

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
ON Tuesday, September 10, 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), Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Councilman Kody Allen (District 6), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), Cristen Thibodeaux (Finance Manager), Callie Laviolette (Chief Administrative Officer), Susie Richard (Executive Assistant to the Mayor), Mark Rigsby (Communications Coordinator), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works) Oscar Reed (City Attorney), Justin Denais (Deputy Fire Chief), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief)

Absent: Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation done by Pastor Weldon Moak of First Baptist Church

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the August 27, 2024, Regular Meeting
Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:

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District 2 -	David Bonin
District 3 -	Jesse Regan
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3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1 Approval of the July 2024 Financial Report

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: The most recent deposit came in 4% lower than the current budgeted amount; but July and August are always a low month for sales tax revenues. We are however 2% above the 2023 budgeted amount.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Mr. Francis Touchet

Superintendent of Lafayette Parish School Board

Mr. Touchet couldn't attend the meeting tonight, due to the hurricane.

He will reschedule.

4.2 Request to reschedule October 8th City Council Meeting to Monday, October 7th

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated the reason he is requesting this is that he needs to be in Baton Rouge the same day to go before the BESE Board for a local charter school approval.

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5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution #806-24

Approve and award the bid for the Highway 90 and Main Street Water Tower Rehab Project

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Daniel stated the lowest bid on this project is Southern Coatings, LLC with a bid amount of \$907,000.00. The project came in \$500,000 under budget. They will rehab both water towers inside and out, doing Main Street first then the Bercegeay tower. Councilman Delahoussaye questioned about the logo on the tower? Daniel stated they did the work on it and it is in 3-dimension colors. They had to supply some level of design for them. The final color of the tower will be off white with a shade of blue.

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5.2 Resolution #809-24

Approve variance request for Scott Love @ 403 East Main Street, Studio 2

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Mr. Scott Love is the owner of Black Swallow Tattoo Studio. This resolution will grant them a variance to operate on Main Street. They are currently not allowed in the Old Town Overlay District. This type of parlor is cosmetic and fitting for the studio.

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5.3 Resolution #808-24

Approving and authorizing for an associated budget amendment and execution of contract for services with Crime Fighters of LA, LLC

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Gerald and Joy have been working with Crime Fighters of LA on this. Chief Olivier stated this is a renewal of the subscription that we currently have. All cameras are in compliance. Gerald stated he is also working on getting a signed contract with them, in turn because of the short agreement we currently have. Councilman Delahoussaye questioned Chief Olivier, if he will be adding any additional cameras? Chief Olivier stated no he will not at this time.

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6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

6.1 Ordinance #24-808

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to add sections 62-103 relating to peddlers, solicitors and vendors

Motion by Councilman Forbes

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: No public comments.

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6.2 Ordinance #24-809

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances regulating and governing subdivisions of land in the City of Broussard

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mr. Robert Singleton, citizen of Broussard, addressed the council. Mr. Singleton questioned if this would affect businesses too, in regards to the placement of dumpsters. His concern is that some businesses have dumpsters right up against the

dumpsters. His concern is that some businesses have dumpsters right up against the road, aren't they supposed to be 10-feet off the roadway? Mayor Bourque explained to him the 10-foot is the easement. They currently just put them off the street.

Mr. Singleton stated a child can come out and get hit from coming out by the dumpster, being they are so close to the roadway. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he feels what is recommended in the ordinance will be safer. Walter added that an easement is only a right of use of the property. Gerald added that the owner has ownership of the easement. Singleton questioned, so they can just go ahead a pile stuff up on the easement? Gerald stated no, because it cannot impede the drainage which is in the easement.

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6.3 Ordinance #24-810

An ordinance amending the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the year 2024/2025 to increase authorized expenditures for Downtown Main Street Improvements Phase 2A, 2B and 2C and other phases for beautification

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: No public comments.

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7. ADJOURNMENT


MAYOR RAY BOURQUE


TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK