

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, August 25, 2020 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), Callie Laviolette (Executive Assistant), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications), Don Landry (City Attorney), Jeremy Hidalgo (COO), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police) and Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of minutes of the August 25, 2020 regular meeting
 - Motion by Councilman Gary
 - Second by Councilman Regan
 - Discussion: No public comments
 - Final Resolution: Motion Approved
 - YEAS: Angel Racca
 - David Bonin
 - Jesse Regan
 - Michael Rabon
 - Kenny Higginbotham
 - Ray Gary
 - Jeff Delahoussaye

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Susan Theall

Candidate for 15th Judicial district Court Judge Division M

Ms. Theall introduced herself to the council. She stated Acadiana is all about families and that is one of the reasons she is running for Family Court Judge. Her mom was a Landry from St. Martinville and her grandmother was a Girouard. She feels this election is about families and not about politics. She feels she would be the next best family court judge because she has been practicing family law for 34 years. In 1998 she help create the first Family Court Seat. She then steer headed the committee and became the first Board Specialist for Family Court. Right now, we are in a pandemic and it is hard because people are not focused on the election. People are concentrating on loss of jobs and loss of income due to this pandemic. She thanked the Mayor and Council for letting her speak tonight and asked everyone for their support.

3.2 Nathan Broussard

Candidate for City Marshall

Mr. Broussard was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

3.3 Brian Breaux

Condemnation of property located @ 506 Avenue B

Moved by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilwoman Racca

To move forward and condemn the property located at 506 Avenue B, owned by Mr. Brian Breaux.

Comments: Ben Theriot with Code Enforcement stated there was an issue with this property with trash all over. The owner loaded the trash onto a trailer and the trailer is still there. There was also a dog chained to a car, which has since been removed by Animal Control. The house is in pretty bad shape and part of it is caving in. Ben stated he spoke to Mr. Breaux today and he advised him that he will fix it, he just needs time. He informed him that it is up to the council to give him more time to take care of this. He feels that Mr. Breaux is being honest. The trash will have to be picked up and there is definitely a rodent problem that will need to be addressed. Ben stated if the council would like to give him time, he can monitor the progress and report to the council. Councilman Higginbotham stated we can maybe give Mr. Breaux 90 days and if it is not done in 90 days, then we can condemn it. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he would like to give him 30 days and after that if nothing has changed, we can move forward. Mayor Bourque stated that Ben can continue to monitor it and come back to the council if it is not working out. Councilwoman Racca stated she feels we can give him the

30 days and monitor the progress. Mr. Breaux stated he would appreciate any help the council can give him. He will get it cleaned up. He just needs to know who does he talk to for permits. Mayor Bourque stated he can reach out to Ben and he will put him in contact with whoever he needs to talk to. Mr. Breaux stated he wants to get it to par, because he loves this community.

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Gary

To rescind the motion to condemn the property at 506 Avenue B

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Gary

To allow Mr. Brian Breaux 30 days to continue the clean up and renovations of his property located at 506 Avenue B. The 30 days will expire on October 8, 2020.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

4.1 Adopt Ordinance #20-657

Amending the Chapter 50, Signs, Section 50-4, (13) e, Political and Campaign Signs

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this ordinance was introduced at the last meeting. This will allow campaign signs to be put up the day of qualifying instead of 60 days prior to the election.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.2 Adopt Ordinance #20-658

An ordinance of the Broussard City Council annexing property located on and along the southern side of Bayou Tortue Road in Section 93, T-10-S, R-5-E, Lafayette Parish Louisiana being known as the Douglas and Willa Dean Chesson Family Annexation located at 414-430 Bayou Tortue Road in City of Broussard Voting District 5

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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Mayor Bourque stated branch pick up will start tomorrow.

He commended the efforts of all the departments and the council for all the help and hard work and professionalism during Hurricane Laura. The city was saved for the brunt of the hurricane, but our prayers are with those who were not.

Mayor Bourque also added this city has worked hard these last couple of years to improve the drainage. We did 3 major drainage improvement project and public works continues to work on this on a daily basis. He feels we are definitely ahead of where we were in 2016.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

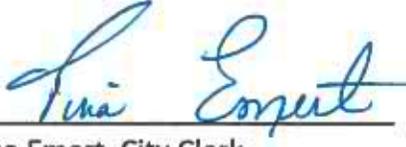
To adjourn the meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk