

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021
@ 9:00 AM**

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),

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

2. WORKSHOP ON COUNCIL RE-DISTRICTING

Mike Hefner explained the process of re-districting. The numbers were taken after the Census to make sure the districts are balanced out. Mr. Hefner stated he has been doing this for the city since 2000. In 2000 we had a population count of 6181. In 2010 we had 8377 and now we are faced with 13,417 per the Census count. The average district in 2010 was 1396 and now we are at 2236. District 1, District 2, District 4, and District 5 are way out of balance. The reason for the workshop is to come together with the council because they know their community and the new districts must be approved before the 2022 election. He doesn't feel we can keep up with a 50% minority district. District 5 will have to shed a lot, but we can shrink up the north end of District 1. He explained to the council about the Census Blocks. Census Blocks are rated by features in the blocks such as streets, power lines, coulees, and rivers. The Census Bureau creates the Census Blocks. We do not want to split up subdivisions during re-districting. Councilman Higginbotham stated he would definitely like to see neighborhoods stay as a whole. District 4 will not be losing any people, only picking up more people. After lengthy discussion about different changes, Mike will come up with Plan #2 and present that at the next meeting in November for more discussion.

3. ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk