

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, April 11, AT 6:00 P.M. AT
414 EAST MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- Present:** Mayor Ray Bourque, Councilwoman Angel Racca (District 1), Councilman David Bonin (District 2), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Councilman Kody Allen (District 6) and Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)
- Staff:** Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), Callie Laviolette (Chief Administrative Officer), Karen Fontenot (Chief Financial Officer), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Gerald deLaunay (City Attorney), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief) and Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation), Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)
- ABSENT:** Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3) and Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation was done by Pastor Moak

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the March 28, 2023, Regular Meeting
 - Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye
 - Second by Councilman Allen
 - Discussion: No public comments
 - Final Resolution: Motion Approved
 - YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
 - District 2 - David Bonin
 - District 5 - David Forbes
 - District 6 - Kody Allen
 - At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye
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3. OTHER BUSINESS:

3.1 Nicky McIntosh

Requesting zoning variance for 106 Birdie Lane, currently zoned light industrial to allow occupancy for a cheer leading academy

Moved by Councilman Forbes

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Ms. McIntosh addressed the council. She is a resident of Broussard who would like to open a cheerleading academy in an area zoned Light Industrial. She stated she would need a variance to do so. The first setback was the parking, but that issue has been resolved. She does have a horseshoe driveway. There will not be a lot of traffic at the time she is open, because her hours will be later in the afternoon till around 9:00 pm. There will not be a parents' viewing area, so the parents will be dropping off their kids. Mayor Bourque stated there are no other buildings past her building, which also helps with the concern for the traffic situation.

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4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution #743-23

A resolution declaring the certain equipment (golf carts) as surplus/salvage

Moved by Councilman Allen

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mr. Abshire stated these are original golf carts the park had when they first opened. They now have gators and one golf cart and one limo golf cart. These carts are inoperable and all useable parts have been removed.

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4.2 Resolution #744-23

A resolution awarding the bid for the 12" Waterline along Ambassador Caffery from Highway 89 to Bonin Road

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Daniel Hutchinson stated this 12" Waterline comes from the Classic Car Wash to Stine's. This water is supplied from a different LUS source, but it will create a loop on the system. The project did come in under budget. The lowest bidder is Elliott Construction, LLC with a bid of \$501,908.50. Mayor Bourque stated the city has a meter there for when the car wash was developed, but the line was not ran. The estimated start date is 2 – 3 weeks. This additional water supply will add volume and pressure to our Broussard system.

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5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

5.1 Ordinance #23-765

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for an additional \$40,700 for safety barricades along South Bernard Road

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Mr. Rob Bunch addressed the council. Mr. Bunch stated he has lived in that area for 4 years. On January 12th an intoxicated person driving a vehicle left the roadway and crashed into the back of his home from South Bernard Road. He was in another room and the scream he heard coming from his wife was terrifying. He did not know what he would find when he ran to the scene. Thankfully no one was injured. The week before someone landed on the opposite side of Bernard Road into the pond. He is asking the council to approve this, because this is the right thing to do for safety reasons. Mel explained the type of safety barricades the city will purchase if approved. It will cover 1100 of linear feet. It will protect approximately 15-20 homes. It will start where the ditch is, within the curve. Councilman Delahoussaye questioned how far from the road will these barricades be? Mel stated about two feet. Councilman

Delahoussaye questioned Chief Olivier how many times has a vehicle left the roadway and went into a house? Chief Olivier stated this is the first one since he has been here. Councilman Delahoussaye stated his concern is if we do this, then we will have residents all over town asking for the same thing near their homes. Ashley Landry stated she lives along that road. She is concerned about how close the road is to her home. The speed limit is supposed to be 40 mph on that roadway, but people speed and literally drag race on that road. She feels the speed limit needs to be 35 mph instead. She is asking for the approval of the council to make the city safer. Mayor Bourque stated the speed limit is 40 mph which is recommended by our traffic engineer. It is all about safety. Councilman Bonin stated government does move slow when we deal with contractors.

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6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

6.1 Ordinance #23-766

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for an additional \$190,000 for Multi – Use Path Extensions on South Bernard Road and West Fairfield Road

Moved by Councilman Forbes

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this is another safety issue we are dealing with, the sidewalk that crosses South Bernard Road. This project will move the pedestrians from Albertsons Parkway and South Bernard. Mr. Charles Sharma stated that his concern is the sidewalk at Albertson Parkway and Bernard Road at the gas station. There is no safety for the residents in Southfield Subdivision in front of the Grab and Go Store and in front of the daycare. When will it connect to the subdivision and go in front of the Day Care? Mel stated it will; the sidewalk will go from Overbrook and pass in front of the Day Care to the Grab and Go and tie into the existing sidewalk. Sharma asked if there are any plans to connect it all the way to Mon Jardin Subdivision? Mayor Bourque stated not right now. This is what we have budgeted for. It is for the safety of the residents. The mid-block crossing will be moved to the intersection and extended to allow better access. Walter stated mid blocking of the sidewalk, no one wants. This is the reason this project is being done. The crossing signs will be moved.


Councilman Bonin commented that we need to look at putting a sidewalk west of Bernard Road on Albertson Parkway where there are no sidewalks in the future.

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7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK