

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
on Tuesday, July 14, 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), Councilman Jesse Regan (District 3), Councilwoman Heather Girouard (District 4), Councilman David Forbes (District 5), Councilman Kody Allen (District 6)

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

Absent: Councilman Jeff Delahoussay (At Large), Gerald deLaunay (City Attorney), Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services) Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works)

1. OPENING

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Invocation done by Pastor Weldon Moak with First Baptist Church

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of the Minutes of the June 17, 2026 Budget Hearing
 - Motion by Councilman Regan
 - Second by Councilman Allen
 - Discussion: No public comment
 - Final Resolution: Motion approved
 - YEAS:
 - District 1 - Angel Racca
 - District 2 - David Bonin
 - District 3 - Jesse Regan
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 - District 5 - David Forbes
 - District 6 - Kody Allen
 - ABSENT: At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

2.2 Acceptance of the Minutes of the June 17, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: No public comment

Final Resolution: Motion approved

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3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1 Approval of the May 2026 Financial Report

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Mayor Bourque highlighted that May was 3 percent higher than 2025 but 1 percent below which leaves us at 2 percent below budget for the year.

Final Resolution: Motion approved

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4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Lafayette Parish Tax Assessor's office update

Assessor Justin Centanni addressed the Council explaining that he is working to make assessment information more accessible to residents. He explained that his office will be hosting outreach events at city halls throughout the parish so residents can meet with his staff closer to home, rather than traveling to Lafayette. He noted that this will be especially helpful for elderly residents and others who may find travel difficult. Mr. Centanni said his team is working with local city officials to provide space for these meetings and will offer both morning and afternoon sessions at each location. In Broussard, the Assessor's Office will be available at City Hall on: August 4, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. August 6, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mr. Centanni also shared that, as his office is working this year's tax roll, he noticed that Broussard's assessed real estate value has increased by 3.1%. He stated that the increase is due to new construction and the sale of existing homes. He congratulated the City on its continued growth and strong real estate market. After thanking the Mayor and Council, Mr. Centanni asked if there were any questions. Mayor Bourque stated that the city staff has coordinated with the Assessor's Office to provide space for the outreach events. He also

requested information on the dates and times be shared with us so the City of Broussard can help advertise the events on its social media platforms. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Centanni for his presentation.

- 4.2 Condemnation of 506 Ave B property owner is Brian K Breaux
Ben Theriot gave the Council an update on this item. He stated that the homeowner has recently been in contact with him and is willing to obtain the necessary permits. The owner has also started purchasing materials to make repairs to the home. Mayor Bourque said the property should continue to be monitored closely and remain on future agendas so the Council can receive updates on the owner's progress. He noted that the City has a responsibility to ensure public safety and wants to make sure the repairs continue moving forward. Councilwoman Racca requested that Mr. Theriot give the owner a clear timeline and deadline for completing the required work. Mayor Bourque confirmed that no one was present to represent Mr. Breaux at the meeting. He asked Councilwoman Racca if she was comfortable with the proposed plan, and she agreed that the Council should continue monitoring the property and stay in contact with the owner regarding repair progress.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution #907-26

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of Taxable Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Bonds (DEQ) of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that the City applied for grant funding for sewer improvements but was not awarded the grant. Instead, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approved a low-interest loan for the project. Mr. Brennan Black explained that the City was approved for a \$4.963 million loan to extend sewer service to certain areas of the City. The loan carries an interest rate of 0.95%, and the City will only pay interest on the funds as they get used. He also explained that DEQ requires the City to issue bonds to secure the loan, so the Council was asked to approve the preliminary issuance of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds backed by the City's 1992 sales tax. This approval will allow the City to seek Bond Commission approval on August 20, 2026, with the loan expected to close in late September 2026. Mr. Walter Comeaux and Mr. Daniel Hutchinson of Comeaux Engineering explained that the funding will be used to expand sewer service to areas that currently do not have city sewer but are expected to need it because of future development.

Final Resolution: Motion approved

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5.2 Resolution #908-26

A resolution declaring certain items in exhibit A and currently in the possession of the city as salvage and no longer useful to the city and authorizing the disposition of said items by the Administration of the City of Broussard

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Mayor Bourque reviewed the items listed to be declared as salvage and asked the council for approval to move forward. There was no public comment on this item.

Final Resolution: Motion approved

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5.3 Resolution #909-26

A resolution authorizing the City of Broussard to apply for the Delta Regional Authority award

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Mayor Bourque explained that the Delta Regional Authority offers grant opportunities that are not available in Lafayette Parish but can be applied for in St. Martin Parish. He stated that the City would like to apply for a grant to fund improvements to the bridge on N. Cruse Avenue, which provides access to businesses in the industrial area. The bridge frequently floods during heavy rain events and would need to be raised, along with the apron and roadway, to improve safety and accessibility. Mayor Bourque noted that this would be an excellent project for grant funding and requested the Council's support in applying for the grant. Walter added that the bridge is approximately two feet below the 100-year flood elevation and has flooded in the past, preventing people from accessing the industrial area.

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6. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

6.1 Ordinance #26-847

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, of its Taxable Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Bond (DEQ), Series 2026 and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: No public comment

Final Resolution: Motion approved

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6.2 Ordinance #26-848

An ordinance approving and authorizing execution of an Act of Exchange with IMN, LLC

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Mayor Bourque explained that, as work continues on the new water well site, there are plans to extend Fezzo's Road from Ambassador Caffery Parkway to Albertsons Parkway. To move the project forward, the City needs to obtain a servitude from one property owner, IMN, LLC. He stated that the property owner has requested a property exchange instead. Attorney Randy Lasseigne confirmed that the necessary documents show the properties are of equal value and recommended that the City proceed with the exchange. Mayor Bourque then asked the Council for approval to move forward with the agreement.

Final Resolution: Motion approved

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7. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

7.1 Ordinance #26-845

An ordinance to De-Annex a portion along North Eola Rd

Motion by Councilwoman Racca

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Walter explained that nearly the entire subdivision is located outside the city limits, with only a small strip of land remaining within the city. He stated that the property owners are working to correct this issue and clean up the boundary lines. Walter noted that if someone were to build a house on that portion of the property, it would be unclear which jurisdiction would be responsible for issuing permits. For this reason, he recommended that the property be de-annexed to eliminate confusion and ensure clear permitting authority.

Final Resolution: Motion approved

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7.2 Ordinance #26-846

An ordinance approving and authorizing execution of an Act of Exchange with Comeaux Planting

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: No public comment

Final Resolution: Motion approved

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8. OTHER BUSINESS

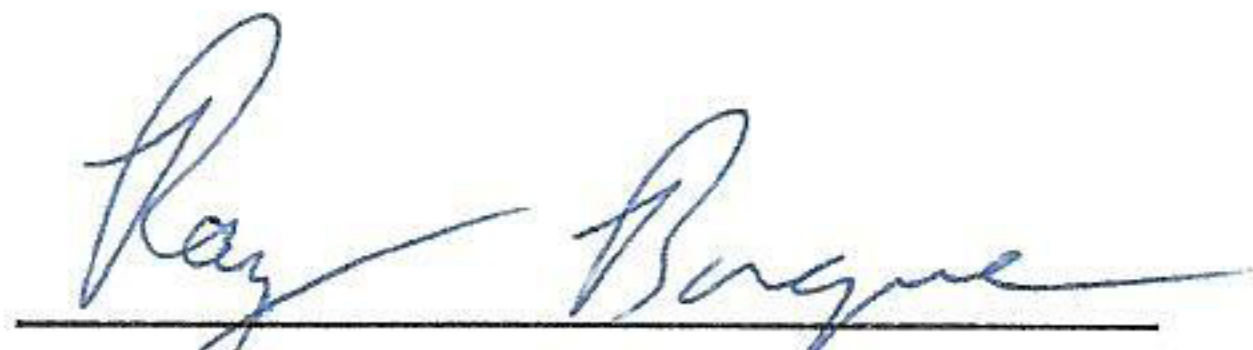
8.1 Water System Master Plan update

Mayor Bourque explained that the City of Broussard provides an annual update on its Water System Master Plan during budget season because many of the projects are funded through state capital outlay programs. Once state funding approvals are known, the city can determine which projects will move forward each year. He expressed pride in the unanimous support the City Council has provided in developing and advancing the plan over the past several years and thanked the Acadiana legislative delegation for securing substantial state funding. He noted that capital outlay funding serves as a multiplier for the city's investment, with the city providing matching funds while the state supplies much of the funding necessary to support the series of water system improvements. The mayor stated that the overall goal of the Water System Master Plan is to strengthen the city's water infrastructure, increase water production, expand water storage capacity, and implement advanced filtration and treatment throughout the system. Current projects include the North Girouard Road water line extension, backup generators and booster pumps on Regal Drive, backup generators at the Highway 90 well, water line loops along Ambassador Caffery Parkway and Sugarland Drive, improvements to the Garber Road water well, and a water line extension from Freeman Road to Smede Highway. Completed projects include the rehabilitation of the city's two water towers, which significantly increased water storage capacity. Mayor Bourque explained that the city hired a hydrologist to model the aquifer and identify the best locations for future wells, with the Garber Road water well serving as the first priority project, followed by the Albertson Parkway well. He emphasized the importance of increased water storage, noting that Broussard successfully maintained water service during a severe winter storm while many neighboring systems experienced failures. He credited the city's Public Works Department and the water production and storage capabilities at the Garber well for helping the city withstand the storm. The planned improvements, including additional storage tanks and wells, are intended to strengthen the system's ability to handle future emergencies such as hurricanes, ice storms, droughts, and continued population growth. The mayor also reviewed the Garber Road Water System project, which consists of two phases and is being advanced through state water sector grants and capital outlay funding. He noted that advanced water treatment systems are being pursued for the Garber Road and Marteau sites and that all existing wells are being evaluated for treatment upgrades to ensure they work together as a unified system. He stressed that the city is not implementing temporary fixes but is undertaking a multi-million-dollar, multi-year investment designed to improve and expand the water system for decades to come. Given Broussard's continued growth, the objective is to establish a reliable, modern water system capable of meeting future demand while providing the highest quality water possible to residents. He added that the city recently secured additional state capital outlay funding, with the City Council approving the required matching funds to keep projects moving forward through the engineering phases. Walter Comeaux added that approximately 60 percent of the city's fire protection rating is tied to the water system, making adequate water storage critical during emergency events such as fires. He noted that seasonal demands, including lawn irrigation during drought conditions and dripping faucets during hard freezes, place significant stress on the system. He stated that the planned projects will help Broussard become more self-sufficient, improve system reliability, increase storage and production capacity, and enhance the overall quality of the city's water supply.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9.1 Mayor Bourque invited everyone to attend the upcoming Coffee with the Mayor and Chiefs event, which will be held at Starbucks in Broussard on Friday, July 24, 2026, from 7:00 am to 8:30 am.

10. ADJOURNMENT



MAYOR RAY BOURQUE



KELLI MIGUES, DEPUTY CITY CLERK