

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, July 14, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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), Holly Cope-Lynn (Director of Tourism and Communications), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Brannon Decou (Chief of Police), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief),

Absent: Callie Laviolette (Executive Assistant) and Jeremy Hidalgo (COO)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of minutes of the July 14, 2020 regular meeting
Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye
Second by Councilman Regan
To accept the minutes of the July 14, 2020 Regular 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 Ms. Dona Renegar

Candidate for Family Law Judge Division M

Ms. Renegar gave a brief history of her background. She feels she is qualified for this seat. She stated this seat is a voluntary Family Court Seat; she will only be doing family law. She stated the four pillars she will bring to the Family Court are: 1) respect every litigant and attorney, 2) put Acadiana's children first always, 3) uphold the dignity of every family member and 4) fairly interpret the law—no legislating from the bench. Ms. Renegar thanked the council for their time.

3.2 Kip Judice

Candidate for City Marshall

Mr. Judice stated he is the current Chief in the Town of Duson. Judice stated that no one in the City of Broussard can vote for him, but he still wanted to come and introduce himself to everyone. Judice stated if elected his office can still support us here for disaster issues. He plans on implementing a text alert system for court dates, which he feels will work great. He will offer this system to the area local towns also for their court system. If elected City Marshal, he plans to bring compassion and realistic plans to improve the Marshal's Office. Mr. Judice thanked the council for their time.

3.3 Michele Billeaud

Candidate for District Court Judge Division K

Mrs. Billeaud gave a brief background history about herself. She has been an assistant DA for over 20 years. She has tried all kind of cases from felony theft to first degree murder. She helped establish the 15th JDC Drug Court Program. If elected she will implement a Veterans Court and Mental Health Court. She has always given public assistance and she will continue to do so and be fair. Mrs. Billeaud thanked the council for their time.

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Adopt Resolution #636-20

A resolution authorizing the city officials/employees to sign the request for payment forms in connection with the FY2020 Community Development Block Grant Program for the Sewer System Improvements Project

Moved by Councilman Gary

Second by Councilman Higginbotham

Discussion: No comments.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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Kenny Higginbotham
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4.2 Adopt Resolution #637-20

A resolution granting a Variance Request to Sign Ordinance Section 50.4 #13,
Political and Election Campaign Signs

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this was requested by Councilman Delahoussaye, being with the current COVID restrictions, candidates are not allowed to go door to door. This will loosen up the ordinance for the November election, allowing the candidates to put up their political signs earlier instead of 60 days before the election. Councilman Delahoussaye stated this will help the candidates out. He also added that we may want to potentially amend the ordinance to put the starting date for signs, as the date of qualifying. Don stated he can draft an amendment to the ordinance for the next meeting. Councilman Bonin added that he would also like to see it amended to that affect.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: Angel Racca
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Michael Rabon
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5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

5.1 Introduce Ordinance #20-650

An ordinance of the City of Broussard annexing certain properties located in sections 40 & 68, Township 10 South, Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish, LA known as the City of Broussard—West Pinhook Road Annexation in District 2

Moved by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated this is the 4-acre tract of land at South Bernard and Pinhook Road. We own the land thru right of way acquisitions, but it is not in the city limits.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5.2 Introduce Ordinance #20-651

An ordinance of the City of Broussard annexing certain properties located in sections 60, 29 & 208, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, LA known as the City of Broussard—South Bernard Road Annexation in District 1

Moved by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: This is the same situation as the above ordinance

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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

5.3 Introduce Ordinance #20-652

An ordinance of the City of Broussard authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Parish of Lafayette for the Operation and Maintenance of Arceneaux Park

Moved by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Rabon

Discussion: This will allow the city to take over operations of Arceneaux Park. It will always remain a park due to the grant LCG received when they acquired the park. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we need to hire additional personnel to take care of the park? Mayor Bourque stated he spoke to Mel and he will handle it between the street personnel and the park personnel. Mayor Bourque stated there is still a possibility that we will get assistance from the

Sheriff of St. Martin Parish thru the prisoners. Councilman Delahoussaye is working on this with Sheriff Breaux.


Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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Mayor Bourque introduced the newest member of the Broussard Fire Department to the council. It is a Dalmatian named "Ember" that was donated to the department. The Dalmatian is full trained. She will serve as a service animal to assist with children who have experienced trauma.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- 6.1 Motion to adjourn meeting
 Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye
 Second by Councilman Regan
 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