

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, June 9, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.
HELD REMOTELY FROM VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

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), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Don Landry (City Attorney), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Annie Perret (Executive Assistant), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police), Justin Denais (Deputy Fire Chief), and Jeremy Hidalgo (COO)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of minutes of the May 28, 2020 regular meeting
Motion by Councilman Bonin
Second by Councilman Higginbotham
To accept the minutes of the May 28, 2020 Regular Meeting.
Final Resolution: Motion Approved
YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Adopt Resolution #633-20

Moved by Councilman Rabon

Second by Councilman Jesse

To adopt Resolution #633-20, a resolution relative to the professional engineering services in connection with the FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program for the Sewer System Improvements Project

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 Introduce Ordinance #20-647

Moved by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

An ordinance of the City of Broussard amending Article III, Fireworks, Section 26-78 to provide for the possession and use of fireworks

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this ordinance had not been looked at for quite a while. Don stated if the council would like to amend any part of the ordinance, they can do it till the time of adoption. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he would like to amend the Jan. 1st shooting day. He would like to see it Dec. 31st. from 9 pm to 1am on January 1st and then from 9:00 am – 10:00 pm on January 1st. Don stated we can introduce the ordinance tonight and he can amend it to reflect that and he can also attach the chart to it. Councilman Delahoussaye requested that everyone look at the ordinance and come back with their recommendations. Councilman Bonin stated he feels if we need to amend it, we can amend it now. Discussion was held if we would allow them to buy it on days, then they should also be allowed to shoot them also on those days. Councilman Bonin questioned the Chief how enforceable is the ordinance? Chief Decou stated they have no issue enforcing the ordinance. He stated the confusion can be if they are allowed to buy them, but not shoot them. Mayor Bourque stated all other cities have different times for selling and shooting them. Don stated we are only introducing the ordinance tonight and it can be amended till the time of adoption. Councilman Higginbotham stated his biggest complaints

in the past were how late the fireworks were allowed to be popped. Councilman Regan stated he would like the ordinance to be re-structured to reflect the different times to discharge the fireworks. Councilman Delahoussaye stated once again he would like the council to sit down and come back to Don with their recommendations. Councilman Regan recommend the times be from 9:00 am – 9:00 p.m. with the exception of Dec. 31st till 1:00 am on Jan. 1st and then from 9:00 am—9:00 pm on Jan. 1st. The rest of the council made the same recommendations.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.2 Introduce Ordinance #20-648

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Gary

An ordinance of the city council authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation of property located at 113 North St. Pierre, Broussard, LA and to execute a conservation servitude with the Road Home Corporation, a/k/a Road Home Corporation d/b/a Louisiana Land Trust

Discussion: Ben Theriot stated there are 3 houses within the city that Road Home Corporation has purchased that have flooded numerous times. The federal government goes in and purchase these homes and then demolishes them and donates them to the municipality to use only as green space, detention ponds or playgrounds. This is the first home that we will get. Don stated this has been a long process with a lot cooperation. The next 2 homes will be on Waterberry. Councilwoman Racca stated this resident is in her district and it is a relief to the property owner, even though she had to move out of town.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.3 Introduce Ordinance #20-649

Moved by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Bonin

An ordinance of the city council amending the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Broussard, La to add the following maps: Map G-12, Portions of Rue Zoo Road and Lakeview Road; Map G-13, Portions of St. Etienne Road, Highway 92, Highway 90, Geology Circle and Rue Du Pain; and Map G-15, Portions of Rue Du Pain

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this has been reviewed by the Zoning Commission and there were no objections to it.

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 Adopt Ordinance #20-646

Moved by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000) of Taxable Recreational Facility Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, in accordance with the terms of the General Bond Ordinance adopted in November 13, 2012; providing for the sales of such bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Discussion: Karen stated this ordinance does not obligate us to do this. They will only refinance the bonds when the market is good. Our estimated savings will be \$50,000—\$55,000 a year, which adds up to \$1.1 million over the life of the bond.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

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