

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 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) and Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk), Karen Fontenot (CFO), Don Landry (City Attorney), Mel Bertrand (City Manager), Annie Perret (Executive Assistant), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Beth Guidry (Director of Economic Development), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police) and Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

Absent: Jeremy Hidalgo (COO) & Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Media,

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the August 13, 2019 Meeting
Motion by Councilman Gary
Second by Councilman Higginbotham
To accept the minutes of the August 13, 2019 regular meeting
Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
David Bonin
Jesse Regan
Michael Rabon
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3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Adopt Resolution #594-19

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Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

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Discussion: Don Landry stated the appointment is based upon the recommendation of the Mayor, who interviewed 2 candidates for this position. Mr. Lasseigne is also the Magistrate Judge in Scott. The Mayor felt he is the most qualified. There will be no conflicts between his position in Scott and here. Councilman Delahoussaye stated he also interviewed Mr. Lasseigne and he feels he will do a great job. Councilman Bonin requested that Mr. Lasseigne come to the city council meeting in the future and introduce himself to the council. Don said, he will take care of this.

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Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Gary

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Councilman Bonin questioned what about sewer? Mayor Bourque stated we are doing a sewer project in that area. Walter added that looping the lines improves the break in the old system. This is more points we can gain with PIAL. As the city grows more people use the system. Mayor Bourque stated we are committed to putting services on South Bernard as we build it and Walter's team is looking at installing sewer in that area. Walter stated that sewer is more expensive than water to put in.

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Discussion: Walter stated this is Mr. McClain's subdivision on Highway 92 near the soccer field. He is doing a gated community. Mr. McClain had previously come to the council to ask for waiver of the setbacks, but being the property was not in the city limits, we could not give him one. Now he will have to come ask for a waiver on the setbacks. He has agreed to move the waterlines away from the homes and he is willing to sign a waiver if a waterline breaks and we must break the road; it will be his responsibility to fix the road. He did make submission to the Lafayette Public Works for a for a drainage review and they have not done it. Walter will now be doing the review. He will now be in the city limits of Broussard; therefore, we will have control. He doesn't anticipate any problems. Typically, we own the water, sewer and roads; but in this situation our only responsibility is the waterlines. They will have a private community sewer plant and it will be gated with private roads.

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6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Josh Guillory

Candidate for Mayor-President of Lafayette Parish

Mr. Guillory introduced himself to the council. He is married with 3 kids. He runs a local business here. He knew he had to take a stand, because of the direction the parish is going in. He stated that 3 things need to change: 1) Better Management, 2) Transparency, and 3) Better Priorities. After his observation, he knows we can do better and not be treated like a second-class citizen. He might not have all the answers, but he will find out. His top priorities are infrastructure with an emphasis on drainage; bring jobs back to Lafayette Parish and partner with law enforcement to keep our community safe. He thanked the council and ask for the prayers, their vote and their support.

6.2 Dana Dugas

Candidate for State Representative District 48

Mr. Dugas stated he is just a simple guy from down the road. He wants to account to the voters, and he will be available. If elected he wants to help us in whatever we

need. He wanted to go to work for the people; because we need a voice in Baton Rouge. Mr. Dugas thanked the council for their time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman

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Mayor Ray Bourque



Tina Emert, City Clerk