

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
ON Tuesday, November 14, 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), 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), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer), Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

ABSENT: Callie Laviolette (Chief Administrative Officer),

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation done by Paul Neil with Our Savior's Church

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the October 24, 2023, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Parish President Josh Guillory

President Guillory reflected on the accomplishments he has done in the parish in the last 4 years. They have invested heavily in the parish 1.25 billion gallons of storage for drainage. They have paved more than 210 miles of roadway and they have also invested in public safety and fire protection and the quality of life for the citizens of this parish. All the Mayors of the parish meet once a month to discuss the needs of every town/city. Public Works Directors of the Parish meet every other month. We have a strong economy in the parish and only a 2.8% unemployment rate. The parish is more unified than it has ever been. He feels the parish has a future brighter than ever. He thanked the council for their past support and asked for their vote on Saturday. Mayor Bourque thanked President Guillory for the contract coming up later in the meeting for the assistance of mutual aid for firefighting with the City. He knows the Chiefs throughout the parish worked very hard on this.

3.2 Report on condemned property: 107 N. Eola Road / Carolyn Lebleu Property

Ben Theriot stated the property was previously condemned by the council. Since then, they have sold the property. The new owner asked for additional time to clean up the property. He has already submitted plans to the permitting department. Ben questioned if we need to reverse the condemnation? Oscar stated we can get it reversed with the mortgage department. Councilman Bonin questioned if the house is repairable? Ben stated yes, it is.

3.3 Appeal of Condemnation of 400 East Third Street/ Jason & Angela Richard Property

Ben stated the property was previously condemned, but the owner has appealed the condemnation. He did a site inspection and gave the council a copy of the report. The property does look worse on the inside. The homeowner would like to address the council. It is past the 30-day action period. Mrs. Richard addressed the council and stated she has not lived there in over a year. The property does need to be condemned, but she is asking for time to clear out the home and come up with the money for the condemnation. Mayor Bourque questioned Mrs. Richard about how long does she need? Mrs. Richard stated she would like to have till after the holidays. Councilwoman Girouard questioned Mrs. Richard if she has a quote for the demolition? Ben stated, yes, she does. It is under \$6,000; but the demo company will go back and look at the property being the home is getting cleaned out. Mayor Bourque stated if the council elects to give Mrs. Richard more time, he feels the home needs to be secured. Mrs. Richard stated it had been locked up. No one has entered the home. Councilman Delahoussaye recommended we give Mrs. Richard till the first meeting in January and have Ben report back to us on the progress and if nothing has been done, we can be

ready to condemn the property. The council agreed with the recommendation from Councilman Delahoussaye.

- 3.4 Report on condemned property: 304 East Madison/Douglas & Willa Chesson Property
Ben stated he talked to the owner today. She has a buyer for the property, but she is trying to get an appraisal on the property. If the owner does not sell the property, they will tear it down and just leave the lot empty. Mayor Bourque recommended we give the owner 10 days to get the property under contract or she needs to proceed with the condemnation. Councilman Delahoussaye recommended we give the property owner till the Nov. 28th meeting. The council agreed with the recommendation.

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution #767-23

A resolution regarding a lease purchase agreement for the purpose of financing Motorola Radio's and related equipment for the Fire Department

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Karen stated this was previously approved in the budget for the Fire Department upgrades for \$256,000. It is a 5-year term that will be paid off in 3 years.

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4.2 Resolution #768-23

A resolution declaring the contract for construction of a sewer lift station on St. Nazaire Road to be substantially complete

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Daniel stated this is the lift station in front of Walmart. The concrete was eroding in it. Everything has been addressed.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.3 Resolution #769-23

A resolution approving and awarding the bid for the Albertsons Villa Lift Station

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Daniel stated this lift station is in front of Broussard Commons. We will decommission the lift station near the trailer park. There were 4 companies to bid on this project. Low bid was E. B. Feucht & Sons, LLC for a total of \$367,975.00 and \$57,000 below cost estimate. This is also the betterment for the lift station.

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4.4 Resolution #770-23

A resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 LGAP and CWFEP Program

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Mel stated the last time they received one of these grants it was used to do the connection under the railroad by RAILSIDE.

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4.5 Resolution #771-23

A resolution authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafayette Parish for Firefighting Services

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Chief Champagne stated that LCG has put in an extra \$480,000 for the parish for firefighting services. It used to be \$71,000 and it has gone up to \$130,000 for the City of Broussard. Chief Champagne stated that over the next year maybe the new council will do a dedicated funding service for the future.

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5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

5.1 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 Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

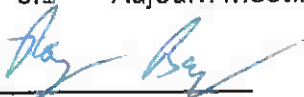
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6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK