

MINUTES

CITY OF NEW ROADS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 5, 2021

The New Roads City Council met in regular session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Tuesday, October 5, 2021 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:

Public comments on agenda items

There were no public comments

Consent Calendar – Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of September 21, 2021

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 21, 2021 were submitted for approval.

Mr. Kellerman requested that the statement “three minutes after the vote, the Mayor vetoed the ordinance. Mr. Smith clarified the procedure on the veto” be changed to read “three seconds after the vote, the Mayor vetoed the ordinance. Mr. Smith clarified the procedure on the veto”.

Mr. Kellerman also requested that the minutes be amended to include the ordinance in its entirety, Mr. White’s narrative on the police officer’s report and his questions following Mr. White’s reading of the narrative.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes be adopted as amended.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Brad Guerin of Dough & Joe – Fence between his business and Ma Mama’s Restaurant

Mr. Guerin’s attorney, Richard Morgan, appeared before the council to appeal the removal of the fence constructed between his business and Ma Mama’s restaurant. Further discussion of this matter was moved to the end of the meeting.

John Morrison – Presentation of 2020 Audit

Mr. Morrison gave an overview and financial highlights of the 2020 audit. In summary, he expressed his concerns for the city’s collection of accounts receivables, use of city vehicles within the local area and documentation to justify the use outside of the local area, internal controls relative to timesheets and overtime reports.

Cedric Floyd of Data Center, LLC – Presentation of fee schedule for redistricting of the city council based on the 2020 Census

Mr. Floyd outlined the process for preparing the redistricting plan and presented a fee schedule for the services.

Motion by (inaudible) and seconded by Ms. Nelson.

RESOLVED, That the proposal be approved.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Paula Lambert – Announcement of American Queen Steamboat Company Visits

Mrs. Lambert announced that the American Queen Steamboat Company would be visiting New Roads during the Fall season. Passengers will be transported from the old ferry landing to the Lejeune House, the Visitor Center, St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Julien Poydras Historical Building.

Brad Guerin of Dough & Joe – Fence between his business and Ma Mama's Restaurant

Richard Morgan appeared on behalf of Mr. Guerin to request an appeal to have the owners of Ma Mama's Restaurant remove the first section of their fence to allow access to Dough & Joe's driveway and lower the fence to meet the height requirements.

Further discussion resulted in the council scheduling a special meeting for Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Citizen complaints for U.S. Postal Service's non-delivery of utility bills (T. Smith)

Mr. Smith reported that he had received several citizen complaints about utility bills not being received in a timely manner. He recommended that the city draft a letter to the district manager regarding the issue.

Council Report

Mr. White reported on a conversation with Cletus Langlois regarding the lift stations. Mr. Thomas Olinde of Pan American Engineers gave a brief report on the equipment that will be needed for the project.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Cornell Dukes
Mayor

Lynette H. Nelson
Secretary-Treasurer