



## **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2025 MEETING – CITY OF BROUSSARD**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Jan-Scott Richard, COG President & Scott Mayor, called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

### **2. SILENT PRAYER & PLEDGE**

Pastor Waldon Moak offered a prayer and Mayor Richard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- a. **President** – Scott Mayor Jan-Scott Richard was nominated by Youngsville Mayor Ken Ritter, which was seconded by Carencro Mayor Charlotte Clavier. With there being no other nominations offered, followed by nominations being closed, the nomination of Jan-Scott Richard resulted in a unanimous vote in the affirmative for Jan-Scott Richard to serve as the 2025 COG President.
- b. **Vice-President** – Youngsville Mayor Ken Ritter was nominated by Broussard Mayor Ray Bourque, which was seconded Carencro Mayor Charlotte Clavier. With there being no other nominations offered, followed by nominations being closed, the nomination of Ken Ritter resulted in a unanimous vote in the affirmative for Ken Ritter to serve as the 2025 COG Vice-President.
- c. **Secretary/Treasurer** – Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) Assistant Council Clerk Joseph Gordon-Wiltz was nominated by Youngsville Mayor Ken Ritter, which was seconded by Lafayette Parish Council Chairman Abraham “AB” Rubin, Jr.. With there being no other nominations offered, followed by nominations being closed, the nomination of Joseph Gordon-Wiltz resulted in a unanimous vote in the affirmative for Joseph Gordon-Wiltz to serve as the 2025 COG Secretary/Treasurer.

### **4. INTRODUCTION OF COG MEMBERS & RECOGNITION OF NEW ELECTED OFFICIALS**

All in attendance were introduced, including new and existing elected officials. All COG entities were in attendance, with the exception of the Lafayette Parish School System/Board.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

A motion was offered by Duson Mayor Johnny Thibodeaux, and seconded Mayor Clavier, to approve the minutes of the COG meeting of November 20, 2024. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **6. APPROVAL OF TRESURER’S REPORT**

A motion was offered by Mayor Clavier, and seconded by Mayor Thibodeaux, to adopt the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$2,448.92. The motion was unanimously approved.

## 7. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

### a. **UPDATES:** State Officials / Parish Elected Officials

- i. **Governor Jeff Landry** – Sarah Boudreaux of Governor Jeff Landry's Office briefly discussed rural and economic development offerings to municipalities and jurisdictions in Lafayette Parish, for which the Governor's Office could help facilitate.
- ii. **Lafayette Parish Assessor** – Lafayette Parish Assessor Justin Centanni announced the completion of the first training session provided by the Assessor's Office on the new mapping software and offered this training to anyone interested.

### b. **MUNICIPALITY UPDATES**

- i. **Broussard** – Mayor Bourque discussed the new Garber Road bridge and noted assistance from LCG. He announced the opening of Bernard Street, which was made a reality by state capital outlay funding. Mayor Bourque also noted other road and infrastructure updates in the City of Broussard and announced that 80 new businesses opened in the City in 2024. He reviewed the expansion activity of pickleball and tennis at the Broussard Sports Complex.
- ii. **Carencro** – Mayor Clavier detailed the City of Carencro's work on water projects, making sidewalks ADA-compliant, sewer improvement going to bid in May, and improvements to older gas lines. She discussed the expansion of pickleball and tennis at Carencro Park, along with other improvements. Mayor Clavier noted the success of the Mardi Gras parade in Carencro, but expressed curiosity on the continuation of funding the surging costs of security. She announced the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, along with Saint Peter's Church celebration of 150 years. Mayor Clavier reminded everyone of the Mercredi Shows and announced an upcoming event in April connected to Carencro's cultural district.
- iii. **Duson** – In honor of Black History Month, Mayor Thibodeaux recognized an African American citizen from the Town of Duson who went on to the WNBA. He discussed the Town of Duson having recently approached the Water Sector Commission and was awarded over \$1 million, then will bond out more funding for water purposes. Mayor Thibodeaux noted plans to get a master plan completed and implemented, along with plans for a roundabout construction slated for next year. Lastly, he reviewed infrastructure improvements around Duson Elementary School.
- iv. **Scott** – Mayor Richard announced that the Scott Mardi Gras parade is this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and that the Scott Boudin Festival is scheduled for April 4-6, 2025. He discussed having met recently on a master transportation plan for the City of Scott, along with seeking public input on 37 additional acres for Scott Park. Mayor Richard announced plans on going to bid for completion of the Veterans Memorial, also noting that the Old Spanish Trail sidewalk is near completion. He ended by discussing his recent attendance at the Louisiana Association of Fairs & Festivals, with the City of Scott having received the Division 4 distinction and that of Festival of the Year.
- v. **Youngsville** – Mayor Ritter began his comments by introducing the new Youngsville Chief of Police, along with recognizing Youngsville Councilmembers in attendance. He, like

Mayor Clavier, emphasized the need to communicate about the sustainability of funding Mardi Gras parades, noting that the Youngsville Mardi Gras parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Ritter discussed events and activities of the Youngsville Chamber of Commerce, notably its Second Saturday Famers Market. The Chamber is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a banquet scheduled for Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. He announced that the City of Youngsville is going through the process of attaining the Development Ready designation. He acknowledged efforts by LPSS and 600 acres it owns, also noting updates on infrastructure, the new water plant coming online in September, having to scale back on sewer, and the widening and other improvements to South Larriviere Road with bids finally opening this week. Mayor Ritter commented on the expansion of Saint Ann's Church, with he first Mass to be celebrated on May 9<sup>th</sup>. He announced that Leadership Youngsville's is now accepting applications for new participants for Class 6. Youngsville Councilwoman Simone Champagne announced that the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) is conducting its first state tour on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the LITE Center in Lafayette, which is to emphasize workforce training, apprenticeship, and trade programs.

- vi. **Lafayette Consolidated Government** – Lafayette Mayor-President Monique Boulet's Municipal & Constituent Services Advisor Vincent Pierre gave updates on behalf of LCG. He recognized Lafayette Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Director Chad Sonnier, who provided information on emergency response initiatives, to include cold weather warming station, etc. Mr. Pierre also recognized the Councilmembers in attendance, to include Parish Council Chairman AB Rubin and City Councilmembers Elroy Broussard and Andy Naquin.

## **8. OTHER MATTERS**

- a. Mayor Richard thanked the staff from the City of Broussard and the staff of Fezzo's for hosting the meeting and providing the meal. He reminded everyone that the next COG meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025 and that the meeting will be hosted by the City of Scott.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.