

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
on Tuesday, September 9, 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),
- 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), 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), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer)
- Absent:** Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large), Millicent Norbert (Director of Tourism)

1. OPENING

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

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the August 26, 2025 Regular Meeting
Motion by Councilman Regan
Second by Councilwoman Girouard
Discussion: No public comment
Final Resolution: Motion Approved
- YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
 District 2 - David Bonin
 District 3 - Jesse Regan
 District 4 - Heather Girouard
 District 5 - David Forbes
 District 6 - Kody Allen
- ABSENT: At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

3. RESOLUTIONS

3.1 Resolution #850-25

A resolution amending the 2025/2026 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for a Community Drone Show

Motion to Amend the amendment by Councilman Regan

Second to Amend the amendment by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: Graham proposed adding a drone show to the annual Christmas event to create a great experience and draw thousands of visitors to the city. A video was presented to the council of a 300-drone show. After reaching out to multiple companies that offer this show, the best price is \$30,000 per performance for a 300-drone show, half the usual cost, if the city signs a three-year agreement. The show would last around 15 minutes. Mayor Bourque proposed that the drone show serve as the grand finale of the city's Christmas event, following the parade and tree lighting. To ensure the best value, three quotes were collected before presenting the item to the council. Council Regan requested that the council amend the resolution from a \$20,000 allocation to \$30,000, specifying that the funds would go to the BEDC budget to hire the company responsible for producing the drone show.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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Motion to Adopt by Councilman Regan

Second to Adopt by Councilman Bonin

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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3.2 Resolution #851-25

A resolution amending the 2025/2026 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for adding a turning lane on West Main Street at the intersection of West Main Street and South Bernard Road

Motion by Councilman Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Daniel informed the council that a new right-turning lane will be added on Main Street at the intersection of Main Street and S. Bernard Road. The project involves installing signage, widening the pavement by 11 feet, tapering the lane, and expanding the turning radius. This will create space for about five vehicles, roughly 20 feet, to allow for a right turn. In response to Councilman Bonin's question, Daniel clarified that no changes to the streetlights are needed, aside from possibly adjusting the timing and no new signal heads will be added. Walter added that, due to ongoing development in the area, the traffic engineer recommends conducting a traffic study annually to keep up with changing conditions. Mayor Bourque stated that S. Bernard Road is becoming a busier route, and the proposed changes would help ease traffic congestion in the area.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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ABSENT: At Large - Jeff Delahoussaye

3.3 Resolution #852-25

A resolution authorizing rules for the use of the Broussard Event Center

Motion by Councilman Allen

Second by Councilwoman Girouard

Discussion: Mayor Bourque shared that Gerald worked with the city to develop a rental package for the event center, outlining the proper procedures, required paperwork, and insurance details for potential renters. Councilwoman Girouard raised concerns about clearly listing prohibited items in the rental package and Mayor Bourque agreed that prohibited items would be included. Gerald clarified that rental fees would be refunded in emergencies, though booking fees are non-refundable. The mayor also stated the city would work with renters to reschedule in such cases.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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3.4 Resolution #853-25

A resolution declaring the Hwy 90 & Main Street Water Tower Rehabilitation project to be substantially complete

Motion by Councilman Regan

Second by Councilman Allen

Discussion: Grayson Simon, with Comeaux Engineering, proposed substantial completion of the Hwy 90 Main Street Water Tower Rehabilitation project, noting that a final inspection with Public Works was conducted on August 25, 2025.

Both towers were completed three months ahead of schedule, stayed well within budget, and all punch list items were confirmed as completed.

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4 ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

4.1 Ordinance #25-834

An ordinance of the City of Broussard fixing and adopting a policy on collection of vegetative debris

Motion by Councilman Bonin


Second by Councilman Allen

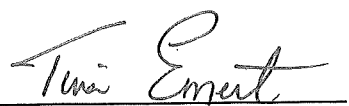
Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

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5 ADJOURNMENT


MAYOR RAY BOURQUE


TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK


KELLI MIGUES, DEPUTY CITY CLERK