

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 16, 2016

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 16, 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 the Regular Council Meeting of July 19, 2016, Regular Council meeting of August 2, 2016 and Special Council meeting of August 9, 2016 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

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:

False River Drive Pedestrian Walkway – Shop drawings are pending submission and review.

New Roads Sidewalk Project – Pre-construction meeting was held on August 5, 2016. The “Notice to Proceed” has been issued with a completion date of October 3, 2016.

Riverdale Subdivision

Revised plans and specifications have been received and are under review.

Mayor Myer requested a meeting to discuss water flows in the city as it relates to drainage on Martin Drive and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Myer acknowledged Ray Harris, Charles Watson, Trayvon Smith, Isaac Joseph and Calvin Forest for their hard work during the flood event.

Mayor Myer introduced Mr. Randy Neeman of the American Red Cross. Mr. Neeman flew in from Nebraska to provide training to the shelter volunteers. The American Red Cross will provide assistance such as emergency response vehicles with meals, water and snacks. Clean up effort inside and outside the city limits.

BBI Architects – Design Review for Bucks & Bows Learning Center

Lisa Bryant requested that this item be tabled until after a review by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Presentation by Pointe Coupee Chamber

Richard Maciasz, Les Cantrell, Donna Hammond, and Arthur Ewing gave brief presentations on the work being done by the organization.

Update on Industrial Park. Met with CRPC, State, Delta Regional for additional funding. Decision from Company X the first week of September. New Roads is LA chosen site. Improvements will proceed whether they come or not.

Kevin Bridgewater – Concerns for Housing Authority Section 8 Program

Mr. Bridgewater appeared before the council to voice his concerns for the Section 8 program.

John Morrison – Presentation of 2015 Audit

John Morrison of Major, Morrison and David gave the 2015 audit. Mr. Morrison reported that the audit revealed that there were no current year findings.

In closing, Mr. Morrison recommended that management and the council 1) monitor its expenditures in order to operate within its revenue structure”, 2) discuss the possibility of water/sewer rate increases, and 3) prioritize capital projects and implement at a more moderate pace over a period of time.

Discussion of Expense Cutting Measures

Mayor Myer stated that no discussion was needed.

Mayor's Report

Effective today, the parish was added to the list of declared disaster areas. The civic center is currently being operated as a shelter. Shelter occupants are from Pecan Acres, Two Rivers Duplex, other parts of the parish and two families from other parishes.

All bookings at the civic center have been cancelled for the next 30 days and deposits will be refunded.

Harold Terrance expressed his gratitude for the city for assisting residents in Pecan Acres East and West. Paula Lee asked why the area keeps flooding.

Mayor Myer thanked Myron Lambert of P.C. Electric, city workers, Jerry Zeno for their hard work during the flood.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Robert A. Myer
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Executive Assistant/Grants Manager