

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON  
TUESDAY, March 10, 2020 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), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief) and Jeremy Hidalgo (COO)

**1. OPENING**

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

**2. MINUTES**

2.1 Acceptance of minutes of the February 11, 2020 regular meeting  
Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye  
Second by Councilman Rabon  
To accept the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting  
Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

**ABSENT:** Jesse Regan

### **3. KAREN FONTENOT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

#### **3.1 Approval of the January 2020 Financial Report**

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Gary

To approve the January 2020 Financial Report

Discussion: Karen stated looking at each month we are about 7% below budget. That is because of the money we were collecting that should have been sent to Youngsville and was sent to us in error and the money we owe Halliburton for overpayment. We are 60% of the way thru the year and every department is online which is good to see.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **4.1 Recognition of Lafayette Teachers of the Year**

Mayor Bourque stated he is proud to announce that 2 of the 3 teachers for Teacher of the Year are from Broussard Schools. Katie Geiger, Elementary School Teacher of the Year at Martial Billeaud Elementary School and Elizabeth Grossie, Middle School Teacher of the Year at Broussard Middle School were both present tonight to receive their recognition from the city. Mayor Bourque stated it is an honor and a pleasure to have these 2 ladies teaching in our school system. Also, present tonight was Dr. Aguillard, our School Board Member.

### **5. RESOLUTIONS**

#### **5.1 Adopt Resolution #623-20**

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

To adopt Resolution #623-20, confirming and ratifying the organization of the Broussard Economic Development Corporation and to provide for the appointment of Ricky Patel to fill the unexpired term of Chance Lombes, Division "A", expiring on December 31, 2020

Discussion: Ryan Lagrange with the Broussard Economic Development Corporation stated this is to replace a board member. And at the next meeting they will be coming back for another appointment and that should be all of the appointments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

**5.2 Adopt Resolution #622-20**

Moved by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Rabon

To adopt Resolution #622-20, authorizing the Mayor for the City of Broussard to enter into an agreement with the Broussard Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit corporation for the sale of sponsorships at St. Julien Park

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this is a renewable contract. The Chamber has been a valuable asset to the city. Councilman Higginbotham questioned Jeremy, if he is still involved with the Chamber? Jeremy stated yes, and the this will allow himself and the staff to sell sponsorships along with the Chamber.

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 #20-636**

Moved by Councilman Rabon

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

To introduce Ordinance #20-636, an ordinance of the City Council amending Chapter 10, animals, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Broussard by adding sections 10-2 and 10-3, to prohibit animals running at large and providing for penalties

Discussion: Don stated the police department needed the ordinance to be re-written for better enforcement.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6.2 Introduce Ordinance #20-635

Moved by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Bonin

To introduce Ordinance #20-635, an ordinance of the City Council amending Chapter 26; Fire Prevention and Protection of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Broussard by adding Sections 26-24, 26-25, and 26-26, to prohibit open grass, field burning, and burning of waste within the corporate limits of the City of Broussard

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6.3 Introduce Ordinance #20-634

Moved by Councilman Rabon

Second by Councilwoman Racca

To introduce Ordinance #20-634, an ordinance of the City Council amending the 2019/2020 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures to provide for an additional twenty-five thousand no/100 dollars (\$25,000) for Ida Park Playground Equipment  
Discussion: Councilman Rabon stated this is desperately needed for the kids in that area. Ida Park is way behind on improvements. A lot more park improvements need to be done. Mayor Bourque stated we will be installing this ourselves. We did get a great price from the vendor for this.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca  
David Bonin  
Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon  
Kenny Higginbotham  
Ray Gary  
Jeff Delahoussaye

6.4 Introduce Ordinance #20-637

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

To introduce Ordinance #20-637, an ordinance of the City Council approving the intent to purchase property containing approximately 10.094 acres, known as Lot 14 Highway 90 Postal Subdivision and referred to as 117 Nova Drive, Broussard LA as per "Exhibit A" subject to the appraisal and compliance with the Lawrason Act  
Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

6.5 Introduce Ordinance #20-638

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

To introduce Ordinance #20-638, an ordinance of the City Council amending the 2019/2020 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for Street Department Capital Outlay for the purchase of a Vac Truck up to three-hundred fifty-one thousand no/100 dollars (\$351,000)

Discussion: Mel stated we have been renting this equipment for a couple of years. If we would buy this piece of equipment we could use it for 40 hours a week every year. Right now, we are using it sparingly, because we have to rent it. All new subdivisions will have curb and gutter drainage, which this can also be used for. Walter stated with the new subdivision regulations adopted, inspections will be done prior to the subdivision be accepted; but we can use this equipment after that to main the drainage.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

Ray Gary  
Jeff Delahoussaye

**6.6 Introduce Ordinance #20-639**

Moved by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

To introduce Ordinance #20-639, an ordinance of the City Council amending the Zoning Ordinance of the city to add Map E-14, Portions of Young Street; Map F-14, Portions of Young Street, Fabre Road and Whispering Meadows Road; Map F-15, Portions of Young St., Hammer Lake Run, Nailer Way, Alsway Lane, Edward Lane and Hewitt Way and Map F-16, Portions of Hewitt Way

Discussion: Don stated there was no public input at the city zoning meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

**7. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION**

**7.1 Adopt Ordinance #20-624**

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Rabon

To adopt Ordinance #20-624, an ordinance of the City Council amending article III, sections 62-619 (c) and 62-65 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Broussard

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

**7.2 Adopt Ordinance #20-631**

Moved by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

To adopt Ordinance #20-631, an ordinance enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in section 3, township 10 south range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana being known as the RKDM Investment, LLC /Kart Ranch Incorporated Annexation (District 6)

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

7.3 Adopt Ordinance #20-632

Moved by Councilman Higginbotham

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

To adopt Ordinance #20-632, an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance of the city by adding the following maps: Map E-13, Portions of N. Larriviere Road, Young Street, Easy Rock Landing Drive, Misty Winds Drive, Majestic Oaks Drive, Windy Feather Drive, Sandy Bay Drive and Old Farm Road Drive; Map F-13, Portions of Young Street, Easy Rock Landing Drive, Old Road Drive and Sandy Bay Drive and Map F-12, Portions of East Fairfield Drive and Buck Snort Lane

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

7.4 Adopt Ordinance #20-633

Moved by Councilman Rabon

Second by Councilman Regan

To adopt Ordinance #20-633, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor, to enter into an agreement with Acadiana Broadband, LLC to provide wireless internet and related services to the City of Broussard

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca  
David Bonin  
Jesse Regan

Michael Rabon  
Kenny Higginbotham  
Ray Gary  
Jeff Delahoussaye

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Rabon

To adjourn the meeting

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

  
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Mayor Ray Bourque

  
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Tina Emert, City Clerk