

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
ON MONDAY, August 8, 2023,
AT 6:00 P.M. AT 414 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 Kody Allen (District 6) and Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large),

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), Callie Laviolette (Chief Administrative Officer), Karen Fontenot (Chief Financial Officer), Susie Richard (Executive Assistant to the Mayor), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Oscar Reed (Attorney At Law), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief) Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation was done by Pastor Adam Whitney of First Baptist Church.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the July 25, 2023, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Allen

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
 District 2 - David Bonin
 District 3 - Jesse Regan
 District 4 - Heather Girouard
 District 5 - David Forbes
 District 6 - Kody Allen
 At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Chief Vance Olivier

Proclaiming October 3, 2023, as National Night Out

Chief Olivier stated that National Night Out will be held on October 3, 2023, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at St. Julien Sports Complex. Chief Olivier invited everyone to come out and enjoy this event.

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution #751-23

A resolution accepting the lowest responsive bid of four million one hundred ninety-nine thousand thirty-two dollars and no cents from Glenn Lege Construction, LLC for reconstruction of South Bernard Road from LA Highway 182 to US Hwy 90

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Joseph Marino stated the bids did come in within budget. This project has been going for many years through Capital Outlay from the State. The city has met their match, so all monies will be coming from the State. Mayou Bourque asked Joseph to give the scope of the project. Joseph stated the project will start at the coulee on Bernard Road to Highway 90. There will be a 3-lane section on the road. The entire road will be re-constructed. It will be wider at the bridge with a turn lane to accommodate the businesses, along with sub-surface drainage. Mayor Bourque stated in Phase I, we did the intersection at Main Street and Bernard Road to show the match. Karen stated that was a \$1 million dollar match. Joseph stated upon approval of the bid, the contractor will start mobilizing, which will probably take place at the end of the month. If we have no weather delays, project completion should be around Sept. 2024. Start date should be in the next 30-60 days. Councilwoman Girouard questioned if there is an alternate entrance for the LEDA Park businesses? Joseph stated through the construction the contractor must maintain the entrances for all businesses, but LEDA Park does have an alternate entrance. Councilman Bonin questioned if there are any plans to enhance the intersection at Highway 90? Joseph stated not in this project, but the State may have creative solutions for the future.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
 District 2 - David Bonin
 District 3 - Jesse Regan
 District 4 - Heather Girouard
 District 5 - David Forbes
 District 6 - Kody Allen
 At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

4.2 Resolution #752-23

A resolution accepting that certain act of dedication of streets and/or servitudes by St. Etienne Development, LLC for Ambassador Commons Phase I

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Walter stated this is a Billeaud Companies Development. The close out package has been sent out. The streets have been dedicated. They will be doing a second phase. Mel stated he did the initial inspection, and everything has been addressed.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
 District 2 - David Bonin
 District 3 - Jesse Regan
 District 4 - Heather Girouard
 District 5 - David Forbes
 District 6 - Kody Allen
 At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

4.3 Resolution #753-23

A resolution authorizing certain police units as surplus and authorizing disposition of the units

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Chief Olivier stated these units will be taken out of service and turned over to Enterprise. The proceeds of the sale of these units will be credited to our Enterprise account. The units are as follows:

B-6	2016 Ford Explorer	VIN# 1FM5K8AR5GGA78430	Mileage 80,745
B-8	2016 Ford Explorer	VIN# 1FM5K8ARXGGC92619	Mileage 65,249
B-23	2017 Ford Explorer	VIN# 1FM5K8AR0HGB71616	Mileage 57,819

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
 District 2 - David Bonin
 District 3 - Jesse Regan
 District 4 - Heather Girouard
 District 5 - David Forbes
 District 6 - Kody Allen
 At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

5.1 Ordinance #23-778

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to add Sections 42-50 to 42-53 relating to the prohibition of certain public conduct.

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Chief Olivier stated this covers urinating in public, because there currently is nothing under the state statute covering this. It is a misdemeanor offense.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
 District 2 - David Bonin
 District 3 - Jesse Regan
 District 4 - Heather Girouard
 District 5 - David Forbes
 District 6 - Kody Allen
 At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

Mayor Bourque stated at the recent LMA (Louisiana Municipal Association) Meeting the City of Broussard Downtown Phase I Project received the first place award for Community Achievement Award. The city along with all council members received a plaque for their achievement with this project.

Chief Olivier stated he would also like to congratulate Mayor Bourque for being elected Second Vice President of LMA. He won the vote 59-54. He was elected by all the mayors throughout the State. He put a lot of hard work and effort into this. He will also be the President of LMA in 2025/2026. Chief Olivier stated after going to the convention this past week and meeting other Mayors and Councilmembers; we definitely have one of the best Mayor and Council in the State.

ADJOURNMENT

5.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK