

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT
414 EAST MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- Present: Mayor Ray Bourque, Councilwoman Angel Racca (District I), 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), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)
- Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Don Landry (City Attorney), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Jeremy Hidalgo (COO), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism & Communications), Annie Perret (Executive Asst. to the Mayor), Brannon Decou (Police Chief)
- Absent: Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jesse Regan.
- 1.2 A moment of was silence was for a silent prayer.

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the January 9, 2019 Meeting
Motion by Councilman Bonin
Second by Councilman Delahoussaye
to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting
Final Resolution: Motion Approved
- YEAS: Angel Racca
David Bonin
Jesse Regan
Michael Rabon
Kenny Higginbotham
Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- 3.1 Mike Michot, Picard Group – Renewal and extend the terms of the existing engagement agreement for Governmental Relations Service for the term of Jan. 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2019

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Gary

To approve the engagement agreement for Governmental Relations Service with the Picard Group for the term of Jan. 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2019.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Prior to the vote Councilman Bonin questioned how many years have we been contracted with the Picard Group? Mr. Michot stated 3 years. Councilman Bonin questioned how much money have we received and how much money have we paid them? Mr. Michot stated that the city has received a little over a ½ million dollars and we have paid them \$5,000 per month. Mr. Michot stated that the city will be seeing bigger money and in the coming months the 4 million dollars will be moving to Priority I for the Bernard Road Project (Hwy 182 to Hwy. 90). Mr. Michot thanked the council.

- 3.2 Janie Varisco, Varisco Events – Variance request to allow billboard on her property off of Ambassador Caffery

Ms. Varisco requested to be withdrawn from the agenda.

4. RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1 Resolution #565-19 - Intergovernmental agreement with the Lafayette Parish School to pay the Lafayette Parish School Board the sum of \$50,000 for the cost of construction of a drainage culvert to and receive the sum of \$100,000 from the Lafayette Parish School Board towards the cost of the installation of a sewerage pump station on the Martial F. Billeaud Elementary School Project

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Rabon

to adopt Resolution #565-19
Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.2 Resolution #566-19 – Approve lowest responsive bid of \$113,751.00 from Southern Constructors, LLC for the construction of the waterline extension along Ambassador Caffery at South Bernard Road

Motion by Councilman Gary
Second by Councilman Bonin
to adopt Resolution #566-19
Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Prior to the vote Mr. Daniel Hutchinson informed the council that we had 3 bids on this project and Southern Constructors were the low bidders. This will be a 12-inch waterline to serve Country View Development and the Stirling Select Dealership on Ambassador Caffery/

5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

5.1 Annexation Ordinance #19-591 - An introductory ordinance of the City Council for the City of Broussard enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in section 4, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Wesley Nicholas Swain and Leslie Hopper Swain Annexation

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham
Second by Councilman Regan
to Introduce Ordinance #19-591

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Prior to the vote Mr. Walter Comeaux stated that he spoke to Mr. Swain and told him this will help maintain the drainage in that area. Between now and the final approval of this ordinance they will be able to get the necessary servitudes to help the drainage in that area.

5.2 Annexation Ordinance #19-592 – An introductory ordinance of the city council for the City of Broussard enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in section 47, township 10 south, range 5 ease, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Girouard Family/Garber Road Annexation

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Rabon

to Introduce Ordinance #19-592

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5.3 Budget Amendment Ordinance #19-593 – An introductory ordinance amending 2018/2019 operating budget to accept the contract of the Picard Group

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Gary

to Introduce Ordinance #19-593

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
David Bonin
Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon
Kenny Higginbotham
Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye

5.4 Zoning Ordinance #19-594 – An introductory ordinance adding Map A-94, zoning Mark Heights/Broussard Garden/Huval Holiday City Subdivision as Single Family Residential

Motion by Councilman Bonin
Second by Councilwoman Racca
to Introduce Ordinance #19-594
Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6. COUNCIL REPORT

6.1 Councilman David Bonin – Citizen complaints regarding the discharge of fireworks within the city limits for holidays.

Councilman Bonin stated that Don gave him the ordinances from other cities. We pretty much all have the same ordinances. He received a lot of complaints around the holidays about the strength of the fireworks and the close proximity that they were being popped in the older part of town, so he wanted to bring this to the council. Councilman Higginbotham questioned Chief Decou on how many complaints did they have? Chief Decou stated they had only 5 complaints. Councilman Regan requested if we have an existing ordinance. Don Landry stated that we have the same ordinance as Carencro, Scott and Youngsville. Chief Decou stated they tried putting the information out on Facebook of the allowable times the fireworks could be popped. Don stated that other municipalities also have ordinances making it mandatory that the debris is also picked up. Mayor Bourque stated that the council can read thru the material that he gave them tonight and if they want to address it at a council meeting again, we can.

6.2 Councilman David Bonin – Discussion on City communications.

Councilman Bonin stated he watched on television all other municipalities being sworn in; however, they never mentioned the City of Broussard. Even in the LMA magazine they didn't even show the City of Broussard election results. Holly stated that she contacted them, and they stated they had a computer glitch. She also stated that the TV stations were contacted before. We are trying to work on improving relationships with the media. We have so much good news and we need to put it out there. We have been having a lot of great news about the all the work being done around town. The calendar for St. Julien Park is also updated. She would also like to reach out to each councilmember and see what they would like to report on.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Racca

To adjourn the meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

s/Mayor Ray Bourque

s/Tina Emert, City Clerk