

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, November 10, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Ray Bourque, Councilwoman Angel Racca (District 1), Councilman David Bonin (District 2), Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3), Councilman Michael Rabon (District 4), Councilman Kenny Higginbotham (District 5), Councilman Ray Gary (District 6) and Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk), Callie Laviolette (Executive Assistant), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications), Don Landry (City Attorney), Jeremy Hidalgo (COO), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police) and Justin Denais (Deputy Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

Mayor Bourque stated that Mrs. Gertrude Boudreaux passed away. Mrs. Boudreaux was a long-time member of the banking community and was a member and served on the Chamber board.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of minutes of the October 27, 2020 regular meeting

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Adopt Resolution #643-20

Accepting the lowest responsive bid of one hundred ninety-two thousand fourteen and 50/100 dollars (\$192,014.50) from Southern Constructors, LLC for the construction of the twelve-inch (12") waterline along Ambassador Caffery Parkway at Bonin Road

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Daniel Hutchinson stated the original plan was for this project to come from Stine's going down Ambassador and crossing over to Bonin Road. That estimated cost was \$335,000. Daniel stated we changed the project instead to tie into Lafayette water near the Super One and coming back to service the businesses along Ambassador, which would be cheaper for us. Mayor Bourque stated we have a large development coming to the intersection of Bonin Road and Ambassador Caffery. Mayor Bourque stated he did get an e-mail today from the State stating the City has been awarded the \$500,000 for waterlines. The plan is to use some of this money for the waterline. Walter Comeaux stated we can possibly loop the water line in the future if the council approves. This will be brought back to the council to see if they want this done. Councilman Delahoussaye questioned it we plan on doing this, would the contractor honor these numbers? Walter stated they will have to consult with legal about this, because it may change the scope of the work. This resolution only allows us to accept the low bid.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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3.2 Adopt Resolution #644-20

Requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this is to allow us to apply for LGAP and CWF grants. These are usually small amount grants. Mel stated we have funded small amount of waterline projects throughout the city with these grants.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

4.1 Ordinance #20-668

An ordinance of the city council amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures by adding an additional amount up to \$2.4 million dollars for the Main Street – Phase 1 – South Bernard Road to Clara Street Project
Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Tina stated 3 blue cards were turned in, one from Toby Armentor, Steven Hebert, and Ryan LaGrange in support of this project; however, they chose not to speak. Councilman Bonin stated Ray Gary and Michael Rabon are probably the only ones who are old enough to remember how long it has been since any improvements have ever been done to the downtown area. This is the first major monies that have been spent in downtown Broussard in the past 100 years. He is very proud to have his name on this project. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he is for the project, but he feels we should be starting the work on Phase 3 first. He feels there was a lot of wasted time since when the funding was approved.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Stacy Romero/Broussard Chamber of Commerce

Update on Christmas events


Stacy stated this year has been a very different year for the Chamber to host their events. Due to COVID we had to do the 4th of July Fireworks display virtual. On December 2nd, the annual Noel en Broussard will still take place. It will be live, not virtual. They will also host a city-wide decorating contest for businesses and residences. They will also do a zoom call with Santa thru the local schools. They are encouraging kids to put their letters to Santa in the mailbox at City Hall. They have partnered with other businesses to spread the word. Unfortunately, they have decided not to host the Christmas parade. It was too short time to pull something together. They are also working on a plan to do a Spring Event with a parade attached to a larger event. Mayor Bourque commended Stacy for her hard work; he knows it has been a tough year. The decision not to host the parade was not taken lightly, but they felt this was the right decision to make.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- 6.1 Motion to adjourn meeting
- Motion by Councilman Bonin
- Second by Councilman Delahoussaye
- To adjourn the meeting
- Final Resolution: Motion Approved
- YEAS: Angel Racca
- David Bonin
- Jesse Regan
- Michael Rabon
- Kenny Higginbotham
- Ray Gary
- Jeff Delahoussaye



Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk