

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
on Tuesday, October 13, 2026
AT 6:00 P.M. AT 416 EAST MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor Ray Bourque, Councilwoman Angel Racca (District 1), Councilman David Bonin (District 2), Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3), Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services) Kelli Migues (Deputy City Clerk/Administrator of Utility Operations), Cristen Thibodeaux (Accounting Manager), April Aguilar (Manager to the Mayor's office), Millicent Norbert (Director of Main Street & Tourism), Mark Rigsby (Communications Coordinator), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Gerald deLaunay (City Attorney), Randy Lasseigne (City Attorney), Walter Comeaux (Engineer), Daniel Hutchinson (Engineer), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief)

Absent: Councilman Kody Allen (District 6), Graham Beduze (Director of Economic Development)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation done by Pastor Weldon Moak with First Baptist Church

2. MINUTES

2.1 **Acceptance of the Minutes of September 8, 2026, Regular Meeting**

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: No public comment

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1 Approval of the August 2026 Financial Report

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that the report had been provided to the Council. He noted that the key highlights showed August 2026 revenue was very close to August 2025 revenue. However, there was an unusual item this month. He stated that a sales tax audit was completed, and the City of Broussard received approximately \$55,000 in sales tax revenue that had not been collected in previous years. The additional revenue was allocated between the 1992 Sales Tax Fund and the General Sales Tax Fund. As a result, revenues are reported at 2% above budget and 7% above projections for the month. Mayor Bourque further explained that this additional revenue did not impact the Recreation Sales Tax Fund because the audited period occurred before the recreation sales tax was established. Cristen added that the monthly analysis provided to the Council will appear somewhat distorted for the remainder of the year due to the one-time revenue received from the sales tax audit. She noted that, because it was not affected by the audit adjustment, the Recreation Sales Tax Fund provides the most accurate representation of current sales tax performance and trends.

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4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Lafayette Parish School Board Update

Superintendent Francis Touchet, Jr. addressed the Council and provided several updates regarding the Lafayette Parish School System (LPSS). He first announced that LPSS will host a Gumbo Cook-Off on Friday, October 23, 2026. Proceeds from the event will be distributed evenly among LPSS schools to support student and teacher incentive programs, and more than \$75,000 has already been raised. He also reported that system-wide operational pay scale increases were implemented at the start of this academic year. These increases specifically targeted classified support personnel, including bus drivers, bus monitors, school secretaries, and administrative clerks. In addition, he announced the introduction of a newly published framework designed to ensure that students graduate prepared for success beyond high school. He further announced the launch of a new district-approved communication platform called "School Connect" that will provide two-way communication between schools and parents. Additionally, he explained that "My Ride K-12", a mobile communications application, will offer real-time tracking for students who ride school buses. He also informed the Council that minors seeking employment will no longer obtain work permits through LPSS schools. Instead, the work permit process will now be completed through the employer at the workplace, streamlining the process for students entering the workforce. He concluded by expressing his

appreciation for the continued collaboration between LPSS and the City of Broussard on the construction of pedestrian sidewalks near Martial Billeaud Elementary School. He also reported that, at a recent School Board meeting, approval was granted to begin demolition of the Ovey Comeaux School facility within the next month, with reconstruction anticipated to begin in December of this year. He explained that plans and architectural renderings for the project have already been completed. The new facility is expected to be a \$40 million investment, and LPSS has already begun securing corporate sponsorships to support the project. He stated that the design of the new school will be closely aligned with the workforce needs of the region, preparing students for high-demand careers such as pipefitting, welding, electrical work, HVAC, and other skilled trades. The facility will focus on ensuring that students graduate with the skills necessary to be entry-level ready for these career opportunities. He further noted that the program offerings will remain adaptable and can be modified over time to reflect changing workforce demands and the evolving needs of industries within the region. He also stated that LPSS has recently launched approximately \$22 million in new projects throughout Lafayette Parish, impacting all nine school attendance districts. Mr. Touchet emphasized that improving school infrastructure remains a top priority, noting that parents care deeply about the quality and condition of the facilities their children attend. He remarked that families want their students to learn in safe, modern, and well-maintained environments, and that the School Board has listened to those concerns. He commended the School Board for being resourceful and proactive in making positive improvements across the district, with a continued focus on ensuring that every school facility is properly equipped, accommodating, and meeting the needs of students both now and in the future. Mayor Bourque thanked him for attending the meeting and providing an update. He also expressed his appreciation for the partnership on the Martial Billeaud Sidewalks Project and for the funding assistance that helped make the project possible. Councilman David Bonin asked what the new facility would be called. Mr. Touchet stated that the new facility will be named the Ovey Comeaux Workforce Initiative Academy. He explained that the academy will maintain the same colors, Spartan mascot, and overall image associated with the original high school, preserving its tradition and identity in the new facility. Mr. Touchet also noted that there has been significant interest in the academy. Charter and private schools have contacted him seeking enrollment opportunities for their students, and numerous schools outside the area have expressed interest in participating in the program. He stated that this strong level of interest is expected to enhance workforce development opportunities throughout Lafayette Parish.

4.2 District Judge Division M

Judge Susan Theall addressed the Council by expressing her admiration for the tremendous growth of Broussard and commending the Mayor and Council for the outstanding job they have done in developing the community. She shared that she was raised and educated in the area and has been entrusted by the community to serve as a Family Court Judge. She explained that she practiced law for 40 years. She is now a Family Court Judge, a position she has held for the past nine years. During that time, she also served four years as Chief Judge of the judicial district. She emphasized the importance of strong leadership and noted that her experience as Chief Judge has helped her become a more effective Family Court Judge. She stated that she is deeply devoted to family law, having spent most of her legal career practicing in that field. She concluded by expressing her desire to continue serving the community, asking for the public's support, and thanking the Council for the opportunity to speak.

4.3 **Candidate for District Judge Division I**

Attorney David Way addressed the Council to request support for his candidacy for District Judge, Division I. He stated that he has practiced law for approximately 30 years and has tried cases throughout the State of Louisiana. He emphasized that this experience is particularly important because Division I primarily hears civil matters. He noted that he is the only candidate in the race with jury trial experience and believes this makes him the most qualified candidate for the position. He also shared that he has served as Youngsville City Court Judge for the past several years. On a personal note, he stated that he is married and the father of three children. He recalled that when he and his wife moved to Lafayette Parish in the mid-90s, his wife began teaching at Broussard Middle School, which helped establish a strong connection to the Broussard community. He concluded by expressing his appreciation for the community and respectfully requesting support in the upcoming election for District Judge, Division I.

4.4 **Charter Schools USA**

Stacey Brunet thanked the Council for allowing their team to attend the meeting and speak about Broussard Charter Academy, which is scheduled to open in August 2027. She explained that the journey to establish the school began in October 2022 and concluded in October 2024 with approval from BESE as a Type 2 charter school. This designation allows the academy to accept students from across the state, rather than being limited by district boundaries or zip codes. Ms. Brunet introduced Regional Superintendent Mr. Greg Theriot and Enrollment Administrator Mr. Jason Millet, who were present to provide a brief overview of the school and present information through a slideshow for the Council's review. Mr. Greg Theriot explained that Broussard Charter Academy is bringing an educational opportunity to Broussard that has been needed for many years and will benefit the community as a whole. He noted that the school hopes to be involved with the new Ovey Comeaux Workforce Initiative Academy. He explained that Broussard Charter Academy will be a tuition-free public charter school scheduled to open in August 2027, serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The school will follow all Louisiana state educational standards and is a member of the Charter Schools USA network. He emphasized the academy's commitment to developing students academically while also providing opportunities to build valuable life skills. He stated that open enrollment will begin on November 3, 2026, and continue through December 4, 2026. Following the enrollment period, a lottery process will be conducted to select students, with those not selected being placed on a waiting list. He also announced several informational sessions for families and community members, including meetings on October 20, 2026, and November 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Broussard Event Center, as well as a session on November 17, 2026, at Our Savior's Church in Broussard. He reported that construction of the school is progressing well and noted that the facility has been designed to meet all applicable hurricane-resistant building codes. He invited the Council members to visit the campus in August of the following year for a walkthrough to see the completed facility. He concluded by noting that the QR code displayed on the final presentation slide is the best way for residents to connect with the school and obtain additional information.

Condemnation of 506 Ave B-Property owner Brian K. Breaux

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Code Enforcement Officer Ben Theriot updated the Council regarding the property located at 506 Avenue B. He explained that the property owner, Mr. Breaux, had previously been given 30 days to provide a legally binding signed agreement with a licensed general contractor to fully repair the property in accordance with the many requests outlined in the City's inspection report. Ben reported that he recently visited the property and took photographs showing that no changes had been made since the last inspection. He further stated that, during a conversation earlier in the week, the property owner indicated that he intended to have the exterior of the home completely wrapped and made watertight within two months, replace the rotten wood and windows, and address all exterior deficiencies identified in the inspection report. Ben reminded the Council that this property was originally brought before the Council for condemnation in 2020. Since that time, the Council has been provided with a timeline that states the numerous occasions the matter has returned for discussion, yet no repairs have been completed. Mayor Bourque clarified that the Council had already voted to condemn the property and granted an emergency extension to allow the owner additional time to comply. As part of that extension, the owner was required to provide a signed agreement with a contractor. Mayor Bourque stated that this requirement was not fulfilled. Mayor Bourque also noted that no representative of the property was present at the meeting tonight. Although a contractor had pulled a remodeling permit at approximately 3:00 p.m. that afternoon and submitted a repair estimate, no signed contractual agreement was provided. Councilman Delahoussaye explained that while a permit had been obtained, it would expire if work did not commence within 180 days. Councilwoman Girouard responded that even minimal work could be considered the start of the project. Ben explained that this was why the City had requested an agreement containing a specific timeline and completion deadlines. Councilwoman Racca commented that when the matter first came before the Council approximately six years ago, the owner would complete small amounts of work and then delay action, only for progress to eventually stop. Ben stated that the estimate submitted for repairs totaled approximately \$75,000, including materials. Mayor Bourque stated that while the permit authorized the owner to perform the work, it did not require him to complete it within any specific timeframe. He stated that a signed agreement, however, would establish dates and deadlines against which the owner could be held accountable. He explained that no such agreement had been presented at the meeting. He further stated that, because the property had already been condemned, he encouraged the Council to authorize the administration to establish specific requirements before moving forward. He explained that the only effective way to ensure accountability was through an enforceable timeline, which had been expected in the form of a signed contract or agreement. Mr. Breaux failed to provide the council with a contract or agreement. Mayor Bourque suggested that the Council establish a timeline for the administration to follow. Ben suggested that a signed agreement between the property owner and the City could be completed to establish deadlines and potentially prevent further action under the condemnation proceedings. City Attorney Randy advised that the Council should reaffirm the condemnation and authorize the administration to negotiate and execute an agreement with the property owner within the next ten days. The agreement would include specific timelines and trigger dates for required improvements. Mayor Bourque also noted that utilities had not been active at the residence for an extended period and that the property was currently uninhabitable. He stated that uninhabitable homes negatively affect the community

and that utilities should ultimately be restored. Mr. Theriot explained that the owner would first need to obtain a temporary electrical pole because the home's existing electrical system did not meet code requirements. Councilwoman Racca suggested allowing an additional 60 days for completion of the exterior repairs and electrical work. Mayor Bourque responded that the City's interests would be better protected by following the City Attorney's recommendation and requiring a formal agreement within ten days that established clear deadlines. Councilman Delahoussaye then proposed that the property owner be required to sign an agreement with the City administration within ten days. The proposed agreement would require the property owner to clean the yard within 15 days, complete the exterior enclosure of the home and make it watertight within 45 days, and complete all remaining repairs identified in the inspection report within 180 days. Councilman Delahoussaye subsequently made a motion to reaffirm the condemnation proceedings and authorize the administration to enter into the proposed agreement with the property owner establishing the required timelines and deadlines for compliance. A second was made by Councilwoman Racca.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution #918-26

A resolution declaring the contract for the Lafayette Street and East Main Street Reconnection Project to be substantially complete

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Grayson Simon with Comeaux Engineering recommended acceptance of the substantial completion of the Lafayette Street and Main Street Reconnection Project. He reported that all construction work had been completed and that the final inspection was conducted on September 9, 2026. He further noted that all punch list items had been addressed and completed. Photographs of the finished project were displayed on the screens for the Council's review.

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5.2 **Resolution #919-26**

A resolution to amend the 2026/2027 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures to increase authorized expenditures for the purchase of entry signs at St. Julien Park

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Jamison Abshire explained that St. Julien Park has two entrances that are in need of new entry signs. He presented renderings of the proposed signs, noting that the new design would provide opportunities for sponsorships by including space for local businesses to display their logos. Mayor Bourque explained that the current entry signs are not very effective because they are difficult for motorists to see when traveling down the road. He noted that visibility becomes especially limited during periods when the sugar cane in the surrounding area is tall, making it challenging to identify the park entrance.

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5.3 **Resolution #920-26**

A resolution declaring the contract for the Beautification phase of the Broussard Main Street Improvements Project to be substantially complete

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Amelia with DDG recommended that the Council accept the Main Street Beautification Project as substantially complete. She explained that the letter of recommendation, punch list, and all supporting documentation have been submitted to the City. An inspection of the project was conducted on August 20, 2026, and only minor items remain on the punch list. These items are on schedule to be addressed and completed. Amelia assured the Council that DDG will continue to work closely with the contractor to ensure all remaining punch list items are completed in a timely manner. Mayor Bourque further explained that the scope of this phase of the project included the installation of a fence at the former tourism kiosk location, a new entry sign at Celebrity Drive, and a new entry sign at Arceneaux Park. The project also included associated lighting, electrical improvements, and the construction of a concrete pad for holiday decorations near the sign at Arceneaux Park.

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which could help reduce costs. He also explained that of the two wells being drilled, one is a test well where two water-bearing zones have been identified. The deeper zone will be tested first, and if the water quality is acceptable, drilling can stop at that depth, resulting in additional savings. He added that several other measures would be explored throughout the project to help control costs. Mayor Bourque stated that he intends to notify the State that the project costs have increased and request additional funding. While additional funding may be available, he noted that there is no guarantee it will be approved. Walter further explained the deadlines that must be met in order to utilize the state funding. He emphasized that failure to move forward with the project within the required timeframe could result in the City having to return the funds, stressing the importance of proceeding as soon as possible.

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5.6 Resolution #923-26

A resolution accepting the lowest responsive and responsible bid for the Garber Road Water Well Improvements Phase II Project

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Grayson Simon stated that bids for the Garber Road Well Improvements Project were opened on September 23, 2026, and that six companies responded to the advertisement for bids. Based on Comeaux Engineering's review of the submitted bids and the completed bid tabulation, it was determined that the lowest responsive and responsible bidder was E. B. Feucht & Sons, LLC, with a bid amount of \$5,572,583.00. Therefore, it is recommended that the City award the contract for this project to E. B. Feucht & Sons, LLC.

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6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

6.1 Ordinance #26-849

An ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Broussard, Louisiana by adding "Appendix C-Zoning Maps" for maps E-8, E-9, F-10, F-11, which include Main Street Subdivision, Ambassador Caffery Subdivision, Danville Crossing Subdivision-Phase II and the Charleston at Moulin Subdivision to be rezoned

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: No public comment

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7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1 Mayor Bourque invited everyone to attend the upcoming "Coffee with Mayor and Chief's" event on Friday October 23, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Ton's in Broussard.

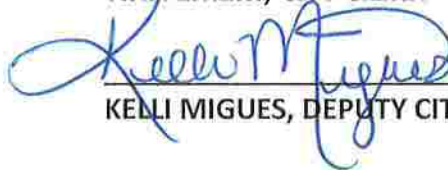
8. ADJOURNMENT



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK



KELLI MIGUES, DEPUTY CITY CLERK