

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, October 26, 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 Ray Gary (District 6) and Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Callie Laviolette (Executive Assistant), 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), Oscar Reed (City Attorney)

Absent: Councilman Kenny Higginbotham (District 5) and Gerald de Launay (City Attorney)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

Councilman Gary asked everyone to please keep Mrs. Linda Champagne and her family in their prayers.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the October 8, 2021, Special Meeting and October 12, 2021, Meeting

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Ray Gary

Jeff Delahoussaye
Absent: Kenny Higginbotham

3. KAREN FONTENOT, FINANCIAL OFFICER

3.1 Approval of September 2021 Financial Report

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Karen stated we have completed the first quarter of the Fiscal Year 2022. We are ahead 9% of budget on the Sales Tax. We are 23-25% ahead of where we were last year.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Absent: Kenny Higginbotham

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.2 Resolution #685-21

A resolution approving the re-appointment of Angela Ragusa for the Fire Department and Currie Rankin for the Police Department to the Civil Service Board for the term of October 29, 2021, till October 28, 2024.

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Absent: Kenny Higginbotham

4.3 Resolution #686-21

A resolution approving execution of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Firefighting Services by and between the Parish of Lafayette and Broussard Fire Department for fiscal year 11-01-2021 to 10-31-2022

Motion by Councilman Rabon

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Chief Champagne stated that this resolution allows us to enter into an agreement with the Parish to allocate fire protection for the unincorporated areas of the parish. They in turn give us funds for this which also funds the training coordinator position. We receive \$42,188 for providing the services and \$27,000 for the Training Coordinator position. Our Fire Department continues to provide 100% services to our city and the unincorporated areas. Councilman Bonin questioned if it wasn't more than that in the past? Chief Champagne stated yes, but the Parish did go thru a shortfall, but now they have dedicated funding for this.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

5.1 Ordinance #21-711

An ordinance amending the 2021/2022 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for Capital Outlay up to \$42,000 to purchase the property located at 308 East Madison

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Mel stated this is the parking lot behind City Hall that belongs to the owners of The Victorian. They recently sold The Victorian and have approached us to see if we wanted to purchase the lot. We use this lot for employee parking and for overflow parking. The asking price is below the appraisal.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon

Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye
Absent: Kenny Higginbotham

6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

6.1 Ordinance #21-708

An ordinance amending the 2021/2022 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures to increase the recreation expenditures up to \$41,000.00 to install a splash pad cover @ St. Julien Sports Complex

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Absent: Kenny Higginbotham

6.2 Ordinance #21-709

An ordinance amending the Broussard Code of Ordinances in order to implement the latest version of each of several building codes, and providing for the future update of same

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that Chief Champagne has been working with Rodney Richard our Building Codes Inspector about this.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Absent: Kenny Higginbotham

6.3 Ordinance #21-710

An ordinance of the city council amending the 2021/2022 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures to increase authorized expenditures in Capital Outlay expense up to \$74,000.00 for the Southwood Drive and South Cruise Avenue Road Re-construction project

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Absent: Kenny Higginbotham

4. RESOLUTIONS....Continued

4.1 Resolution #684-21

A resolution approving and awarding the low bid to Commercial Construction Company for the splash pad cover at St. Julien Sports Complex for \$40,341.96

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mel stated he received 3 quotes for this project, and they are ready to roll with it.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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Mayor Bourque stated on November 6th, the Police Department is hosting a "Police Community Walk" at 10:00 am from the Police Station to Ida Crochet Park. Refreshments will be served at the park. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mayor Bourque also stated FEMA did an article on Flood Mitigation. They recognized the City of Broussard as an example of resiliency in action concerning our drainage improvements and our proactive approach to protecting our citizens, businesses, and Broussard properties from flood damage. Since the flood of 2016 we have spent 4 million dollars on drainage improvements. Mayor Bourque gave many thanks to the past council, the current council, and our workers for getting this done. We are no longer fighting these problems every day; we are fixing them.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK