

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 2017

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. Tuesday, June 20, 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: 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:

Presentation by the Capital Area Law Enforcement Foundation

Mr. Clay Young and representatives of the Capital Area Law Enforcement Foundation presented the city's police department with bulletproof vests. Mr. Young explained that the foundation was founded in August 2016 as a result of the last year's civil unrest. The organization's goal is to bridge the gap between law enforcement and civilians, as well as supplying police officers with the means to protect themselves.

Kevin McDonald & Delaney Lee – Presentation on Community Policing Efforts

Kevin McDonald gave a report on community policing efforts that is trying to build a strong relationship between law enforcement and local youth. The first step was bringing back the Junior Police Academy program. The program was conducted by Capt. Delaney Lee.

Public Hearing – Railroad Corridor Crossing Safety Project

A public hearing was held to adopt a resolution to approve the Railroad Corridor Crossing Safety Project.

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

Mayor Myer addressed the council and citizens and explained that there was some misunderstanding going around regarding the train speed laws.

This misunderstanding was clarified by Jason Fields of Kansas City Railroad. Mr. Fields stated that "these laws are not governed by the state or the city but by the federal government. The city, parish, and state have no power to tell the railroad they can't travel the federal speed limit."

Mayor Myer and Mr. Fields gave a history of the safety improvement project.

Several residents voiced their concerns. Police Jurors Steven Smith and Anthony Hurst issued the jury's courtesy request to postpone the speed increases until the improvements were completed.

There being no further comment or opposition, the following motion was offered.

With a motion and a second, it was resolved that the resolution authorizing the city to enter into an agreement with the Kansas City Southern Railroad and LA

Department of Transportation and Development adopting the railroad corridor crossing safety project be adopted.

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.

During the public hearing, a recommendation was made to amend the agenda to include a resolution requesting that the project be completed without delay.

Agenda Amendment(s)

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

Item 9A Adoption of Resolution urging and requesting the Kansas City Southern Railroad, the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the DOTD to commence the implementation and completion of the project without delay.

With a motion and a second, it was 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.

Resolution – Urging and requesting the Kansas City Southern Railroad, the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the DOTD to commence the implementation and completion of the project without delay.

With a motion and a second, it was resolved that the resolution be adopted.

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 May 16, 2017 and June 6, 2017

Adoption of the minutes was deferred.

Engineer's Report

Mayor Myer read the report in the absence of Cletus Langlois.

The report stated that the city should expect three to five inches of rain with isolated areas seeing more. An aquadam is on standby for the Pecan Acres

Subdivision. Mayor Myer then encouraged residents to inspect their ditches in their neighborhood and remove debris.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned.

Robert A. Myer, Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson