

**MINUTES OF THE  
BUDGET HEARING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA  
ON Monday, June 9, 2025  
AT 5:15 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), Graham Beduze (Chief Economic Development Officer), April Aguilar (Manager of the Mayor's Office), 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), Zac Gerard (Police Captain), Rhonda Williams (Executive Assistant to Chief Olivier), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer)

**1. OPENING**

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 A moment of silence was led by Mayor Bourque

**2. BUDGET HEARING**


2.1 2024/2025 Amended Budget and 2025/2026 Proposed Budget


Burton Kolder went over budget message which gave the highlights on the budget moving forward going into the fiscal year that ends June 30, 2026. Salaries for all employees have been adjusted for a 3% merit raise to be allocated to employees at the discretion of each department head. Salaries for the Mayor and Chief of Police have also been increased by 3%. The total budgeted for merit raises and the pay scale increase is \$248,595 and there is a line item in each departmental budget. Burton then went over the Capital Outlay which includes a capital outlay request for numerous items listed on the budget document totaling \$14,244,914. The Utility Fund has rate increases for water increasing 5% and sewer increasing 10% for FYE 6/30/2026,

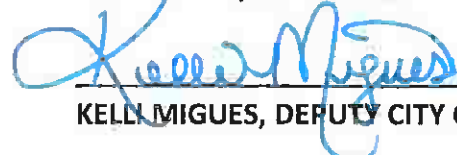
effective 7/1/2025 and again on 1/1/2026. Effective 7/1/2025, commercial water rates will increase to \$30.09 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2,000 gallons, \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons thereafter. Commercial sewer rates will also increase to \$23.45 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 3,000 gallons and \$10.56 per 1,000 gallons thereafter and a flat rate of \$30.00. Garbage rates will be raised by the CPI that the city incurs by the garbage collection service provider each year. Total Capital Outlay for the General Fund is \$2,771,752, which consists of: General Government \$150,000; Police Department \$312,100; Fire Department \$1,899,292; Streets and Drainage \$410,360. Total Capital Project Fund projects are \$10,997,733 and \$3,862,051 is to be funded by grants. In the Governmental Fund, total Capital is \$13,865,060 and \$3,862,051 is to be funded by grants. In the Utility Fund, total Capital is \$379,854. The net cost of the projects to be funded by the city is \$10,382,863. Total operating revenues for the Utility Fund budget estimated for 2025 are \$7,605,728. The city has no property taxes. Burton then went over the Consolidated Budget. The overall summary shows total operating revenues for the City of Broussard were \$38,316,036 last year, \$41,749,916 this year, and projected at \$40,999,668 for next year. Total Expenditures were \$41,632,397 last year, \$47,683,605 this year, and projected at \$45,355,373 for next year. Burton then went over the Summary of Net Operating Surplus showing a total net operating surplus of \$5,474,385 for 2025 and a proposed net operating surplus of \$4,970,926 for 2026 budget. The average of the last 5 years is \$4,304,629. Burton then went on to explain the schedule of utility income per customer per month for water, sewer and garbage. Burton closed with remarks by expressing strong approval of the current budget and financial direction, noting that the approach has been necessary and effective and encouraged continued efforts along the same path. Mayor Bourque thanked City Auditor Burton for his expertise and support in navigating the \$42 million budget. He highlighted the city's many successful projects and acknowledged the finance team and council members for their collaboration. He praised Burton for playing a key role in helping the city achieve its goals. Burton thanked the mayor and the council for allowing him to work with the city.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

#### 3.1 Adjourn Meeting

  
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MAYOR RAY BOURQUE

  
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TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK

  
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KELLI MIGUES, DEPUTY CITY CLERK