

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA HELD ON
TUESDAY, February 25, 2023, 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 Jess Regan (District 3), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Councilman Kody Allen (District 6) and Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), Callie Laviolette (Chief Administrative Officer), Karen Fontenot (Chief Financial Officer), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Walter Comeaux (City Engineer), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief), Gerald deLaunay (City Attorney), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief) and Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief) and Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation), Daniel Hutchinson (City Engineer)

Absent: Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4)

1. OPENING

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation was done by Pastor Gabe with Our Savior's Church

2. MINUTES

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the February 28, 2023, Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
District 2 - David Bonin
District 3 - Jesse Regan
District 5 - David Forbes
District 6 - Kody Allen
At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

ABSENT: District 4 - Heather Girouard

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1 Approval of the January 2023 Financial Report

Moved by Councilman Forbes

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Karen stated there has not been a lot of changes since last month. The Sales Tax revenues received this month are 14% ahead of budget figures for the month. Mayor Bourque stated the revenue is strong, but the cost of goods are high. Karen stated yes, just like everyone else the materials and supplies are up.

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4. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

4.1 Ordinance #23-758

An ordinance amending the 2022/2023 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures to increase authorized expenditures by ninety-six thousand dollars (\$96,000.00) for acquisition of property at 311 East Main Street in Broussard, LA

Moved by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Joseph Mariano with Duplantis Design Group approached the council to explain the reason this is necessary. This will be an improvement for safety. Right now when you come to a stop at that intersection, it is at a steep angle. To deem it safe you will need to come in at a 90% angle. Marino gave the council a design map showing the re-alignment of the intersection onto Main Street. The intent is to show how the road will come thru this property in the future. Mayor Bourque stated the building is currently abandoned and has been for more than 5 years. The family is willing to sell the property, but the property is divided between 2 families. Attorney deLaunay stated we do have an agreement in place. Joseph stated this will fall into place with Main Street Phase II.

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4.2 Ordinance #23-759

An ordinance annexing certain properties located on and along the northern side of US Highway 90 in Section 69 & 95, Township 10 South, Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana being known as the Girouard - Moresi Estate Property at 4301-4399 Odd US Highway 90 and 205 North Girouard Road in Voting District 1

Moved by Councilman Bourque

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Ryan LaGrange with LEDA addressed the council. Ryan stated this piece of property is 35 acres and is a potential certified site. The frontage is incorporated, but not the back. We have the most certified sites in the State, and we want to continue getting more to bring in businesses to town such as Safe Source.

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4.3 Ordinance #23-760

An ordinance annexing certain properties located on and along the northern side of US Highway 90 in Section 95, Township 10 South, Range 5 East, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana being known as Gerald Moresi Estate Property at 105 North Girouard Road in Voting District 1

Moved by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.4 Ordinance #23-761

An ordinance declaring two railroad flatcars owned by the City as being surplus and no longer needed by the City and assigning it to LAMATS through the LPS Surplus Property Program to be auctioned online with a minimum bid of \$20,000 each.

Moved by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Mel stated we have been having these railcars for 10 years. They were donated to the city. The only cost we ever had is moving them around. They are not suitable for traffic. We did have some inquiries on them. Attorney deLaunay stated being they are appraised at \$20,000 each, we must start the minimum bid at that amount.

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5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

5.1 Ordinance #23-757

An ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance by adding the following maps:

Map F-15...Portions of Rue De La Pais; Edward Lane and Hewitt Way

Map F-16...Portions of Hewitt Way

Map H-8...Portions of Bayou Tortue Road

Map H-9...Portions of Bayou Tortue Road

Moved by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: No public comments.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

6.1 Adjourn Meeting


MAYOR RAY BOURQUE


TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK