

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, April 26, 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), 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), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Gerald de Launay (City Attorney), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief) and Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)
- Absent:** Councilman Ray Gary (District 6)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the April 12, 2022, 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
 - Jeff Delahoussaye
 - Absent: Ray Gary

3. OTHER BUSINESS:

3.1 Approval of March 2022 Financial Report

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Karen stated right now we are 17% overbudget, which is about 2 million dollars. General Fund is over \$351,000 and the Utility fund is \$345,000 totaling \$700,000. If the recent trend in Sales Tax continues, we may end up with a slight surplus.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Absent: Ray Gary

4. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4.1 Ordinance #22-729

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to amend Chapter 58 and to provide relative camping on public property

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Racca

Discussion: Gerald stated Councilman Bonin approached him to address this issue by ordinance, camping on public property which applies to anyone and everyone. This is an additional tool to protect public property. Mayor Bourque stated this is to aid in getting people out of areas that they should not be in. Councilman Delahoussaye questioned if this will affect people who camp overnight in the park for tournaments? Mayor Bourque stated we do not allow campers in the park for overnight parking. St Julien Park closes at 10:00 pm and there are no hook ups for water or sewer for campers and we do not have overnight staff. Councilman Higginbotham questioned about the bikers with hammocks between the trees, how will this affect them? Gerald stated we should start a permit process. The park should adopt some procedures for this. Mayor Bourque stated all Broussard Parks have a closing time and are not staffed overnight. Councilman Bonin stated it gives police officers something to enforce. Gerald stated if provisions are permitted, there would have to be a formal procedure. This would at no cost as indicated, however if the council wants to develop a permitting process we can do so. Mayor Bourque stated the

park has been used overnight by fundraiser organizations such as the American Heart Association and the Boy Scouts of America and we would continue to do that when requested.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
 David Bonin
 Jesse Regan
 Michael Rabon
 Kenny Higginbotham

Nay: Jeff Delahoussaye

Absent: Ray Gary

4.2 Ordinance #22-730

An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Broussard to adopt Map F-6 for property located at 901, 905 and 913 Garber to re-zone it from Light Industrial to Single Family Residential

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Absent: Ray Gary

4.3 Ordinance #22-732

An ordinance creating the City of Broussard Old Town Special Overlay District of the City of Broussard

Moved by Councilman Rabon

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Walter stated Councilman Bonin addressed him and Gerald to create this ordinance. Walter stated he met with David and 2 other council members about this, whose district is in the old part of town. Walters stated if you read thru this it starts with Main Street Overlay adapted onto Old Town Special Overlay. This new submission covenants protects the homeowners. We have to do this because the streets in the Old Town Overlay are narrow, the infrastructure is different along with the size of the roads. Councilman Higginbotham questioned what about the zoning that has already been done in

this area? Walter stated zoning only pertains to use. The Main Street Overlay is restricted covenants for that area. Mayor Bourque stated we will also have to create a district for Ambassador and Bernard Road. Each area will be different. This area does not have enough streets for us to allow roadside parking. Also, the infrastructure is older and drainage is an issue. This ordinance will help to protect the people and structures that are already there. The lots in the older part of town are smaller lots and there is not much space for multi-family units. You will be able to buy a house and turn it into a shop to make it compatible with the people who live in the area. Councilman Bonin stated if anyone wants to call and meet with him about this ordinance next week, he will be glad to meet with them. He would like to show them how new development has caused flooding in this area in the past. Mayor Bourque stated this is primary problems for sub-standards parking and older level of infrastructures. Councilman Higginbotham stated in the past we retrofit zoning to fit different areas of town. Will this change the zoning of Ambassador and Bernard Road? Walter stated this is only an overlay of the zoning district. Walter stated it definitely will need to be tweaked in the future. The intent is to protect the older part of town. We do not want to be strict, and we don't want to kill the economic development of the old part of town. Mayor Bourque stated Bernard Road and Ambassador have no regulations on it right now, except zoning. We do not want to get too restrictive. Walter stated no matter what we do, people have the right to come to the council for relief. Councilman Regan stated so this is an overlay on an overlay. Walter stated Main Street is on the front and the Old Downtown is separate. Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

5.1 Condemnation of 307 East Third Street (Marcombe Property)

Moved by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mr. Rodney Richard stated he inspected the interior of the mobile home and was shocked at what the interior looked like, and it was clean and

sound. Mr. Marcombe had the water turned on , but there was a leak at the water meter. He did start cleaning the exterior. The grass needs to mowed. Mr. Richard recommended we give Mr. Marcombe a second chance and if it deteriorates, he will be back. Councilwoman Racca questioned, what about the outside? Mr. Richard stated the roof needs to be cleaned and the outside needs to be pressure washed, painted, and dressed up. The waterline under the trailer is fixed. The leak at the meter has not been fixed yet. Mr. Richard informed him he needs to get a permit for that. Councilman Regan stated he will approve giving him a second chance but questioned if we will go back and check that the repair is done or do we wait for another complaint. Mr. Richard recommended giving him 2 more weeks to clean the trailer from top to bottom. Mr. Marcombe asked for a 30-day extension, because the individual who was supposed to fix the leak had a heart attack and he also needs to dress up the outside. Mr. Richard stated the water will not be turned on till he gets the permit.

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

To amend the original the motion, giving Mr. Marcombe another 30 days to complete all repairs and clean up the exterior.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

ABSENT: Ray Gary

6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK