MINUTES OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA

ON Tuesday, October 24, 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), 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), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Oscar Reed (Attorney At Law), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Daniel Hutchinson

(City Engineer), Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

Absent:

Councilman Kody Allen (District 6) and Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation done by Pastor Gabe Smith of Our Savior's Church in Broussard

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Girouard

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

At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT:

District 6 -

Kody Allen

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1 Approval of the September 2023 financial report

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Karen stated the financials were sent out to the council last week. Every department is on target. We have rebounded from the drop in Sales Tax. Right now, we are ahead 1% of budget figures. We are 14% ahead of where we were last year and 27% ahead of where we were 2 years ago. We made up for the shortfall.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Parish President Josh Guillory

Resident Guillory was unable to attend tonight due to a scheduling conflict. He will be re-scheduled for the next meeting.

4.2 Condemnation of 304 East Madison

Douglas and Willa Dean Chesson Family

Mayor Bourque stated there is no motion that needs to be made on this property to condemn it. It was previously approved. Tonight is only to hear the status of the condemnation. Ben stated the family was waiting for a price to do the demo. They did get a quote from the demo company today. It did take a while because they also must remove the asbestos from the home. They will still do the demo on their own, not through the city. They are asking for a 30-day window to get it done. They are not dragging their feet; they just need more time. Councilman Delahoussaye questioned how much time do they need? Ben stated they will sign the quote this week and it should be completed in 30 days. The council asked Ben to report back on this at the November 14th meeting.

4.3 Estate of Luvenia Lee

Condemnation of 103 LouI Street

(Purple building with Yellow Trim Facing Main Street)

Motion by Councilwoman Girouard Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: The council has recommend this condemnation be pushed to this meeting for the inside of the building could be inspected and a report be given to the council tonight. Ben stated the family has not responded with him or the inspector to allow them to go inspect the interior of the building. We have not received any communications from them. The grass has been mowed. Ms. Piper is the owner of the property, not Ms. Flugence who previously addressed the council; therefore we should limit any business to be done only with the owner of the property. Councilwoman Girouard stated she does not want to extend anymore time for this property. If we do it will only expose other issues and she doesn't want to see that happen. Ben stated it is a commercial building and it will need to meet certain commercial standards. Oscar stated we will send notice of proof to the owner advising of the condemnation to commend in 30 days.

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5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution #765-23

A resolution approving and awarding the low bid the West Fairfield Road Extension Project to Glenn Lege Construction, LLC in the amount of \$581,041.00

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Daniel stated the lowest bidder was Glenn Lege Construction, LLC in the amount of \$581,041.00 and they recommend the bid be awarded. Councilman Regan questioned if we would start now, or will Youngsville start first, and will we meet up with them? Daniel stated we will start first and for now we will barricade the road with a dead end sign on where the road will end, until Youngsville meets our road. Mayor Bourque stated this will fall close to Sable Palms Phase 2, so he asked the engineers to make sure they work closely with Councilman Regan being this is his district. Daniel and Walter stated the road will start to curve behind the homes, further away from them.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

6.1 Ordinance #23-784

An ordinance amending the zoning maps by adding the following maps:

Map F-14, Portions of LA Hwy 92 and Marteau Road

Map F-7, Portions of North Eola Road

Map D-8, Portions of LA Hwy 89-Youngsville Highway

Map G-12, Portions of Lakeview Road

Map G-13, Portions of Lakeview Road

Map H-12, Portions of Lakeview Road

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: No public comments

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Mayor Bourque reminded everyone of Coffee in Broussard on Friday morning October 27th at Jet Coffee.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting