

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON  
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019 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 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), Jeremy Hidalgo (COO)  
Don Landry (City Attorney), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works),  
Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism &  
Communications), Annie Perret (Executive Asst. to the Mayor), Brannon Decou  
(Police Chief), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

**1. OPENING**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ray Bourque.

1.2 Prayer was led by Councilman Gary.

**2. MINUTES**

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the March 12, 2019 Meeting  
Motion by Councilman Higginbotham  
Second by Councilman Delahoussaye  
to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

### 3. KAREN FONTENOT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

#### 3.1 Approval of the February 2019 Financial Statement

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

to approve the February 2019 Financial Statement

Discussion: Chief Decou questioned if this statement reflects the changes, he received from her? Karen stated no, that will reflect in the March statement. She will send the updated statement to the council tomorrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

### 4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Adopt Resolution #570-19, accepting the resignation of Kevin Delahoussaye appointing Mr. William Reed to serve the unexpired term of Kevin Delahoussaye on the Broussard Police and Fire Civil Service Board

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Gary

to adopt resolution #570-19

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

4.2 Adopt Resolution #571-19, requesting permit(s) for directional signs from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and authorizing the Mayor for the City of Broussard to sign the request

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

to adopt resolution #571-19

Discussion: Daniel Hutchinson stated this resolution is for the proposed signs on Highway 90 for the St. Julien Sports Complex. These will be the 9 x 11 green signs.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

## 5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

5.1 Adopt Ordinance #19-595, establishing regulations for portable or temporary buildings and mobile trailers on commercial properties

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

To adopt Ordinance #19-595

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

## 6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

6.1 Introduce Ordinance #19-596, amending the operating budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to provide for an additional one hundred ten thousand and no/100 dollars (\$110,000) for the Pat Williamson Memorial Project

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

To introduce Ordinance #19-596

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca  
David Bonin  
Jesse Regan  
Michael Rabon  
Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary  
Jeff Delahoussaye

6.2 Introduce Ordinance #19-597, amending the operating budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to provide for the additional fifty thousand and no/100 (\$50,000) for the Broussard Downtown Charette Project

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Rabon

To introduce Ordinance #19-597

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that this will be for a week-long planning session with LEDA, LDOTD, Developers, and downtown business owners and residents. The focus will be on the re-development of downtown Broussard. This will enable us to get professional guidance on this.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6.3 Introduce Ordinance #19-598, amending the operating for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to provide for the additional ninety thousand and no/100 dollars (\$90,000) for the 2019 Street Overlay Project

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Gary

To introduce Ordinance #19-598

Discussion: Councilman Bonin moved to amend the amount to \$100,000 to catch the end of the cul de sac. Mel stated that area is covered in the \$90,000; therefore, Councilman Bonin withdrew his motion.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Jeremy Hidalgo, Chief Operations Officer

Request for alcohol variance for a Crawfish Classic Tennis Tournament at St. Julien Sports Complex on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Rabon

To grant the variance for April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>

Discussion: Kyli Lassalle, Asst. Sports Manager stated the alcohol will only be sold by Bon Temp in the Tennis area. This tournament provides alcohol to the players only

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca

David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon

Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary

Jeff Delahoussaye

Kyli Lassalle introduced herself to the council. She is the new Asst. Sports Manager. She is originally from New Iberia. She stated that tennis is her background. She also added that on April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have the first official Pickle Ball Event at St. Julien Sports Complex on the tennis courts. She stated that this sport is growing.

7.2 Trudy Blanchard, resident

Discussion concerning the development on S. St. Pierre (District 2—Councilman Bonin)

Ms. Blanchard addressed the council. She has lived there for 40 years. The road she lives has no shoulder. The contractors working on that development are blocking S. St. Pierre causing people to go in the ditch on per property. The developer also has apartments across the street. She stated the other day there was a U-Haul truck there blocking the entire roadway. Mayor Bourque stated that we did have problems with trash pick up in that area. Ben Theriot, who is employed by the city now has his boots on the ground there. Ben stated the concrete was poured on Saturday and everything ran smoothly. He stated that they need to continue to maintain fences. Mayor Bourque stated that Ben's job is to make sure the roadways stay clear. Chief Decou stated the cars are now parking in the yard where the driveways were put in. Ms. Blanchard questioned if they will put fences up? Mayor Bourque stated that they are not mandated to do so. Raymond Girouard also addressed the council about this issue. Raymond stated that he is concerned about the other development on the back side off of Morgan Street. Mr. Girouard stated they have a drainage ditch on the back side of the development and what will happen when that ditch fills up/ Mel stated it is a private ditch, but that developer has always maintained his developments. The ditch is accessible for us and we can always get an easement to do any work that may be necessary. Mr. Girouard questioned

what about putting a levee on the last development on S. St. Pierre; because he is concerned how much water will go to him causing his home to flood? Mel stated that we will clean the drainage on Glenn Street and near Champagne Small Engine Shop, which will also help in that area. We will have to change some culvert, also. This work will start in about a week. Mr. Girouard stated that he is only trying to protect his own property. Walter stated that the Mayor and Council have put on additional crews for drainage improvements in the past couple of months, which has really helped out in a lot of areas. Ben stated that he will continue to monitor everything.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

### 8.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Gary

To adjourn the meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

  
**Mayor Ray Bourque**

  
**Tina Emert, City Clerk**