

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, July 23, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT
414 EAST MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor Ray Bourque, 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: Sarah Hebert (Clerk), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Don Landy (City Attorney), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Annie Perret (Executive Asst. to the Mayor), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Jeremy Hidalgo (COO), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism & Communications), Brannon Decou (Police Chief), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

Absent: Tina Emert (City Clerk)
Councilwoman Angel Racca (District 1)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation

With remembrance of Mrs. Mildred Guilbeau who recently passed away, mother of our City Clerk Tina Emert

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the July 9, 2019 Meeting

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

To accept the minutes of the July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

ABSENT: Angel Racca

3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Adopt Resolution #586-19

A resolution of the city council accepting the lowest responsive bid of \$130,000 from Southern Constructors for the completion of the Patrick Williamson Memorial Project

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Daniel Hutchison this was sent to four contractors, we received pricing from three contractors and Southern Constructors came in at \$130,000.00.

Mayor Bourque: Do you have a timeline on the Beginning and Completion of the project.

Daniel Hutchinson: I would think probably within 2 months. Weather permitting.

Walter Comeaux: I think once y'all approve it, the contractor will quickly get in touch with manufacturer of the monument and get us a timeline on how long it will take to deliver.

The majority of the work, as I see it, we have to build a wall and pour concrete. So, once he orders it, he can begin that work, once the monument is delivered, it will be ready to set it. We will get a better since of timing once he orders it.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

ABSENT: Angel Racca

3.2 Adopt Resolution #587-19

A resolution of the city council approving the Louisiana Systems Compliance Questionnaire for the period July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Karen Fontenot explained that this is a form that we fill out every year and provide to our auditors. It basically says that we have complied with ethic laws, purchasing laws, budgeting laws. It is just a formality provided to them as part of the audit.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: David Bonin
Jesse Regan
Michael Rabon
Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT: Angel Racca

3.3 Adopt Resolution #588-19

A resolution of the City Council confirming the State of Emergency Declaration within the City, Parish and State as a result of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Barry and providing for stand by pay for certain employees of the Broussard Police Department

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: David Bonin thanked everyone that was prepared for this.

Dennis Pitre thanked the City Council

Mayor Bourque stated he was extremely proud on the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, City Employees, City Council to rally together and to take things on in the face of the storm. There was a large effort to make sure we were as ready as possible, and it was very impressive.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

ABSENT: Angel Racca

4. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

4.1 Introduce Ordinance #19-611

An ordinance of the city council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in section 9, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, LA being known as The McClain Investments LCC Annexation

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated to Mr. McLain, there is a few things that Walter is still waiting on from you that will not hold up this introduction if the Council votes yes on it, I will get you that list it will have to be completed before the adoption.

Mr. McLain, yes, we have been communicating back and forth. We will get it to him.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: David Bonin
Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon
Kenny Higginbotham
Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT: Angel Racca

5. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED

5.1 Adopt Ordinance #19-586

An ordinance of the city council enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in section 31, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Ambassador Caffery Parkway/Bridges—Carpenter Properties, LLC Annexation

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon

Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary

Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT: Angel Racca

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Mr. Beau Beaulieu

Candidate for State Representative District 48

Mr. Beaulieu thanked the Mayor and Council for having him here this evening. Thank you for your leadership in the City of Broussard and in Acadiana. What y'all have here in the City is a bright spot in Acadiana and the State of Louisiana, so congratulations for what you do. Your Sports Complex is second to none, it is extremely impressive. As mentioned, my name is Beau Beaulieu and I am excited about being here with y'all this evening to formally announce my candidacy for Louisiana House of Representative District 48. This is my first time seeking public office, but I am not a stranger to public service. My wife and I moved back to Acadiana, we graduated LSU in 97, and have been plowing to the community in every way shape and form. Making the lives of those around us better. Whether it is in church or civic organizations. I have been chair or president of most of those organizations that I have been involved with. I have been recognized for a lot of the

leadership. I am not telling those things to brag, and they were not done to pad my resume to run for State Representative. I am showing that as an example of the dedication that I have given to Acadiana over the last 20 years. My wife and I have been married for 28 years we have 4 kids. 2 of which will be in College, 1 in high school. My youngest is here with us tonight will be in high school next year. Last month made 18 years that we started our firm. We have a retirement plan business. We manage retirement plans for small businesses. Most of our clients or from New Orleans to Houston. Sending a business guy to Baton Rouge is extremely important. The number one question I get from people is, why do you want to put your wife, kids, business through this when things is so tough in Baton Rouge? The answer- because things are so tough in Baton Rouge, I feel compelled to serve, to continue to commit myself to improving the lives of those around us in the business community. I thank y'all for y'all time. I want to ask each and every one of you for your support and for those of you who live in the district I want to ask for your vote and prayers as well, not just for me as a candidate, but for my family and for all of Acadiana. Thank you

Mayor Ray Bourque: How big is the district?

Beau Beaulieu- Great Question- with the 2010 Census everything was redistricted. Broussard and Youngsville area the East side of Broussard falls now in District 48. I think the District is 42,750 voting age population.

In addition, we have varying degree of businesses, of residents and a number of State Highways that come through here and different parishes. Roadways that are also in it. The condition of our roadways, all of this will be very important. When you have somebody that can work with Government and work that process through. Mayor Bourque – I think we can agree with road improvements; we would be interested.

Thank You – and by the way y'all run one heck of an efficient meeting here.

6.2 Mr. Ricky Gonsoulin

Candidate for State Representative District 48

Thank you all for the opportunity, I am a 3000-acre sugarcane farmer in Iberia Parish. I am the State Legislature chairman for the American Sugarcane League. Currently I Iberia Parish Farm Bureau President, UL Graduate in Engineering. Graduate of LSU Leadership. Currently serve on the Iberia Parish Council for my 8 year. I have to control my employees every day and work hard. I am dedicated to what I do, I am dedicated to parish government, I am dedicated in everything I do. I am involved in all aspects of our Community and I am proud to say that. But, as a farmer you what drainage is like, everybody knows the drainage problems we have now. You know what infrastructure problems we have, and you want solutions. What are the problems with the State? What do we have to do on the State level to fix it? They did not fix a whole lot in these last sessions. It's easy to raise taxes, it's hard to cut. That

is what needs to happen, its needs to be cut. We need to cut taxes, get those expenditures down so we can move the State forward. We need to bring our budget down. I don't have all the answers to the problems in the State of Louisiana, but I do have a plan, I have been on the Council, I have been very conservative with my approach on the council and haven't voted many tax increases and moved the council in the direction I think is positive direction then where we are at.

6.3 Mr. John Schroder

Candidate for State Treasurer

Mayor Bourque- Welcome to our meeting. Welcome to Broussard.

I just wanted to come by and say hello. I will just share a couple of things with you of the State Treasurer. Most people don't know what we do, basically we do 4 different things. Investments, finance, we manage about 40 billion dollars a year, we invest about 6 billion. I appreciate coming to see all of you tonight.

Mayor Bourque – We are happy to have you here tonight.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Substantial Completion of 2018 Overlay Project

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: Mel Bertrand stated that a walk through on the project, everything looks good. There is one little outstanding item, a fence on Fourth Street, a few boards to that need to be replaced, but they assured they would do it. Everything looks good on the project and I think we can move forward with the substantial Completion.

YEAS: David Bonin

Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon

Kenny Higginbotham

Ray Gary

NAY: Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT: Angel Racca

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: David Bonin

Jesse Regan
Michael Rabon
Kenny Higginbotham
Ray Gary
Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT: Angel Racca



Mayor Ray Bourque



Sarah Hebert, Clerk