

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA  
On Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
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), Councilman Kody Allen (District 6), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)
- Staff:** Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), Cristen Thibodeaux (Finance Manager), Callie Laviolette (Chief Administrative Officer), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Gerald deLaunay (Attorney at Law), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Justin Denais (Deputy Fire Chief), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief) Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer)
- Absent:** Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Susie Richard (Executive Assistant to the Mayor), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation),

**1. OPENING**

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation done by Pastor David Tilley with First Baptist Church

**2. MINUTES**

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting  
Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye  
Second by Councilman David Forbes  
Discussion: No public comments.  
Final Resolution: Motion Approved  
YEAS:           District 1 -     Angel Racca  
                  District 2 -     David Bonin  
                  District 3 -     Jesse Regan  
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### 3. FINANCIAL REPORT

#### 3.1 Approval of the February 2024 financial report

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated the February sales tax came in 1% above budget, which brings us 3% above budget so far this year, and total 4% above last year's budget.

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### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Charles Sharma/Kayla Reaux

Krewe De Acadian and Krewe La Vie Doux presentation regarding the Hamburger Cookoff on April 13, 2024

Mr. Sharma addressed the council and gave the details about the 1<sup>st</sup> Hamburger Cookoff sponsored by a Mardi Gras Krewe from Youngsville and Broussard. They have come together to put this on in the Stine's parking lot on April 13, 2024. There will be a lot of activities for the kids to do also. They have obtained 22 sponsors. A percentage of the proceeds from this event will go to the local fire departments in Broussard, Youngsville and Milton. It is a free event. You only have to pay for the taste testing. Mr. Sharma and Ms. Reaux encouraged all the elected officials to attend.

#### 4.2 Chris Ventre w/Hammerhead Capital

Re: Moulin Road Development

Mr. Ventre addressed the council about a single-family residential community his company would like to build off of Moulin Road. They would like to secure a Community Block Grant from the state and go through the city. They would like to allocate 50% of the development to seniors 55+ and veterans. Phase I will have 160 lots and 30 is for seniors and 8 for veterans. Phase II will be just for seniors. He is seeking the city's support in order to get the Community Block Grant. Mayor Bourque

stated when they first met with Mr. Ventre and his consultants the block grant was new to him. In order for him to move forward he has to have the support of the city. He told Mr. Ventre at that time he could not support the grant, if it did not include 50% seniors and veterans. Mr. Ventre stated they had to go back and figure the financials on it, to make sure it was not a financial burden. Councilman Delahoussaye asked him if he did put together the numbers for the financials? Mayor Bourque stated, yes, he did. Mr. Ventre stated he does not have the numbers with him, they are with the underwriters. Councilman Delahoussaye questioned if the rent will be discounted? Mr. Ventre stated it will not have rent or lease caps. It will be the market rate. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he doesn't want to see it broken up or split up. Mayor Bourque stated our original contract is still in place. Mr. Ventre stated the other 50% not rented will have to meet the guidelines of being 55+. Councilman Delahoussaye, questioned if he did his research if there is demand for this type of housing in our area? Mr. Ventre stated their consultant has done it and 25% - 28% of the citizens in the city do qualify for it. Mayor Bourque stated this is a private development to be done with block grant money that serves as housing for the elderly and the veterans. Tomorrow a representative from the block grant office will call to see if Mr. Ventre has the support of the council; therefore, we need the consensus of the council. Councilwoman Racca questioned if it doesn't work out what will happen; will he have to come back to the council for an amendment? Mr. Ventre stated, being the age is now 55+, he is very optimistic it will work.

Therefore, the consensus of the council was as follow:

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4.3 Proclamation declaring April 20, 2024, as Beausoleil Festival and Jambalaya Cook-Off Day in Broussard

Mayor Bourque stated the festival will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> a week from Saturday. Lacey Viator, Interim Chamber President stated it will cost \$10 to enter and you can eat all the jambalaya you want. There will be plenty of activities from 11:30 am – 8:00 pm with live music. There will also be a hospitality tent for the city officials, and a formal invite will be sent out.

4.4 Reschedule City Council Meeting in June  
 June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting moved to June 10<sup>th</sup>  
 June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting moved to June 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: The Mayor thanked the council for allowing the date change.

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## 5 RESOLUTIONS

### 5.1 Resolution #785-24

Authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government for Firefighting Services from Nov. 1, 2023, till Oct. 31, 2024

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Chief Champagne stated this contract was amended because of the change of new officials at LCG. Payments have now be approved to start coming in.

Councilman Delahoussaye questioned if we will be getting more money? Chief Champagne stated not yet, but they are working on that. Councilman Bonin stated the parish did donate a truck to us at the last meeting.

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### 5.2 Resolution #786-24

Authorizing a contract extension with Acadian Ambulance from Feb. 1, 2024, through Jan. 31, 2027

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Mr. Troy Guidry with Acadian Ambulance addressed the council. He stated this is a 3-year extension to the contract which we already have in place. Mayor Bourque stated the original contract was signed to lower the response time of Acadian in the city. It has been working well and he does receive the reports from the

compliance officer each month and right now they are averaging 8 minutes. Guidry stated the average for 2023 was 8.49 minutes with over 1300 calls. Guidry stated he is here for the Police and Fire Chief if any department needs anything.

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## 6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

### 6.1 Ordinance #24-793

An ordinance amending the 2023/2024 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$20,000 to model current and future water wells by GHD

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated the city is planning to expand the water system.

Daniel Hutchinson explained the city is trying to get money to make modifications of the wells. This will allow us to engage the services of a hydraist. We will model the lower Chicot Aquifer. It will take a little time to do this, but it doesn't take a lot of investment.

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### 6.2 Ordinance #24-794

An ordinance amending the 2023/2024 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$62,500 for the Fire Department funding (\$50,000 for equipment for the new tanker and \$12,500 for the new radios/paid for out of St. Martin funds for the new radios only)

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Chief Deputy Denais stated in 2022 LCG was given ARPA funding. They used the funding to purchase firetrucks for area municipalities. The city will be receiving a new tanker truck in June at a cost of \$425,000 paid for by the parish. The city, however, needs \$50,000 to put the equipment on the tanker. Also last year Lafayette Parish upgraded their radio/pager system which replaced a 20 plus year old system. This will provide better service for our city, because we run off of this pager system. However, what wasn't covered was the upgrade on the St. Martin district in our city limits. They need \$12,500 to be paid directly from St. Martin funds to do this upgrade for the city response in St. Martin Parish.

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Mayor Bourque reminded everyone of the following events:

- 1- April 13<sup>th</sup> Opening ceremony for baseball season at St. Julien Park
- 2- April 13<sup>th</sup> Hamburger Cook Off in Stine's Parking Lot put on by the Mardi Gras Krewes
- 3- April 20<sup>th</sup> Beausoleil Jambalaya Festival in Arceneaux Park

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting

  
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MAYOR RAY BOURQUE

  
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TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK