

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, May 11, 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), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Gerald de Launay (City Attorney), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications), Andrea Fontenot (Community & Business Development Coordinator), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Walter Comeaux V (City Engineer), Capt. Zac Gerard (Police Dept), Rhonda Williams (Administrative Secretary Police) and Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the April 20, 2021 Special Meeting
the April 23, 2021 Special Meeting, the April 26, 2021 Special Meeting and
the April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

3. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

3.1 Ordinance #21-690

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$158,000 for an 8" Sewer Extension of Ambassador Caffery & South Bernard

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

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. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4.1 Ordinance #21-691

An ordinance amending the 2020/2021 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$300,000 to purchase the property located at 408 West Main Street

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this is the original "Valsin Broussard Home".

This ordinance is only for introduction tonight. Mayor Bourque stated he spoke to the owners and this home has been kept in the family since it has been built.

Councilman Bonin questioned how much was the appraisal? Mayor Bourque stated it is \$287,000 and the remaining funds will be for professional fees associated with the purchase of the property. The house has been inspected. With all the

downtown revitalizations, he feels this will fit into the plan. This will also be a good place for parking for the downtown use. The council has the appraisal to review.

Councilman Gary stated he would like to review the appraisal that they just received. Mayor Bourque stated he can also arrange for the council to view the home if they choose to do so.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
David Bonin
Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon
Kenny Higginbotham
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5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Councilman Rabon

Roosevelt @ Wilkie Street – Drainage Complaint

Mr. Robert Singleton and Mr. Billy Angers addressed the council regarding the drainage in their area. Singleton stated he feels the drainage coulee near his home needs to be cleaned out, because it is silted out again. Mel stated this is the area of the Ridgeview Outfall project. Singleton feels a dozer needs to be put in the coulee, because there are uprooted trees in the coulee and on the side of the coulee from the storm. The coulee has already eroded 2 feet of property from his neighbor. There is also a gas plant near his home that has many fallen trees on the property adjacent to it. The drainage truck did come out and clean out the culverts in that area, but he does not feel it was done good enough. He is tired of walking in water up to his knees in his yard. Mel stated in reference to his neighbor's property, the roof drains directly into the coulee. The only way to clean the coulee is to get a dozer in there. The coulee was originally cleaned 20 years ago and again last year. Billy Angers stated he bought that building in 1994. Since then he built the other 2 buildings. There originally were cross tie bulkheads in the coulee. He stated his roof drain runs on the opposite side. He could spend about \$40,000 to fix this erosion problem, but he would like the city to help him. Eventually he will lose the slab. Mayor Bourque questioned Mel if he has any suggestions? Mel stated we can install concrete, but we will have to put a dozer in the coulee to shore up the bank. Angers stated he would like to have a bulk-head of about 170 feet put and a slab. He would like like assistance from the city. Mayor Bourque stated he feels we can share the numbers, and, in the meantime, Mel can look at what needs to be done and then we can bring it back to the council. Mel stated the property adjacent to the gas plant we will have to find out who that is for. Councilman Rabon stated he would like to see if we can help the property owners in this area. Councilman Bonin questioned Mr. Singleton if he has had any problems since the project was done? Singleton stated the city did a great job with the project. Walter stated this is a difficult situation, because there is not a lot of options and not a lot of area to work in. Mayor Bourque stated we need to do whatever we can to help these people out. It is our responsibility to do so. Mr. Angers stated he does not know what section is the hardest reachable. He feels instead of spending money on cleaning the maintenance of the coulee, we may want to consider putting culverts in as an option. Mayor Bourque stated there is still areas for improvement.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- 6.1 Adjourn the meeting.
Mayor Bourque adjourned the meeting.



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK