

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
on Tuesday, May 12, 2026
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), Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), Cristen Thibodeaux (Accounting Manager), Kelli Miguez (Deputy City Clerk), April Aguilar (Manager to the Mayor's office), Mark Rigsby (Communications Coordinator), 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), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief),

Absent: Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3), Councilman Kody Allen (District 6) Graham Beduze (Director of Economic Development), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism) Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation done by Deacon David Tilley with First Baptist Church

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye
 - Second by Councilwoman Girouard
 - Discussion: No public comment
 - Final Resolution: Motion Approved
- YEAS:**
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- ABSENT:**
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3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1 Approval of the March 2026 Financial Report

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that the most recent deposit came in 9 percent below budget for the month, which brings us to 3 percent below budget so far this year. He also stated that the figures have come in for April, which look good and he will report on the details at the next meeting.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Billeaud Companies Book presentation by Steven Hebert and Dr. Lana Henry

Mr. Steven Hebert presented a book that has been in development since 2018, commissioned by the Board of Directors of the Billeaud Companies. He announced that an invitation will be sent out in two weeks for a reception and book signing at their office. Hebert provided the mayor and council members with signed copies of the book, authored by Lana Henry, who attended the meeting to speak about its contents. The book details the history of the Billeaud family and the origins of the Broussard sugar mill. Hebert also recognized board members Lisa Billeaud Battle and Colette Billeaud Smith, expressing the company's pride and excitement for the publication titled "From Sweetening the Table to Sweetening the Deal: A History of Billeaud Companies." He shared historical highlights from the book, including the story of Martial Billeaud Sr., who arrived in Louisiana from France at age three in 1830, later settling in Broussard, marrying Lucile St. Julien, and receiving support from her family to establish the sugar mill. The book chronicles the family's journey through challenges such as a dangerous transatlantic crossing, adaptation to a new land, wars, economic depressions, floods, and hurricanes, as well as the company's evolution from agriculture to commercial real estate.

4.2 Comeaux Engineering current city project update

Walter explained that the Lafayette Street reconnection project has officially received its notice to proceed, and the contractor expects to begin work on May 18, 2026, weather permitting. As part of the project, Madison Street will no longer function as a through street, and Lafayette Street will be reconnected to East Main Street. Walter provided an update on the St. Deporres bridge replacement project, explaining that a hydraulic study was required because the bridge crosses Coulee Fortune, a major drainage channel for Broussard. Walter clarified that the study shows the long-term goal of lowering the water level in Coulee Fortune by about one foot can still be achieved even as the city continues repairing and upgrading the various Coulee Fortune crossings over the coming years. As those improvements progress, the Ridgeview bridge can eventually be replaced with a box culvert without disrupting the broader drainage plan or the long-term objective of reducing water levels along the coulee. This culvert is estimated to cost around \$600,000, significantly less than the more than \$1 million required for a full bridge replacement. Walter added that the St. Deporres bridge will remain a low-water crossing, which is acceptable because the area has multiple alternate routes, and building a full bridge high enough to clear rainwater would cost over \$3 million. He emphasized that this hydraulic study will be the guide for future drainage and infrastructure decisions. Mayor Bourque noted that the project is already funded and asked about the timeline. Walter responded that only a few months of design work remain before the project can move into the bidding phase. Walter reported that the Historic Drainage A-1 project is moving forward, noting that the necessary pipe is already on-site and ready for installation. He explained that the contractor had begun preparing to start the work, but recent weather conditions caused delays. Despite this setback, Walter expects the project to begin very soon. Walter also provided an update on the upcoming Historic Drainage A-2 project, which is connected to the main drainage plan. This phase will involve replacing the outfall between Duke and Kight Street, as the existing structures are in very poor condition. He explained that the goal is to properly size and correctly install the new infrastructure to ensure long-term performance. Survey work for this next project is already underway. Walter concluded with an update on the Eola Lift Station Project, explaining that the original contractor had to be placed in default. Gerald noted that the bonding company has already secured a new contractor to finish the work. Although the cost has increased, the city will not incur any loss. Gerald also shared that he is arranging a meeting with DEQ, since part of the project is funded through a loan, to ensure that the handling of the contractor default does not negatively impact the city's loan status. Daniel reported that the N. St. Jean bridge replacement project is moving forward, noting that the notice to proceed will be issued on May 18, 2026. He explained that the materials are expected to arrive by mid-June, and the construction phase should take about five weeks. If the materials are delivered earlier than expected, the contractor will begin work ahead of schedule. Daniel provided an update on the three water sector projects currently underway. The first project is the Garber Road Water Well Improvements Phase 1, involves installing a 12-inch water line along N. Girouard Road and is already out for bid, with the opening scheduled for May 21, 2026. The second project is, Garber Road Water Well Improvements Phase 2,

includes constructing a 500,000-gallon ground storage tank, a booster pump station, and a generator to support pumping to the Hwy 90 water tower. This phase has been submitted to LDH, and the team is addressing the comments received before it can move to the Water Sector Commission for approval to bid. The third project is Water System Generators, which will add generators at both the Regal Drive ground storage tank and booster station and the Hwy 90 water tower. This project is also out for bid, with the opening set for May 21, 2026. Daniel reported on the FY 2025–2026 Street Improvements Plan, explaining that it is part of the broader pavement management program. He noted that Phase 1 of the project has already been awarded, which includes reconstructing roads, performing mill-and-overlay work, and completing all necessary patching. Daniel reported on the Albertsons Parkway Water Well Project, explaining that it is a capital outlay project currently approved for its engineering phase. The project includes constructing a new water well, a 500,000-gallon ground storage tank, a generator, and booster pumps that will connect to the existing water system and supply the Polk water tower with an additional 500,000 gallons of capacity. He noted that the design work is approximately 35 percent complete. Daniel concluded with an update on the South Bernard Road sidewalk project, which will create a continuous sidewalk from Sabal Palms Phase 2 to the Fairfield parking lot, then extend down South Bernard Road to Albertsons Parkway, with an additional small section along Albertsons Parkway leading to the shopping center in the 400 block. Daniel noted that the project is currently in progress, and the team is in the process of securing the necessary easements before moving forward with construction. Mayor Bourque thanked Daniel and Walter for his thorough report, noting that it covered a wide range of ongoing projects, including sewer, drainage, water, and street improvements, and stated that it was a valuable update given how much there is to manage and track.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution #897-26

A resolution designating The Daily Advertiser as the Official Journal for the City of Broussard

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: No public comment

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5.2 Resolution #898-26

A resolution to amend the 2025/2026 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the FY 2025/2026 Street Improvement Phase 2 project

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Mayor Bourque explained that the initial project experienced a cost overrun of about \$350,000. He reminded the council that when they reviewed the asphalt improvement plans months earlier, they committed to spending \$1 million in the first year, with the expectation of budgeting roughly \$1 million per year for the next five years to address nearly every road in Broussard. Phase 2 of the project now exceeds the original estimate by more than \$350,000, and as the city approaches budget season, approving this item tonight would allow the project to continue moving forward. Daniel added that the reconstruction and patching work must be completed before the next phase, which involves sealing the roads.

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5.3 Resolution #899-26

A resolution accepting the lowest responsive bid for The Veterans Memorial at St. Julien Park project

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Mr. Bryan Boudreaux, the architect for the project, reported that bids were received on April 23, 2026, and requested council approval to award the contract to Sartin LLC. He stated that he has reviewed all bid details and confirmed that everything is in proper order.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5.4 Resolution #900-26

A resolution to amend the 2025/2026 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Intergovernmental Agreement with Youngsville for a portion of the match requirements related to construction of improvements to the intersection of Larriviere Road and Hwy 92

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Mayor Bourque explained that Gerald has established a funding cap for Broussard's contribution to the project, and with that limit in place, the city is prepared to move forward. He stated that Broussard is ready to partner with Youngsville to advance the construction improvements associated with this project. Gerald stated that, based on the numbers he reviewed, \$150,000 should be sufficient to cover the cost, which is the amount he set as the funding cap for the project.

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5.5 Resolution #901-26

A resolution authorizing the mayor to sign an amended agreement with Bon Temps Concessions

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Gerald explained that the city's original contract with Bon Temps Concessions expired in 2024, after which operations continued on a month-to-month basis. The proposed amendment would extend the agreement through 2032 and clarify responsibilities related to equipment maintenance. It also changes the rent structure from a percentage of sales to a fixed lump-sum amount and adds a provision requiring additional rent once the new pickleball facility is completed. Mayor Bourque noted that the city currently has three concession stands at St. Julien Park, and this amendment will support the addition of a fourth. He also emphasized that Steven has been a strong partner over the years and that many of the proposed changes originated from him, as they provide better budgeting consistency while clearly defining maintenance

responsibilities between the city and the concessionaire. Mr. Steven O'Bryan said that he is very proud to work with the city and looks forward to continuing the partnership.

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6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

6.1 Ordinance #26-843

An ordinance amending the Operating Budget of Revenues of Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: No public comment

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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6.2 Ordinance #26-844

An ordinance adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: No public comment

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

6.3 Ordinance #26-841

An ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance of the City of Broussard by adding Map F-14 of property to be zoned R-1 Single Family Residential and CC-Community Commercial Portions of LA Hwy 92 (Young St) and Fabre Rd

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: No public comment

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7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1 Mayor Bourque reminded the council that next month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, with the Budget Hearing scheduled for 5:00 p.m. followed by the regular council meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 7.2 Mayor Bourque reminded everyone that they are invited to Coffee in Broussard with the Mayor and Chiefs, which will be held at McDonald's on Friday, May 22, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT


MAYOR RAY BOURQUE


TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK


KELLI MIGUES, DEPUTY CITY CLERK