

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON  
TUESDAY, April 25, 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 Jesse Regan (District 3), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Councilman Kody Allen (District 6)
- 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), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)
- Absent:** Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4)  
Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)  
Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation)  
Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer)

**1. OPENING**

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation was done by Pastor Adam Whitney  
Mayor Bourque asked everyone to also keep Mayor Johnny Thibodeaux, Mayor of Duson, in their prayers. He is currently in the hospital recovering from a heart attack.

**2. MINUTES**

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the April 11, 2023, Regular Meeting  
Motion by Councilman Bonin  
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 5 - David Forbes  
District 6 - Kody Allen

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### 3. FINANCIAL REPORT

#### 3.1 Approval of the March 2023 Financial Report

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Karen stated this is the close out of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The most recent sales tax revenues are 4% over budget. There are currently 4 departments over budget.

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### 4. OTHER BUSINESS:

#### 4.1 Suzanna Morton w/ LOPA Making Life Happen

National Donor Month

Ms. Morton addressed the council regarding LOPA. April is National Donor Month. The support from this community is incredible. Right now, there are 100,000 people in need of a transplant in the USA; 2,000 of those people are from Louisiana. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, there was a flag raising ceremony at St. Julien Park for LOPA. This was a great opportunity for remembrance. There was also another gathering this past Saturday, where every family released a butterfly in remembrance of a loved one. She thanked the city for everything they have done for LOPA. Mayor Bourque stated the city is proud to have partnered up with LOPA.

#### 4.2 Heather Broussard w/Mazie's Mission

Water Safety Awareness

Suzanne Morton introduced Heather Broussard, the founder of Mazie's Mission. Mrs. Broussard's daughter was honored Saturday, which was the day of her birthday. Mrs. Broussard stated she is a resident here and she is passionate about this community. In October of 2020, their daughter Mazie, who was 17 months old at the time drowned. It was a traumatic day in their family's life. She stated the State of Louisiana is lacking water safety awareness. So, the family started a non-profit organization, whose goal is to make everyone aware of water safety to save the lives of children and adults in water.

They are very grateful to meet with the Mayor, Callie, and Councilman Forbes about this. There are a lot of subdivisions with ponds and parents need to focus on their children when they are around these ponds. Mayor Bourque stated signage was created to be placed at the ponds at St. Julien Sports Complex. The QR Code on the sign brings you to the website for the Mazie's Mission Foundation where there is a lot of information about water safety.

#### 4.3 Castle 2020 LLC

Condemnation of property located at 508 Avenue C

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mr. Rodney Richard stated he submitted the report to the council recommending the property be condemned. Mr. Richard met with Dan Bourque who is purchasing the property and is set to close on the property on May 30, 2023. Mr. Bourque was considering renovating the property, but after speaking to Mr. Richard he realizes the property is beyond repairs. Mr. Richard stated he recommended to Mr. Bourque that he come tonight to address the council about this. Mr. Bourque was unable to be here tonight, but his finance' Noel Jones addressed the council. Ms. Jones stated they will purchase the property on May 30, 2023. They will need 4 – 6 weeks to start the condemnation after the purchase. Then they will need 4-6 weeks to complete the demolition. They should be finish by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Bourque stated the condemnation will be on the property. The buy-sell agreement is in place. It is up to the council on how they want to proceed. Councilman Racca stated she agrees the property needs to go thru condemnation. She also understands it was Dan Bourque's parents' home, therefore she has no problem granting the extension of the completion of demolition of the property till July 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Noel also stated they own other properties in the area surrounding and they are in the process of cleaning up those properties also.

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Bonin

Amending the original motion of condemnation for 508 Avenue C to extend the date till July 15, 2023, with the provision that everything has been completed.

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**5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

5.1 Ordinance #23-767

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures to increase authorize expenditures by two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000.00) for Lake Talon Road Water Wells

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this is a working company. They need the water for their industrial boilers. This water site will be metered.

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**6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION**

6.1 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 explained to Councilman Regan what happened on the January 12<sup>th</sup> when a vehicle went thru his home, being he was not in attendance at the last meeting. At the last meeting Councilman Delahoussaye was concerned that if this would be approved, then ever other neighborhood would also want this. Bunch stated, well this isn't like every other neighborhood. This is the third incident where a vehicle goes off this road in this area. He has \$65,000 worth of damage and the driver had no insurance. No matter what the cost is, you cannot put a price on someone's life. That is why he is asking the council to approve this. This will directly affect 10 homes in that area.

Ms. Ashley Landry addressed the council. She is asking for the council to support this. There have been 2 serious accidents on that road in one week, thankfully no one was injured. She is asking the council not to wait till someone is seriously hurt. Yes, there is a lot of speeding on that road, but the police cannot be there 24 hours a day. The cost of this is about the total salary of one employee. Councilman Bonin stated we can talk

politics about this all day long. This is a no brainer and needs to be done. He is in favor of this.

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## 7. ADJOURNMENT

### 7.1 Adjourn Meeting



**MAYOR RAY BOURQUE**



**TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK**