

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 2019

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at the City Hall in New Roads, Louisiana. Mayor Cornell Dukes called the meeting to order. A roll call resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Vernell Davis, Kurt Kellerman, Joy Nelson, Theron Smith and Kirk White

ABSENT: None

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

Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of April 16, 2019

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 16, 2019 were submitted for approval.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Nelson.

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted in their entirety.

A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Davis, Kellerman, Nelson, Smith and White

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

On a vote of 5-0-0-0, the motion carried.

Engineer's Report

Thomas Olinde reported that the pumps for the Major Parkway Lift Station project have been delivered. Proposals for repair of the wet well will be submitted at the next meeting.

Presentation by James "Big Brown" Joseph (T. Smith)

James "Big Brown" Joseph presented a check in the amount of \$2000.00 on behalf of the "Big Brown Reaching Back of Baton Rouge" organization.

The funds will be used for a youth baseball program spearheaded by Theron Smith.

Discussion and Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the city and the P.C. Council on Aging

A continuation of the April 16, 2019 discussion on the cooperative endeavor agreement between the city and the Council on Aging resulted as follows.

Motion by Ms. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Davis that the cooperative endeavor agreement be approved.

A substitute motion was offered by Mr. Kellerman and seconded by Mr. White that the Council on Aging not be assessed a rental fee for commodity distribution.

A roll call vote on the substitute motion resulted as follows:

YEAS: Kellerman and White
NAYS: Davis, Nelson and Smith
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 2-3-0-0, the motion failed.

A roll call vote on the original motion to approve the cooperative endeavor agreement resulted as follows:

YEAS: Davis, Nelson and Smith
NAYS: Kellerman and White
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

On a vote of 3-2-0-0, the motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Upgrade of Main Street Lights

Taylor Beeson and Brad Abshire of Irby Electric gave a presentation on a new lighting system for Main Street and Morrison Parkway.

Mayor Dukes stated that “I think we need to do everything we can to maximize the potential of Main Street and downtown. People that live here will benefit. People who come to visit will benefit from it and I think it is something we need to take a serious look at doing”.

Mr. Kellerman and Mr. White recommended that a finance committee meeting be held to determine the source of funds for the project.

Chief of Police Report

Kevin McDonald reported that the Easter weekend was relatively quite. He also commended the police officers and the community for their assistance in solving several incidents that occurred during the spring break.

Public Works Director

Paul Seawell reported that the

- Tree trimming project is 50% complete
- Welcome signs are installed
- Extended a thank you to Myron Lambert for helping with lights
- A permit to DOTD for a crosswalk has been mailed
- A traffic signal is needed at the intersection of Major Parkway and LA 1
- Fishing tournament organizers should acquire a permit

Committee Reports

Mr. White reported that the airport remains closed and the contractor has been given seven days to show progress.

Mayor's Report

Credit Counseling Services – The city has partnered with Mid-City Re-Development to provide credit counseling services to city residents. The counseling sessions will be conducted on the second Tuesday of the month at city hall.

Clean Up Event - Miss LA Earth will be conducting a clean up event on June 8, 2019.

Council Reports

Mr. Smith questioned the status of the animal control certification process and was informed that the training will begin in June.

Mr. White questioned his appointment to the Airport Commission and the reason for assessing a fee for online payments.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Ms. Nelson.

RESOLVED, That the city convene into executive session.

Executive Session

With no action taken, the council re-convened into regular session.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Cornell Dukes
Mayor**

**Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer**