

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, November 24, 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 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 V (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police) and Justin Denais (Deputy Fire Chief)
- Absent:** Councilman Michael Rabon (District 4)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of minutes of the November 10, 2020 regular meeting
 - Motion by Councilman Gary
 - Second by Councilman Regan
 - Discussion: No public comments
 - Final Resolution: Motion Approved
 - YEAS: Angel Racca
 - David Bonin
 - Jesse Regan
 - Kenny Higginbotham
 - Ray Gary
 - ABSENT: Jeff Delahoussaye

3. KAREN FONTENOT, FINANCIAL OFFICER

3.1 Approval of October 2020 Financial Report

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Karen stated the Sales Tax are up 18% ahead of budget. Arceneaux Park expenses and revenues in now in the same fund as St. Julien Park, but the 2 parks revenues and expenses are separated.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

ABSENT: Michael Rabon

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Mr. Wayne Prejean

Induction of Chief Champagne into Louisiana Fire Chief Hall of Fame

Mr. Wayne Prejean addressed the Council. He is with the Louisiana First Responders Christian Association. Their mission is to support the leaders of the first responders in firefighting and police in this state. They honor individuals in the different departments who have shown outstanding leadership and skills in their community. They took on a project to honor 8 fire chiefs. The fire chiefs that are honored must be involved within the community, religious, a family man and be in the fire service. They are also currently doing life saving awards for police officers. Mr. Robert Benoit, Vice President of the LFRCA and the Lafayette Fire Chief stated that Chief Champagne is a true leader, because he knows him personally. He is the Fire Chief for the City of Broussard and a Captain for the Lafayette Fire Department. He is a family-man, he takes care of his community and is in the fire service. He is a down to earth person. Chief Bryan Champagne was presented his award by Wayne Prejean, induction in the Louisiana Fire Chief Hall of Fame. Chief Champagne thanked LFRCA for this award. He is very honored to have received it. Chief Champagne stated he and the entire department work together. He is there to lead them. Mayor Bourque thanked Chief Champagne for his service to the community and thanked all of the firefighters for their outstanding dedication to the city.

4.2 Approve cancellation of the December 22, 2020 City Council Meeting

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

ABSENT: Michael Rabon

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution #645-20

A resolution establishing the deposit and permit fee, pursuant to Section 58-45, Chapter 58 of the Broussard Code of Ordinances

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated the current fee is \$125 deposit with a \$115 refund. The \$10 is not enough to cover those of inspections. This ordinance will change it to a \$250 deposit with a \$100 fee. Attorney Landry stated he feels the Mayor and Council are moving in the right direction with this.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

ABSENT: Michael Rabon

5.2 Resolution #646-20

A resolution appointing Gerald deLaunay as the City Attorney replacing Don Landry for the current term beginning January 1, 2021 till December 31, 2022

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that Don has won as the District Attorney, so this resolution is to appoint his replacement. Mr. de Launay stated he has always

admired the way the city moves forward. He appreciates the nomination, and he is looking forward to serving the council.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

6.1 Ordinance #20-669

An ordinance amending Section 6-20, Section 6-21, Section 6-23 and Section 24 of Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Broussard

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that Councilman Regan is the one who requested this ordinance be changed in order to be uniform with the parish. It is a very old ordinance that is on the books. Councilman Regan stated he was approached by a few businesses asking to have the ordinance revised. This would grant the businesses an additional day to open. Don stated he did check with Chief Decou and he is comfortable with the ordinance. Councilman Higginbotham questioned why is the threshold 6% on the alcohol? Don stated it is State-wide. Chief Decou stated this is lower by the volume. The only thing changing is the Sunday hours for selling the alcohol.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6.2 Ordinance #20-670

Amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Recreation Department up to \$88,160 for Arceneaux Park equipment and a Tennis Restroom for St. Julien Sports Complex

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated inside of their packet they were supplied a list of items this would include. He would like to interject that by getting the motion amended to include benches at Ida Crouchet Park for the pavilions that were recently put up. This would be under miscellaneous. It would not change the amount, just what is miscellaneous includes. The council did not have a problem with that.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

ABSENT: Michael Rabon

6.3 Ordinance #20-671

Amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for Merit Pay Raises for City Employees for a total of \$42,194 effective January 1, 2021

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated the amount is less than the original amount due to Karen reducing the cost due to the insurance decrease. The breakdown is explained in the packet. Councilman Gary stated he would like to amend the introductory ordinance by including the Mayor and Police Chief for these merit raises for 3%, which will be an additional \$4,800 for a total of \$46,994

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Bourque

To amend the motion for Ordinance #20-671 to add an additional \$4,800 to the \$42,194 to cover the increase of 3% for the Mayor and Police Chief

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

ABSENT: Michael Rabon

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Motion to adjourn meeting
Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye
Second by Councilman Regan
To adjourn the meeting
Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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



Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk