

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, October 11, 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), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief), Justin Denais (Deputy Fire Chief) and Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the September 27, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

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

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3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 St. Julien Park Update/Jamey Abshire

Jamey gave a year-to-date update for 2022. He stated from Jan 2022 till December 2022 there are 52 weekends. We have scheduled events at St. Julien Park 36 of those 52 weekends. 70% are boys' baseball, 22% are girl's softball and the remaining are other. The LCVC supplied the information on the economic impact of those events in Broussard. From January to July approximately 55,000 people have participated in an event at St. Julien Park. August thru September they did not have much going on at the park. The 2022 business sales at convenience stores, boutiques and local eating places in town all directed from the events at the park have totaled \$7,529,468.00, which in turn is \$344,414.00 of Sales Tax Revenues for the City of Broussard. In 2023, 32 weekends have been booked already. The park is now partnered with Acadiana Alliance. What is Acadiana Alliance? Acadiana Alliance is a partnership between Broussard, Youngsville and Crowley along with 2D Sports and FASA. The reason the alliance was created is for park utilization, consistency, diversity and opportunity. Jamey went on to introduce his team at St. Julien Park, which he is very proud of: Russell Broussard – Maintenance Director, Susie Richard – Office Manager, Dwayne Derise – Sport Manager, Kyli Lassalle – Tennis Director, Brian Guilbeau – Electrician & Maintenance and Chuck Stout – Sports Coordinator. Jamey thanked the Mayor, the Council and his team for their commitment and strong work ethic to provide the best product youth program for the Citizens of Broussard. Councilman Higginbotham stated he knows the park is primary for the citizens. Councilman Higginbotham stated he spoke to the soccer director, and he informed him that only 30% of Broussard kids play at St. Julien Park. Councilman Higginbotham questioned, why is that? Jamey stated there are a lot of variables with that. With this new alliance we will stay consistent and talk to our partners about this. There are some imperfections that need to be addressed and he is working on getting this rectified.

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution #723-22

A resolution re-appointing Mr. Edmond Comeaux to serves as the governing authority member on the Broussard Police and Fire Civil Service Board for a term of (3) years effective October 28, 2022

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mr. Comeaux was officially sworn in by Attorney Reed.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.2 Resolution #727-22

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a purchase agreement with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group and any other related documents for the purchase of a Pierce 107' Heavy Duty Aerial Ladder Truck

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Deputy Fire Chief Denais addressed the council. Denais stated the ladder truck they currently have is a 2003. That truck must respond to every residential and commercial call. According to PIAL the city consist of 127 road miles, and 88.37 miles must be covered with the ladder truck. The only other way to help this would be to take away 44 miles and put a station which would be in the middle of the city. There is no way this can happen is because we are landlocked. On May 1st this samè apparatus went up 5%. On November 1st it will go up 6 ½%. The cost of this truck today is \$1,352,928.00, with an estimated savings of \$87,940.32 if we order it before November 1st. If we wait to order this truck in 2025 it will be \$1,752,0808.99, which is 10% more. The current ladder truck we have is 20 years old, but we are currently having problems getting parts for the truck. If we sign this contract before November 1st, the delivery 30 is 30-36 months, because of the demand and inflation. In addition, the last trucks were financed, so the finance company will pay the down payment and we will only have to pay the interest till the trucks are delivered. Almost at the same time the other trucks are paid off, the note for this truck will start. This ladder truck is 107 foot, whereas the old ladder truck is 70 foot. With the current truck they cannot reach the 3rd floor of any hotel in town. Councilman Delahoussaye questioned so we will only be paying the interest until the trucks arrive? Karen stated we will be paying \$50,000 in interest till we take delivery, which be about \$150,000 over the next 3 years. Chief Champagne stated there is no deposit needed, the Mayor only has to sign the contract and then the vendor will put us in line. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if a tandem axle truck would not be better? Denais stated no, because they will not be able to make the turn onto the smaller city streets in town.

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5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

5.1 Ordinance #22-743

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Operating Budget for FY2022/2023 for Capital Outlay in the amount of \$250,000 for an additional turn lane on St. Nazairre Road

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Walter stated the turn lane is for traffic going into the Safe Source facility and into McDonalds. We want to segregate the large trucks from the other traffic. The lane is 270 feet long.

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5.2 Ordinance #22-744

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Operating Budget for FY2022/2023 for Capital Outlay in the amount of \$96,500 for Tennis Court Improvements at St. Julien Sports Complex

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Gary

Discussion: Jamey stated this is to upgrade the tennis courts to make them USTA Approved. They are not in bad shape; it is just we want to bring bigger organizations here and we do not have USTA Regulated courts. We will get back \$35,000 from USTA and USTA Southern for the improvement. Councilman Regan questioned, if this will allow us to track tournaments or will we have to add bleachers? Jamey stated the first step is getting our courts where they need to be. Kylie stated that bleachers will definitely help and she has also received complaints about no covering for the seating area. A separate building will be

better also and then we would have full courts every night. Jamey stated we are taking the step in the right direction, and we will eventually get there.

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6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

6.1 Ordinance #22-742

An ordinance annexing certain properties located in Section 30, Township 10 South Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana being known as the Gaspard Bertrand Bernard Annexation in Voting District 3

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Rabon

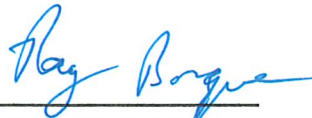
Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK