

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
on Tuesday, August 12, 2025
AT 6:00 P.M. AT 416 EAST MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Mayor Ray Bourque, Councilwoman Angel Racca (District 1), Councilman David Bonin (District 2), Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3), Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Councilman Kody Allen (District 6), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), Cristen Thibodeaux (Finance Manager), Kelli Miguez (Deputy City Clerk/Administrator of Utility Operations), April Aguilar (Manager to the Mayor's office), Graham Beduze (Director of Economic Development), Mark Rigsby (Communications Coordinator), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works), Jamison Abshire (Director of Parks and Recreation), Gerald Delaunay (City Attorney), Randy Lasseigne (City Attorney), Walter Comeaux (Engineer), Daniel Hutchinson (Engineer), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Justin Denais (Deputy Fire Chief), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer)

Absent: Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation done by Pastor Gabe Smith with Our Savoir's Church

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the July 22, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye
 - Second by Councilwoman Girouard
 - Discussion: No public comments
 - Final Resolution: Motion Approved
- YEAS:
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| District 1 - | Angel Racca |
| District 2 - | David Bonin |
| District 3 - | Jesse Regan |
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3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Recognition of Community Achievement Awards

The mayor proudly announced that the City of Broussard won the LMA Community Achievement Award for excellence in basic services, recognizing the Broussard Service Complex. After showing the award submission video, he congratulated the city council and city employees for their contributions to the achievement. At the conclusion of the meeting, each council member was honored with a commemorative plaque in recognition of their service. A group photo was taken to mark the occasion and celebrate their contributions.

3.2 Recognition of LMA Service Awards

The mayor stated that board members were awarded by the LMA for their service of terms. Mayor recognized that he and District 1 Councilwoman Angel Racca received the Four Star Silver Award for completing four terms (12–16 years), and he presented her with a commemorative pin. Additionally, District 2 Councilman David Bonin received the Six Star Gold Award for completing six terms of service (20–24 years), and the mayor gave his congratulations for these achievements.

4. RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resolution #848-25

A resolution of the City of Broussard amending the FY 2025-2026 Operation Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for \$8,950,000.00 for Recreation Capital Outlay

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Walter Comeaux explained that a pond is being created in a vegetated area shown on the slideshow map. This pond will serve as a stormwater retention feature to improve drainage. The area is being mined for fill material to elevate the pad for a pickleball facility, a parking lot and a veteran's memorial. During civil work, topsoil and organic material, unsuitable for building foundations, will be removed. Since hauling it away is costly, it will be repurposed elsewhere on the project. Fortunately, they found just enough usable fill material onsite for the parking lot and pickleball facility. Daniel explained that the pond on the site is approximately 3.8 acres and will provide enough dirt needed for the project. The parking lot spans about 1.87 acres and will include 190 parking spaces, while the pickleball facility will cover roughly 3 acres. The scope of work includes all the necessary earthwork, establishing positive drainage, and preparing building pads for contractors to construct both the parking lot and the pickleball courts. Additionally, the team is handling the earthwork for the veteran's memorial area. Councilman Delahoussaye inquired about the existing basketball courts shown on the map. Mr. Boudreaux responded that they are expanding those courts and converting them into pickleball courts. Mayor Bourque asked for the total number of parking spaces

available when considering the softball fields, soccer fields, and the new pickleball courts combined. Jamie responded that the park is projected to have approximately 1,200 total parking spaces, including those from the newly planned parking lots. Mr. Trahan stated that the project will feature a total of 24 new pickleball courts, with 16 of them being covered. The plans include a new concession building and storage area, as well as a two-story pro shop that will house offices and a second-floor observation deck. To help visualize the scope and layout of the project, Mr. Trahan presented a slideshow of maps illustrating the architectural design. Mr. Boudreaux shared that the veteran's memorial will be thoughtfully positioned to overlook the pond, utilizing a plateau area that can serve as seating for events or gatherings. It will be conveniently located just across the street from the parking lot and connected by a planned walkway system. The site will feature an elevated ridge lined with attractive trees, enhancing the natural setting. The memorial will honor all six branches of the military with emblem plaques and will include three flags: the United States, Louisiana, and POW. Along the pathway, there will be bench seating for visitors, and the project also includes provisions for engraved bricks as part of a fundraising campaign to support the memorial. Mayor Bourque stated that earlier in the year, the council had gone through a formal process and was awarded an \$8 million bond to support the development of this project. He noted that the final designs are being presented at tonight's meeting, and with their approval, the project will be ready to move forward with public bidding. Cristen provided an overview of the city's financial position in relation to the \$8 million bond and the recreation budget. Cristen stated that with the \$8 million bond and an additional \$3 million in reserves, the city has \$11 million available, and sales tax revenue continues to rise. Mayor Bourque asked Park Director Jamie to present findings from a study showing that pickleball courts would be a beneficial addition to the recreation facility. Jamie explained that a parish-wide study evaluated current and future recreational needs, highlighting pickleball as a major interest and that building 26 to 32 courts could attract regional, state, and even national events, potentially televised by ESPN. Mayor Bourque emphasized that pickleball is a rapidly growing sport in Lafayette Parish and that creating a first-class facility aligns with the interest and recreational needs of Broussard residents. He also noted that a location near the existing tennis courts has been reserved for a future playground to complement the facility.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4.2 Resolution #849-25

A resolution declaring the contract for Broussard Main Street Phase 3B to be substantially complete

Motion by Councilman Allen

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mr. Marino presented before and after images of the Main Street Phase 3B project, highlighting the improvements such as sidewalks, lighting, drainage, and parking pads. He requested council approval for substantial completion which would release payment to contractors.

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5. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

5.1 Ordinance #25-833

An ordinance of the City of Broussard annexing property located on and along the southern right of way of Garber Road in Section 54/98, Township 10 South, Range 5 East in Lafayette Parish, LA on Garber Road 520-540 even numbers on Garber Road and 542-578 even number on Garber Road, placed in Voting District 1 for the City of Broussard

Motion by Councilman Allen

Second by Councilwoman Racca

Discussion: Mayor Bourque explained that a map of the proposed annexation is included in the meeting packet agenda. He noted that the annexation process has followed all proper procedures and that the property, located off Garber Road, is adjacent to land already within the city limits.

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6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

6.1 Ordinance #25-832

An ordinance approving Amendment #5 to the Wholesale Water Agreement between Lafayette City Parish Consolidated Government and the City of Broussard, LA

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Mayor Bourque shared that attorneys from both LCG and the City of Broussard, including the city's attorney Gerald, have been collaborating on the matter. The original wholesale agreement between Broussard and LCG required revisions to the language on the original agreement. Mayor Bourque informed LCG that the issue was on the city's agenda and that he would consult with the city attorney to determine how to pause the current process and incorporate the updated language. Gerald explained that the ordinance currently references a proposed agreement but also grants the mayor the authority to negotiate the final language. This means that once the final terms are agreed upon, the matter will not need to be returned to the council for further approval. He pointed out that the existing agreement inaccurately states that the City of Broussard would purchase all of its water from LCG, which both parties agree is not true. The revised language will clarify that Broussard purchases a substantial amount, but not all of its water from LCG. This correction addresses the issue, and adopting the ordinance as written would allow the mayor to finalize the updated language without additional council action.

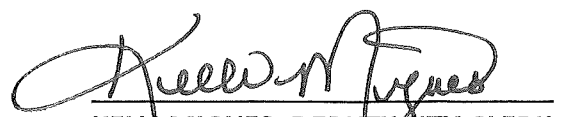
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7. ADJOURNMENT


MAYOR RAY BOURQUE


TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK


KELL MIGUES, DEPUTY CITY CLERK