

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
on Tuesday, August 11, 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) Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services) 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), Mel Bertrand (City Manager/Director of Public Works) Gerald deLaunay (City Attorney), Randy Lasseigne (City Attorney), Walter Comeaux (Engineer), Daniel Hutchinson (Engineer), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police 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 Saviors Church

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 **Acceptance of the Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Regular Meeting**
Motion by Councilman Allen
Second by Councilman Regan
Discussion: No public comment
Final Resolution: Motion Approved
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3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1 Approval of the June 2026 Financial Report

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that June of this year was 2 percent lower than 2025 but we ended the year 2 percent higher than 2025 as a whole and June of this year was 5 percent below budget which ended the year at 2 percent below budget.

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4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Candidate for District Judge Will Keaty

Attorney Will Keaty addressed the Mayor and Council, thanking them for the opportunity to speak and introduced himself. He explained that although he is originally from Lafayette, he has proudly called Broussard home since 2020, where he has been raising his family. Keaty shared that he practices law in Lafayette and is currently running for District Court Judge. He expressed his commitment to serving the community and emphasized that being a judge is both an honor and a form of public service. He stated that maintaining justice, honor, and integrity is very important to him and that he looks forward to the opportunity to serve on the bench. In closing, he respectfully asked for the community's support in the November 3rd election.

4.2 Approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission that the proposed Washateria/Laundromat to be located at 202 Albertson Parkway is compliant with the Community Commercial zoning district

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Blake Saul, owner of Gator Laundry, addressed the Mayor and City Council to request approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to allow a premium laundry service laundromat on a property zoned Community Commercial. Mr. Saul explained that he operates a successful location in New Iberia and described the proposed business as a premium-level laundromat designed to provide customers with a safe and comfortable environment. Mayor Bourque explained that the item was being brought before the Council because laundromats are not specifically listed in the City's zoning ordinance under the Community Commercial category, although the use appears compatible with that zoning designation. He noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission thoroughly reviewed the proposal and recommended approval of the location. Councilman Delahoussaye asked whether the City's sewer system could accommodate the business's wastewater flows, and City

Manager Mel confirmed that adequate capacity exists in that area. Councilwoman Girouard also inquired whether the Planning and Zoning Commission had reviewed the building design due to its proximity to residential neighborhoods. In response, Mr. Saul distributed visual renderings of the proposed facility, emphasizing that it would feature a premium design intended to complement the surrounding upscale neighborhoods. He further explained that the laundromat would be a fully attended, 4,000-square-foot facility and would not operate 24 hours a day.

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4.3 Condemnation update on 506 Ave B-Property owner Brian K. Breaux

Ben Theriot provided the council with an update on the property, explaining that he had been in contact with the owner, Mr. Brian Breaux. He stated that Mr. Breaux had not obtained the necessary permit to begin bringing the home into compliance with code requirements. The city sent inspector Mr. Richard to evaluate the property, and his report was included in the council packet. Councilwoman Racca stated that Mr. Richard's report recommended that the property owner hire a licensed contractor. Mr. Breaux attended the meeting and addressed the council, explaining that he had recently been hospitalized and was therefore unable to hire the contractors needed to begin the required repairs. Councilwoman asked Mr. Breaux whether 30 days would be sufficient time for him to hire a licensed contractor, obtain the necessary permits, and begin the required improvements. Mr. Breaux agreed that 30 days would be enough time. Mayor Bourque repeated Councilwoman Racca's expectations to ensure Mr. Breaux fully understood the requirements, and Mr. Breaux confirmed his understanding. In closing, Councilwoman Racca wished Mr. Breaux a speedy recovery.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution #910-26

A resolution accepting the bid for Phase 2 of the Street Improvements Project

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Dainel Hutchinson reported that bids were opened on July 15, 2026, and that Material Resources, Inc. was determined to be the lowest responsive bidder, submitting a bid of \$490,366.50. This project is the second phase of the street improvement plan which is the preservation methods on the streets showing on a map included in the slideshow for the council to see. Mayor Bourque stated that this phase included sealing and surface treatment. Councilman Regan asked Daniel if he could confirm this is the project based on the recent grading system that was done and Daniel confirmed. Based on the evaluation, Daniel recommended that the council award the bid for this project.

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5.2 Resolution #911-26

A resolution amending the 2026/2027 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Police Camera expense affiliated with the Opioid Agreement with LCG

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Forbes

Discussion: Chief Olivier reported that the city was graciously awarded \$50,000 in opioid funding from Lafayette Consolidated Government to be used toward the purchase of cameras for monitoring areas impacted by opioid-related activity. He explained that two locations, South Eola Road and North Morgan Avenue, meet the grant requirements and are included in the project. He further requested the addition of two more cameras to provide coverage for the intersection of South Bernard Road and West Main Street, as well as the parking lot on West Main Street near The Village at Broussard subdivision. To cover the cost of these additional cameras, Chief Olivier requested an additional appropriation of \$33,352 from the city. Mayor Bourque clarified that the total project cost would be \$83,352, with \$50,000 being funded through the grant from Lafayette Consolidated Government, leaving the City responsible for the remaining \$33,352. Chief Olivier confirmed that this information was correct.

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5.3 Resolution #912-26

A resolution declaring the contract for the North Saint Jean Bridge Replacement project to be substantially complete

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Daniel Hutchinson reported that a final inspection of the bridge project was conducted on July 28, 2026, with the City Manager and the Bridge Engineer in attendance. He stated that the bridge is open to traffic and that the contractor has successfully completed all punch list items. Based on the completion of the work and the satisfactory results of the final

inspection, Mr. Hutchinson recommended that the project be approved as substantially complete.

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5.4 **Resolution #913-26**

A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the modification of State Highway PA030030 Between the State of Louisiana through the Department of Transportation and Development and the City of Broussard

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilman Delahoussaye

Discussion: Bailey Bergeron with DDG presented the item and explained that the resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for the widening of LA Highway 89 from Ambassador Caffery Parkway to West Pinhook Road. Because LA Highway 89 is a state highway, the agreement is necessary to allow the City of Broussard and DOTD to formally partner on the project. The CEA clearly outlines each party's responsibilities throughout the design and construction phases and through final project acceptance. Bergeron noted that the project is an excellent example of leveraging funding through partnerships, as contributions from DOTD, Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG), and other sources will allow Broussard to complete this significant roadway improvement while contributing only about 10 percent of the total project cost. The project is expected to improve traffic flow, mobility, and safety along a key corridor in the city. DDG recommended approval of the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute the agreement.

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5.5 **Resolution #914-26**

A resolution declaring the contract for the Right Turn Lane Addition to West Pinhook Road onto South Bernard Road Project to be substantially complete

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Regan

Discussion: Daniel Hutchinson reported that the project involves the addition of a right-turn lane on S. Bernard Road at the intersection of W. Pinhook Road. He stated that the lane has been opened to traffic and that the contractor was only awaiting the installation of a sign, which has since been completed. Daniel also noted that he conducted the final inspection last week and that all punch list items have been completed, with the exception of some minor site cleanup. Based on the current status of the work, he recommended that the project be declared substantially complete. Mayor Bourque stated that the small turn lane, which can accommodate approximately six vehicles, has made a significant improvement in traffic flow in the area. The council members agreed with this and expressed their appreciation for the project's success, noting the positive impact it has had on reducing congestion and improving traffic movement.

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6. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

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 Delahoussaye

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Mayor Bourque explained that this item was previously presented at the last council meeting. The proposal involves a Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) loan with an interest rate of less than 1 percent, which would provide funding for the City to expand sewer services along Ambassador Caffery and South Bernard Road. The low-interest loan is intended to support infrastructure improvements and enhance sewer service availability in those areas.

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6.2 **Ordinance #26-848**

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

Motion by Councilman Delahoussaye

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Mayor Bourque explained that this item was presented at the previous council meeting and involves acquiring the right-of-way needed to extend the roadway along the Fezzo's Corridor from Ambassador Caffery Parkway to Albertsons Parkway. He noted that the project continues to move forward and is being coordinated as part of the City's water well project in that area.

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7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

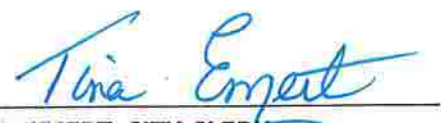
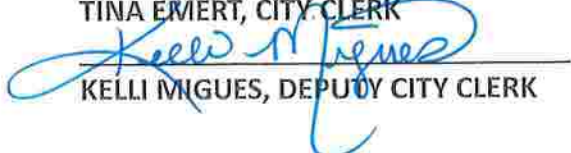
7.1 **Community Service Award-LMA**

Mayor Bourque announced that Broussard won first place with the Louisiana Municipal Association Community Service Award in the Basic Services category for the new Broussard City Hall. The video that was submitted to LMA featured repurposing of existing buildings and property and showed that the city has preserved significant historical assets, reduced costs compared to new construction and positioned the city to deliver enhanced public service to a rapidly growing community for decades to come. The video was played at the council meeting for all to see and the Mayor and Council were photographed holding their plaques.

7.2 **Coffee with the Mayor and Chiefs**

Mayor Bourque invited everyone to attend the "Coffee with the Mayor and Chiefs Event" on Friday August 21, 2026 from 7 am until 8:30 am located at Prejean's in Broussard.

8. ADJOURNMENT


MAYOR RAY BOURQUE
TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK

KELLI MIGUES, DEPUTY CITY CLERK