

MINUTES

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

July 19, 2016

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 19, 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, Kurt Kellerman, Bernadine St. Cyr and Kirk White

ABSENT: Vernell Davis

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

Agenda Amendment(s)

Mayor Myer proposed the following amendment to the agenda.

Item 7A Travis O'Callahan – Presentation on Eagle Scout Project - Proposal for a Walking Trail

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

RESOLVED, that the agenda be amended.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Public Hearing – Subdivision Request for WACCC Properties, LLC – James W. Walker, Owner

A public hearing was held on the application for a subdivision request for James W. Walker.

With the reading of the description. Mayor Myer opened the floor for discussion.

There being no opposition, the following was offered.

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

RESOLVED, That the council support the building inspector's recommendation.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Adoption of minutes of Regular Council meeting of June 21, 2016 and July 5, 2016.

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 21, 2016 and July 5, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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 – Shop drawings are pending submission and review.

New Roads Sidewalk Project – Contract documents have been signed and returned. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled soon.

Pointe Breeze Lift Station

The engineer is working with Elie Part to obtain a third estimate for equipment repairs.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The engineer and Elie Part are getting a second opinion on the cost of the affluent pumps.

Riverdale Subdivision

The third submittal from the project engineer has been received and reviewed.

Travis O'Callahan – Eagle Scout Project

Travis O'Callahan gave a brief overview of his service project. The project consists of the development of an exercise trail around the city. He also requested a \$500.00 donation to offset project expenses.

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

RESOLVED, That the city allocate \$500.00 to the project.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Mary Hurst – Complaints on Neighbors

Ms. Hurst, a resident of Janis Street, appeared before the council to voice her concerns for peace, safety and security. She stated that for the past ten years, she has been having an issue with her neighbor not cutting his grass. Her other concerns involve loud music and the “mechanic service” he operates at his residence. After the presentation, the public works department will monitor the grass for compliance, the police department will follow up on an existing warrant or damage to property. Lastly, the police department will cite him for operating a “mechanic service” without an occupational license.

Discussion and Introduction of Ordinance to Amend and Re-enact Article I of Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Roads, relative to movement of livestock within the city

At the July 5, 2016 meeting, Ms. St. Cyr voiced her concerns for horses being ridden on city streets, in resident’s yards and in city parks. As a result, the city attorney drafted the above ordinance relative to movement of livestock within the city.

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

RESOLVED, That the ordinance be introduced and a public hearing held.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Discussion and consideration of condemnation of blighted/abandoned properties

Jeannine Young c/o Michael Lee – Property located at 715 Louis Street

A representative of the Young family was not in attendance. After some discussion, the following motion was offered.

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

RESOLVED, That the building inspector’s recommendation be accepted.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the property be demolished within 45 days.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Jeannine Young c/o Michael Lee – Property located at 717 Louis Street

A representative of the Young family was not in attendance. After some discussion, the following motion was offered.

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

RESOLVED, That the building inspector's recommendation be accepted.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the property be demolished within 45 days.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

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

Mayor Myer requested an update on the Brue property. Paul Seawell reported that the property has been demolished and the owner has asked the city to rent a dumpster for the debris. The bids to complete condemnation of the Kodi Brue property are pending.

Mayor Myer led a discussion on the following agenda items.

Item #9 Discussion on ordinance to establish hotel/motel economic development district
Item #12 Discussion of solid waste contract and consumer pricing
Item #13 Discussion of brown goods pickup pricing and frequency
Item #14 Discussion of water and sewer rate adjustments
Item #15 Review of tipping fees.

Mayor Myer began the discussion by stating that the above items "lend to financial matters going forward". He stated that "the city has accomplished a lot during the past six years despite the fact that the federal government has ended the practice of "earmarks", state funding was limited and parish had limited funds.

He began with a proposal to encompass every hotel/motel into two economic development districts. All funds generated from the tax would be spent in that specific district. This tax would provide the opportunity to address several downtown infrastructure problems. The proposed amount would at 2% and the city could raise \$50,000.00 a year. Mayor Myer explained that the purpose of the discussion was to see if there were any real objections on going forward.

Secondly, Mayor Myer addressed the issue of the solid waste collection rate and the limb and debris collection rate. He addressed the possibility of negotiating one contract for both services. The cost savings would be from \$35,000 to \$50,000 per year.

Thirdly, was the issue of increasing water and sewer rates.

Lastly, Mayor Myer addressed the issue of tipping fees (dumping fees) charged to companies dumping waste into the city's sewer system. Currently the fee is .08 per gallon with a proposed increase to .12 cents per gallon.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Myer gave the following report.

- Effective August 1, 2016, the city will have to collect and remit .50 court cost for the Louisiana Judicial College.

- Attended the Unity Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Four of the city's police officers were in attendance and recognized for their service to the community.
- Kevin McDonald and Delaney Lee held a meeting with police officers to discuss precautionary measures. City officers will now patrol in pairs that will include a seasoned officer and a younger officer.
- Plans are underway for several "Meet Your Officers" events.

Committee Reports

The airport has received a grant to develop a comprehensive plan.

Council Reports

Mr. White expressed his appreciation to the police department for their service to the community.

Ms. St. Cyr echoed Mr. White's comment.

Mr. Daisy announced that the "Butterfly Garden" is officially opened.

Mayor Myer read an open letter from President Barack Obama to all Law Enforcement colleagues.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Robert A. Myer
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson