

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, July 13, 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), Andrea Fontenot (Community & Business Development Coordinator), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer). Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Assistant Chief Tony Ashy and Chief 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 June 22, 2021, Budget Hearing and the June 22, 2021, Regular Meeting
 - Motion by Councilman Gary
 - 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

3. KAREN FONTENOT, FINANCIAL OFFICER

3.1 Approval of May 2021 Financial Report

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated the most recent Sales Tax deposit was 7% above budget. A portal has been set-up for the ARPA Funding. They have requested certain information from us, and we have supplied it. Our first draw on the ARPA funding should be \$2,348,500.00.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution #672-21

Approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement regarding security cameras by and between City of Broussard and Crime Fighters of LA, LLC

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: Chief Olivier stated this program is a very valuable asset to us. It is run by Burt Bernard who monitors these cameras. They are supplying all of the cameras and all we have to do is pay for the replacement of the cameras when they break. All parishes and cities are joining in on this. We are estimated to get 30 cameras to be put up throughout the city. These cameras are constantly license plate readers. We have a 30-day period if we want to get out of the contract. Gerald did review the contract and is comfortable with it.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

5.1 Ordinance #21-699

An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Broussard by adding the following maps:

Map D-8, Portions of Glaser Drive;

Map H-7, Portions of Bayou Tortue Road;

Map H-8, Portions of Bayou Tortue Road;

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Gerald stated there was no objection at the Zoning Meeting for the zoning of these areas.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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5.2 Ordinance #21-700

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to add Sections 38-160 through 38-169 Relating to the Prohibition of the Public Nuisances

Motion by Councilman Rabon

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Ben Theriot stated this ordinance will essentially fill the gaps in the old ordinance. Mayor Bourque stated we have been running into problems with immovable vehicles and this ordinance will address it. Ben stated we are running into problems with boats, excavators, and other vehicles that the ordinance does not address. Councilman Higginbotham questioned what is the penalty phase? Ben stated in our existing order we have to go to the 15th Judicial Court to prosecute with a ticket, whereas with this ordinance we can go thru Magistrate Court with a ticket. Gerald stated there is a general penalty, which did not apply in the past.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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 Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye

5.3 Ordinance #21-701

An ordinance amending Ordinance #19-595, regarding temporary buildings on commercial properties

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this ordinance written by Gerald, because he suggested we make changes to our exiting ordinance regarding this. Gerald stated this will tighten our existing ordinance. This will address what is allowed according to what is permitted on commercial property. Portable building requirements will have to be met. They will have to make an application for the process and an inspection will be done to look at the building. We do not want to scratch off every modular building. Mayor Bourque stated this is for a primary building that is being used for primary business. An exception provision will be provided, and the council will have the final say so. Mayor Bourque stated that some communities do require a moratorium on this, while the owner is building a permanent building.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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6 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

6.1 Ordinance #21-698

A third supplemental ordinance authorizing the issuance and delivery of Thirteen Million Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$13,670,000) of Taxable Recreational Facility Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, in accordance with the terms of the General Bond Ordinance adopted on November 13, 2012; prescribing the form, fixing the details, and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on such bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Lee Bressler and David Clark with Raymond James Financial addressed the council. They advised the amount of savings to refund the bond is \$1.4 million dollars. In 2020 when we looked into the refunding of the bonds, but before we could get a transaction moving the savings had dropped tremendously. On June 22, 2021, we started the process again. The savings of \$1.4 million will be over a 21-year span at an average saving of \$70,000 per year. Bonds will be refinanced at 2.7%. Their opinion is this is a fair price, and the timing is good. They recommend the council accept this offer. The council agreed to proceed with the refinancing and thanked the gentlemen for the savings the city will get.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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7 ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting


MAYOR RAY BOURQUE


TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK