

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, August 9, 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), Allison Dickerson (Director of Communications), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Oscar Reed (City Attorney), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Chief Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

Absent: Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer) and Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief),

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the July 26, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
 District 2 - David Bonin
 District 3 - Jesse Regan
 District 4 - Michael Rabon
 District 5 - Kenny Higginbotham
 District 6 - Ray Gary
 At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Re-Cap of July 4th Celebration

Stacy Romero, President of Broussard Chamber of Commerce

Stacy presented a short video of the Independence Day celebration at St. Julien Park. This event was the largest event the Chamber has ever done. The planning and preparing for this event started in January 2022. A lot of advertising was done for this event. This event drew in a crowd of over 10,000 inside of the park. There were also thousands in their backyards and in area parking lots watching this event. Basically, the entire community showed up for this event. Some of the local restaurants even ran out of food and showed their sales on this day as a record high. Ben Berthelot with LVCC did an economic study of this day. The event cost \$78,250 to put on and the city contributed \$50,000 towards that expense and the remaining \$28,250 was raised in sponsorships for the event. In return it is estimated the city made \$200,000 in sales tax revenue for this event. The city quadrupled what we spent. Community Development and Economic Development go hand in hand for Broussard. The Chamber is proud to partner with the City to hold this event. Stacy thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the Chamber. She also thanked the police department, the fire department, public works and the staff at the park for all of their assistance. Mayor Bourque stated Stacy did say there was about 10,000 people in the park, that is why, we had to close the gates at 8:30 that evening, because there was no more parking room. Mayor Bourque thanked Stacy and the Chamber and the Board Members for all they do for Broussard.

4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

4.1 Ordinance #22-737

An ordinance of the City council authorizing an exchange of property with Clifton Shepherd

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: No public comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK