

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON  
TUESDAY, October 27, 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 Michael Rabon (District 4), 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 (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police) and Dennis Mouton (Assistant Fire Chief)

**1. OPENING**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

1.3 Prayers for John Dyer (Broussard City Planning and Zoning Member)  
Mayor Bourque asked everyone to keep the family of John Dyer in their prayers. John passed away last week. He served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for 23 years. He will be missed.

**2. MINUTES**

2.1 Acceptance of minutes of the October 13, 2020 regular meeting

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

### 3. KAREN FONTENOT, FINANCIAL OFFICER

#### 3.1 Approval of the September 2020 Financial Report

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Karen gave the council a brief update on the refunding of the bond. Neither option 1 nor 2 was feasible for us. She will continue to monitor it and it may be better in a couple of years. In reference to the September Financial Report we are ¼ of a way into the budget. Every department is 25% below budget with the exception of one. The sales tax is 15% ahead of the budget. If we have to do any budget adjustments, we will fall anywhere between 10–15% within budget.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:           Angel Racca  
                  David Bonin  
                  Jesse Regan  
                  Michael Rabon  
                  Kenny Higginbotham  
                  Ray Gary  
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### 4. RESOLUTIONS

#### 4.1 Resolution #642-20

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Broussard in support of Lafayette Parish being approved for Federal Assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Delta, to provide public assistance Category A (Debris Removal) and Category B (Emergency Protective Measures); and individual assistance for the Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana and that Governor John Bel Edwards take all actions necessary to obtain this Federal Assistance for Lafayette Parish

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated he was asked by Representative Coussan to join in with of all the area cities by approving this resolution requesting that Lafayette Parish be approved to obtain the Federal Assistance. He stated in the meantime that the Governor has approved Lafayette Parish for the Federal Assistance and he is now asking the Federal Government.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:           Angel Racca  
                  David Bonin

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## 5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

### 5.1 Ordinance #20-668

An ordinance of the city council amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures by adding an additional amount up to \$2.4 million dollars for the Main Street – Phase 1 – South Bernard Road to Clara Street Project  
Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Chad Danos, Phil Parker and Joseph Marino with Duplantis Design Group did a presentation of this project. This is part of the Envision Broussard. Phase I is what they are bringing to the council tonight. They are currently under contract for all phases. Phase I is ready to move forward and will begin in early 2021. Phase II will be ready to go out for bid in one year. There is still a lot of things that they need to work through. Phase III is under the State DOTD. It is about 3 months away from being submitted to DOTD, which is a long process. Phase I will be from S. Bernard to Clara Street. It has 2 benefits; it addresses the health and safety welfare and it also addresses storm water issues, covering open ditches and re-aligning the coulee. This project will also reduce the speeding on Main Street. People will now be able to walk and jog along Main Street. It will create a sense of place, which makes Broussard special. At South Bernard and Main Street, we will be incorporating an architecture feature within the community. Several amenities that will be there are garbage cans, bins, seating, signage, markings, trailhead, lighting along the trail which is .6 miles, lighting of all live oaks including LED color change lighting, filling in culverts in a lot of areas, which will help with storm water components, tree bridge protections and culverts. We will have to be conscience of where we plant trees and which one because of the power lines. Mayor Bourque questioned the width of the multi-use path? Chad stated it will be 10 feet. Phil Parker stated this will also improve the drainage. The box culvert there was built in 1955 and because the channel is 2 feet below, the property owner is experiencing erosion. The box culvert will be designed for a 50-year storm, which will help the erosion. Tina stated she did receive several phone calls of people in support of this project who were unable to attend the meeting tonight. Toby Armentor, Chairman of the BEDC and Civil Service Board and Producer @ DJW Insurance addressed the council. Toby stated the BEDC has just completed another certified site. There are 7 sites in the city

that will be put on the map. They have definitely worked on "shopping local." This will get projects moving. There has not been any update to the downtown in 35 years. Councilman Bonin stated no it would probably be about 65 years. Toby stated he feels this will give a great advantage in the future for the downtown. This is the heart of Broussard. Toby stated he has been in Broussard for over 20 years, his kids go to school here and they play sports here. His heart is here. Now, is the time to focus on the future. He is asking everyone to support this and keep the future of Broussard moving. Cliff Guidry with Guidry Land Development addressed the council. Guidry stated he is in support of this project. He has put a lot of money into the rebuilding of the downtown. He is asking for everyone to support this project also. Steven Hebert, Chief Executive Office of the Billeaud Companies addressed the council. Steven stated that many members of the Billeaud Companies are lifelong residents of Broussard. It is important to make sure we make this community a place where people want to live. Steven read aloud a resolution from the Board of Directors of the Billeaud Companies in support of City of Broussard Ordinance #20-668 which is the "Envision Downtown Broussard, Main Street Phase I, South Bernard to Clara Street." He asked the council to support this. Ryan LaGrange, Manager of Workforce Development LEDA/Vice President of BEDC and a resident of Broussard addressed the council. Ryan stated that he recently reviewed the report about Lafayette infrastructure and their downtown is an Economic Hot Spot. He knows this can be the same for Broussard. We have already taken the first step with Envision and the last thing is we do not want to just put this on a shelf. He is asking the council to support this. Stacy Romero, President of Broussard Chamber of Commerce addressed the council. Stacy stated nearly 3 years ago she assisted in the growth of Broussard. This would allow us to spotlight Broussard. The Chamber thrives on Broussard and the vision of a walkable downtown and maybe listening to music downtown or walking along Main Street to Arceneaux Park. This plan will attract more people to Broussard. You know what they say, build and they will come. She is humbly asking to approve this. Councilman Bonin stated he has lived here all of his life. It was in 1963 when the clay sewer pipes were put in. The previous administration did not want to do anything to the downtown. He is so grateful that Mayor Bourque is open minded and wants to spend this money on the downtown. Mayor Bourque stated in 2014 the City of Broussard signed a contract for Right Sizing of Highway 182, which included putting a turn lane on Highway 182. At that time, the city could not get the State to overlay the road. This was the only way to make a deal with the state if we would overlay it and they would in turn give us the roadway and later a turn lane would be put in. Mayor Bourque stated he has talked to State and they are willing to accept our new plans, without a turn lane. The State will contribute 3 million to put infrastructure on highway 182.

We have been wrestling with this project for 6 years. This is the plan what we have developed. This will put one solution in for the entire system. Mayor Bourque stated he appreciates all of the encouragement and approval from the council about this. This will allow us to do something for our city.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

## **6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION**

### **6.1 Ordinance #20-662**

An ordinance of the city council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in section 9, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the David Bertrand II Annexation in Voting District 5

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: No Comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

### **6.2 Ordinance #20-663**

An ordinance of the city council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in section 9, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Helen St. Amand Annexation in Voting District 5

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: No comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5.3 Ordinance #20-664

An ordinance of the city council amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditure for Hernandez Heights Water Project up to \$150,000

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Councilman Gary stated he is hoping for everyone's support on this tonight. This subdivision really needs this. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how many fire hydrants will be in the subdivision? Mel stated 4.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5.4 Ordinance #20-665

An ordinance of the city council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located Section 20, 60 & 29, Township 10 South, Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish Louisiana, being known as the Diana Marie Keating, John E. Shepherd & Anzalone Real Estate Inc. Annexation on West Pinhook Road and in voting District 1

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: No comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca  
David Bonin  
Jesse Regan  
Michael Rabon  
Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary  
Jeff Delahoussaye

5.5 Ordinance #20-666

An ordinance amending the zoning ordinance to include the following maps:

Map D-8, Portions of Youngsville Highway (LA Hwy 89), Black Jack Lane and La Neuville Road;

Map D-9, Portions of La Neuville Road, Youngsville Hwy. (LA Hwy 89), Coachmen Drive, Rue Plaisance, Carriage Light Loop, Rue Des Vieux Chenes, Gordon Crockett Drive;

Map D-10, Portions of Youngsville Hwy (LA Hwy 89), Ambassador Caffery Parkway, Rousseau Road, Heart D Farm Road, Melissa Drive, Amberwood Drive, Teakwood Drive, Papershell Drive and Estate Lane;

Map E-10, Portions of Papershell Drive, Estates Lane, Teakwood Drive, Amberwood Drive and Heart D Farm Road

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: No comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:           Angel Racca  
                  David Bonin  
                  Jesse Regan  
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                  Kenny Higginbotham  
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5.6 Ordinance #20-667

An ordinance of the City Council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in Sections 21 & 57, Township 10 south, Range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Blue Wing Real Estate LLC Annexation off of South Bernard Road in Voting District 1

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS:           Angel Racca  
                  David Bonin  
                  Jesse Regan  
                  Michael Rabon  
                  Kenny Higginbotham

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## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

### 7.1 Condemnation of 506 Avenue B.....Brian Breaux Property

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

To halt the condemnation and grant Mr. Breaux a 30 extension to clean up his property and do renovations on his home.

Discussion: Ben Theriot stated that he did serve Mr. Breaux the notice. Since then he has made significant improvements cleaning up which will help with the public endangerment. Councilwoman Racca stated he did make significant improvements and she feels we should grant him the 30 days. Ben stated he will monitor the progress and give a status report by November 27, 2020.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

### 8.1 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  
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Mayor Ray Bourque

  
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Tina Emert, City Clerk