

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, September 28, 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), Councilman Ray Gary (District 6) and Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk), Karen Fontenot (CFO), 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, Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief) and Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the Sept 14, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Regan

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. KAREN FONTENOT, FINANCIAL OFFICER

3.1 Approval of August 2021 Financial Report

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Karen stated the financials are in the councils' packets. She is currently prepping for the audit. Sales Tax receipts came in last week and we are off to a good start this fiscal year.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Mr. Jay Hays

Request variance for a fence to be constructed in a drainage easement
@ 115 Channel Drive

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Ben Theriot stated Mr. Hays is building a home and would like to put his backyard fence into the drainage easement as his neighbors did. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how will we maintain the drainage easement? Mel stated the only thing Mr. Hays wants to do is put his fence uniform with his neighbors. He does understand if work needs to be done, the fence will be taken down and it will have to be put back up at his own expense. Councilman Bonin stated he feels that we should notify his neighbors also that if work needs to be done the city will not be liable for putting their fences back up. Ben stated that Mr. Hays does agree to the guidelines of putting up the fence. Mayor Bourque stated with all of the new neighborhoods we are trying to keep up with these fence problems. Putting a fence in an easement is not a problem, putting in a right of way is a problem. Mr. Hays' fence will be inline with all of the other fences. Councilman Bonin asked if we will notify the other property owners about this? Mayor Bourque stated only a few of those fences were put up after the permit system was set up. Mayor Bourque recommended we handle this as case- by-case basis. Mel stated if we do have a problem, we can reach out to them.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

5.1 Ordinance #21-707

An ordinance of the city council amending the 2021/2022 Operating Budget of Revenues and expenditures to increase authorized expenditures by one hundred nineteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$119,250.00) for purchase of Police Department Equipment

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Chief Olivier stated this money is to purchase tasers in the amount of \$70,625 and a new police unit plus the uplifting in the amount of \$48,625.00. The unit that needs to be replaced, the oxygen sensor is broken, and the transmission is going out on it. Chief Olivier stated he doesn't feel it is cost efficient to get the vehicle repaired. It is a 2011 Chevy Tahoe with almost 90,000 miles. We have already put \$13,700 worth of repairs on the vehicle. Chief Olivier also stated the cost of the tasers includes 27 tasers plus a spare with the holsters, cartridges, cameras to watch the officer using the tasers and training. The \$70,625 will be a re-occurring expense for the tasers each year.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
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 Kenny Higginbotham
 Ray Gary
 Jeff Delahoussaye

6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

6.1 Ordinance #21-704

An ordinance stating the 2020 Census population of the Broussard City Council Election districts and determining if redistricting is needed

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that Mike Hefner requested we adopt this ordinance. We do have to redo the re-districting. The councils' first meeting/workshop on this will be after October 1st. This all has to be done before February 2022 for the election next year.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6.2 Ordinance #21-705

An ordinance amending the zoning maps to include:

Map E-7, property to be zoned Community Commercial/Portions of W. Pinhook Rd

Map E-8, property to be zoned Community Commercial/Portions of W. Pinhook Rd

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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 Kenny Higginbotham
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 Jeff Delahoussaye

6.3 Ordinance #21-706

An ordinance amending the 2021/2022 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures to provide an additional \$140,000 for Highway 182 East Overlay

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: No public comments

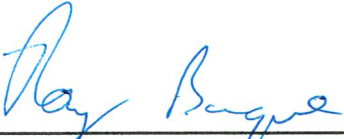
Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK