

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON  
TUESDAY, February 8, 2022, 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:** Callie Laviolette (Chief Administrative Officer), Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), Karen Fontenot (Chief Financial Officer), Holly Cope-Lynn (Chief Communications Officer), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer), Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Gerald de Launay (City Attorney) and Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief)
- Absent:** Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief)

**1. OPENING**

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

**2. MINUTES**

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the January 19, 2022, Special Meeting and the January 25, 2022, Regular Meeting
  - Motion by Councilman Gary
  - 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 the November 2021 and December 2021 Financial Reports

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Karen stated these financials cover up to 6 months of the fiscal year. Departments are running 5 -7% higher because of material cost increases. Sales Tax is still running 29% ahead of budget. We do have the money to cover the overage cost, but we will monitor the spending and be conservative. Karen stated with the increase in expenditures and the increase in sales tax revenues, we will be close to a break even point. Mayor Bourque stated they looked at the departmental spending and the increase is in material costs, not in salaries or overtime. Everyone is seeing this trend all around. We are fortunate that our revenues are increasing. We will continue to stay in a cautious position. Mel stated everyone is seeing this inflation in every aspect. Councilman Higginbotham questioned, perhaps we can change the procurement practices? Karen stated we are doing well at finding the low-cost items right now. Walter stated with the public bid projects, we are seeing 30% increase, which have never been seen before. Mayor Bourque stated some of the problems are that bid items are only good for a short period of time.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Donald Thibodeaux

Condemnation of property located at 213 Glenn Street

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that Tina has been talking to Mr. Thibodeaux. He is willing to allow the city to demolish the trailer, but due to his financial situation he is asking for a term for the re-payment to the city. We first have to make sure there are no liens against the property, before this term agreement is done.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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- 4.2 Councilman Kenny Higginbotham  
Benefit for Team Gleason Foundation  
Councilman Higginbotham stated on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Blackham Coliseum the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fin, Feather, Fur Festival will be held benefiting the Team Gleason Foundation for people with ALS. All of the money will go to purchase equipment for people with ALS. Councilman Higginbotham added that he got involved with this because a friend of his currently has ALS. Councilman Higginbotham stated he will be taking applications from anyone who wants to enter the cooking competition or anyone who wants to sponsor the event or who would like to purchase a ticket to go to the event.

## 5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

- 5.1 Ordinance #22-722  
An ordinance amending the zoning ordinance to add Map E-11 changing the zoning of 425 Heart De Farm Road from Single Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential  
Motion by Councilman Gary  
Second by Councilman Rabon  
Discussion: No public comments.  
Final Resolution: Motion Approved  
YEAS: Angel Racca  
David Bonin  
Michael Rabon  
Kenny Higginbotham  
Ray Gary  
Jeff Delahoussaye  
Abstain: Jesse Regan

## 6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

6.1 Ordinance #22-720

An ordinance amending the 2021/2022 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures to increase authorized expenditures by \$74,000 for the 2021 Street Overlay Project , Main Street Phase III

Motion by Councilman Bonin

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

6.2 Ordinance #22-721

An ordinance amending the 2021/2022 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures to increase authorized expenditures by \$252,000 for a 12" Waterline Extension along Lake Talon Road

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

7.1 Adjourn Meeting

  
MAYOR RAY BOURQUE

  
TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK