

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROUSSARD, LA
on Tuesday, September 23, 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), Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye (At Large)

Staff: Tina Emert (City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services), 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), 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), Walter Comeaux IV (Engineer), Daniel Hutchinson (Engineer), Chief Vance Olivier (Police Chief), Tony Ashy (Assistant Police Chief), Bryan Champagne (Fire Chief)

Absent: Cristen Thibodeaux (Finance Manager), Ben Theriot (Code Enforcement Officer)

1. OPENING

Mayor Bourque

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Invocation done by Deacon D.W. Tilley with First Baptist Church

2. MINUTES

Mayor Bourque

2.1 Acceptance of Minutes of the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Jesse Regan

Second by Councilman Kody Allen

Discussion: No public comments

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

YEAS: District 1 - Angel Racca
 District 2 - David Bonin
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3. FINANCIAL REPORT

3.1 Approval of the August 2025 Financial Report

Motion by Councilman David Bonin

Second by Councilwoman Heather Girouard

Discussion: Mayor Bourque stated that the council members received the August 2025 financial report, noting several positive trends. This month's revenue came in lower than the budgeted figure by 2%, and the year-to-date total remains 1% above the annual budget. Compared to August 2024, revenue increased by 5% and compared to 2023 revenue increased 20%

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4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Monsters on Main Event

Millicent Norbert gave a presentation on the upcoming Monsters on Main event, noting that this will be the first annual celebration. She outlined registration details, parade entry guidelines, and the route, which begins at Towne Pharmacy on Main Street and ends at City Hall, where candy will be handed out. The event will also feature a contest with various judging categories. Scheduled for October 10, 2025, the festivities will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. At the conclusion of her presentation, children who had volunteered came dressed in costume and passed out candy to the council, and during this moment, a little festive cheer filled the room. Mayor Bourque encouraged community participation and emphasized that this is a family-friendly event designed for kids to have fun.

4.2 Park and Recreation annual update

Park Director Jamison Abshire presented the annual Parks and Recreation annual update, highlighting and increase with business sales, hotel room demand, and weekend event attendance with comparisons between 2024 and 2025. He explained the significance of hosting major tournaments and shared recent registration figures: 230 kids for flag football, 544 for recreational soccer, 600 for competitive soccer, and full enrollment in tennis clinics. Mayor Bourque commended him on good work and noted the numbers are on the rise. Jamison credited the council's support, assuring that he aims for this growth to continue. Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye requested future data

on tennis and pickleball, to which Jamison responded that several tennis events are already planned, and numbers are expected to rise with the new facility, which he will provide to the council once these figures populate.

5. RESOLUTIONS

5.1 Resolution #854-25

A resolution amending the 2025/2026 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Historic Broussard drainage improvement project A-1

Motion by Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye

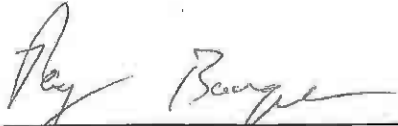
Second by Councilman David Forbes

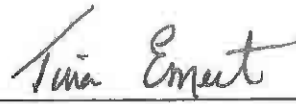
Discussion: Walter Comeaux IV of Comeaux Engineering presented a map outlining plans to upgrade the outdated drainage infrastructure in a historic Broussard area. The project will bring the system up to code by replacing old culverts, regrading and reshaping roadway ditches to ensure proper water flow. Driveways will be replaced using the same material as the existing ones. Walter Comeaux III explained that these improvements will help relieve drainage pressure throughout the area. Mayor Bourque discussed past rain events that highlighted ongoing drainage issues in Broussard. During these events, Melvin and Walter actively drove through affected areas, pinpointing trouble spots and collecting addresses to help identify priority zones for drainage improvements. The mayor emphasized that this plan spans over at least three council districts and represents just one section of a broader initiative focused on the historic Broussard area. This marks the beginning of a systematic effort to develop the most cost-effective strategy for addressing drainage concerns. Walter Comeaux III encouraged the council to contact him immediately if they observe any drainage issues during a rain event. He assured them that he would promptly visit the site to assess the situation in real time, allowing for a more accurate evaluation and quicker response. Melvin explained that once a project is completed, the focus shifts to maintenance. He emphasized that simply cleaning a ditch is ineffective if the surrounding culverts and grading are incorrect, as the ditch will retain water rather than allow it to flow. However, if the culverts and grading are properly addressed, ongoing maintenance becomes manageable, and water will flow as intended. After Councilman Jeff Delahoussaye expressed interest in how many driveways will be changed out within this plan, Walter Comeaux IV confirmed that when the project is finished, every driveway in the area will be updated.

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6. ADJOURNMENT


MAYOR RAY BOURQUE


TINA EMERT, CITY CLERK


KELLI MIGUES, DEPUTY CITY CLERK