

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, February 23, 2021 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) and Councilman Ray Gary (District 6), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)
- Staff:** Tina Emert (City Clerk), Callie Laviolette (Executive Assistant), Gerald de Launay (City Attorney), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Walter Comeaux V (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police) and Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)
- Absent:** Karen Fontenot (CFO),

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the February 9, 2021 Meeting
 - Motion by Councilwoman Racca
 - Second by Councilman Higginbotham
 - Discussion: No public comments
 - Final Resolution: Motion Approved
 - YEAS: Angel Racca
 - David Bonin
 - Jesse Regan
 - Michael Rabon
 - Kenny Higginbotham
 - Ray Gary
 - Jeff Delahoussaye

3. RESOLUTIONS:

3.1 Resolution #659-21

A resolution authorizing and approving a new waste contract with Waste Management of Louisiana

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Gerald stated at the last meeting the council authorized the Mayor to renew the contract. After looking at the renewal, changes were made to the contract by Waste Management, therefore this makes it a new contract, so he suggested the Mayor bring it back to the council and get their authorization to sign a new contract. There is are no price differences. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if this would raise a concern with the Attorney General? Gerald stated no. He has reviewed other opinions, and this can be done within 10 years without going out for public bid. Councilman Higginbotham questioned what if another vendor wants to participate, are we okay? Gerald state yes we are. This contract cannot be exclusive. Mayor Bourque stated the reason the contract was changed is because of the language for the pandemic and recycling was changed.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4.1 Ordinance #21-678

An ordinance of the City Council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located on and along the northern side of Bayou Tortue Road in Section 93, Township 10 South, Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana being known as the Douglas and Willa Dean Chesson Family, LLC – 2 Annexation and place in City of Broussard District 5

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.2 Ordinance #21-679

An ordinance of the City Council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located on and along the western side of Youngsville Highway 89 in Section 19, township 10 South, range 5 East, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana being known as Delahoussaye Investments, LLC Annexation and placed in City of Broussard District 6

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Councilman Delahoussaye stated he will abstain from voting on this item, because he has a vested interest in this property.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

ABSTAIN: Jeff Delahoussaye

4.3 Ordinance #21-680

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for up to \$145,000 for the Ground Storage Tank

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Walter stated a few years ago they got will Mel to get prices on replacing the ground tank. After looking at this project closer we will not be able to use the current foundation. We will also need to put in additional piping and pumps. Mayor Bourque stated this ground storage tank is used to store water and get water to the tower to also be stored. This will also enhance the water pressure and the capacity. This will basically boost the pressure here; in case we have a fire and need water pressure quick. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if this will affect the Bayou Tortue water well? Water stated it will not affect it at all.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.4 Ordinance #21-681

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for up to \$87,000 for the Hernandez Heights Waterline

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Walter stated Councilman Gary requested this project be done. The original plan was to tie into the LUS water line on La Neuville Road. After we approached LUS, they did not want us to put another master meter in that area. Instead, we will run the line to Carriage Lakes. It will be LUS water, but Broussard will be buying the water and serving that area. The benefit is we will have a main water along La Neuville Road, which will service the properties in that area.

Councilman Delahoussaye, questioned where will the line stop? Walter stated we will tie into our existing line in that area.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.5 Ordinance #21-682

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$40,000 for Fire Department Allocation for paid on-call.

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Deputy Chief Denais addressed the council. Denais stated at the start of the budget year they had \$85,000 for the paid on-call allocation. As of the beginning of February they had \$22,000 left. They need \$40,000 to get thru the end of the fiscal year. August – September. They have had 10 new members come onboard. Denais stated the first year they did this they requested \$90,000, the second year \$80,000 and in 2018 and 2019, they did not request anything. Last

year they used \$120,000 and this year \$125,000. Right now, they have an average of 12 firemen per call, instead of only 3 fulltime firemen at a fire for the same cost. They have been very busy the last couple of weeks.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

5.1 Ordinance #21-677

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures up to \$14,000 for the Main Street Parking Improvements and approving Change Order #1 for Elliott Construction

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: No Public Comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Mayor Bourque gave the council each a handout of customers, residents and businesses who will be faced with high water bills due to broken water pipes. He spoke to our auditor and our attorney about this. In the past we would adjust water bills only on the sewer portion if a customer had a water leak and fixed it with documentation showing the invoice for repairs. Burton advised him that being we were under a State of Emergency we can adjust the bills for customers who do not have sewer. Mayor Bourque stated his request is that we meet the customer ½ way. He wanted to bring this to the council to see if they would have any objections. None of the council had any objections with doing this. Mayor Bourque stated if the list gets any greater than what he has presented to them, he will come back to them with that information.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- 6.1 Motion to adjourn meeting.
Motion by Councilman Bonin
Second by Councilwoman Racca
To adjourn the meeting
Final Resolution: Motion Approved
YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye



Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk