman mentioned that ordinances were not on the website and the need for text message alerts.

Kirk White reminded everyone of the airport's open house event on Thursday, April 7th from 5:00 to 7:00.

Bernadine St. Cyr reported that a recent accident sent a vehicle into the ditch on Railroad Avenue. As a result, she has asked Cletus Langlois to study improvements to Railroad Avenue.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Robert A. Myer, Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson