

**Minutes Of The**

**January 13, 2004**

**Broussard City Council Meeting**

Present: Mayor Charles E. Langlinais  
 Tina G. Denais, City Clerk  
 Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I  
 Councilman David Bonin, District II  
 Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III  
 Councilman Harold Johnson, District IV  
 Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V  
 Councilman Albert Romero, District VI  
 Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large  
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer  
 Don Landry, City Attorney  
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor  
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Councilman Higginbotham lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer. Chief Decou asked everyone to remember the Flugence family in their prayers, because today is a 3 years that Chief Irvin Flugence passed away.

**Adopt minutes of the December 23, 2003 Regular City Council Meeting =**  
 Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the December 23, 2003 City Council Meeting. Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
District II = Yea	District V = Yea
District III = Yea	District VI = Yea
At Large = Yea	

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Ordinance #03-267/LA 96 & Byron Guidroz Annexation =**  
 Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Foco to adopt Ordinance #03-267, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 35, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the LA 96/Byron Guidroz Annexation.  
 Roll call:

District I = Yea  
 District II = Yea  
 District III= Yea  
 At Large = Yea

District IV = Yea  
 District V = Yea  
 District VI = Yea

**Adopt Ordinance #03-268/Fawn Field Subdivision** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt Ordinance #03-268, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 10, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Fawn Field Subdivision Annexation. Roll call:

District I = Yea  
 District II= Yea  
 District III= Yea  
 At Large = Yea

District IV = Yea  
 District V = Yea  
 District VI = Yea

**Amend Agenda** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to amend the agenda to include the following items under new business; Bus Service Contract, South Morgan Sidewalk, Bills for Broussard Environmental and Enhancement District. Roll call:

District I = Yea  
 District II= Yea  
 District III= Yea  
 At Large = Yea

District IV = Yea  
 District V = Yea  
 District VI = Yea

## NEW BUSINESS

**Bus Service Contract** = Mayor Langlinais stated that is a little over 6 months that we have been having the bus service and we have had 83 people in 4months at a total cost of \$9,548.00 for 6 months. Mayor Langlinais stated that he visited with Ms. Burke and Larry Baker about the cost and they had agreed to lower the fee, but that still didn't help. Mayor Langlinais stated that he would like to do an article to address this in the Advertiser to get some public response. Councilman Johnson asked if we could allow him time, so he could run an article in the church bulletin and then we can make a decision on this on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January. Attorney Landry asked if the council would like him to publish a notice in the paper, to see what the public's input will be about the probability of discontinuing the bus service. The council agreed to let Attorney Landry do that and a decision will be made on January 29, 2004.

**Sidewalk on South Morgan from existing sidewalk to intersection of Broussard Middle and Hulin Road** = Mayor Langlinais stated was contacted by someone who works for a local business here in town. She is partially blind and has to use a Seeing Eye dog. She would like the sidewalk to extend pass Broussard Middle at the intersection of Hulin and Morgan Street. Chief Decou stated she lives on North Larriviere, but cuts across Hulin Road from her home. Larry stated the estimated cost is \$16,445.00. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Romero to amend the budget to extend the Morgan Street sidewalk to Hulin Road. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II= Yea  
 District III = Yea  
 At Large = Yea

District V = Yea  
 District VI = Yea

**Approval of Bills to be paid for Broussard Environmental Enhancement District =**

Gene explained the processed that was approved at the meeting with the BEHD Board in reference to the bills. The city council needs to approve the transfer of funds to the Broussard Environmental Enhancement District so that these bills can be paid. Mayor Langlinais stated that these bills are for the last 2 or 3 months of work. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Johnson to amend the budget to transfer the following \$21,870.44 to the Broussard Environmental Enhancement District Account to pay the following bills: C. B. Talley—Invoice # 03-2165 for \$1,643.80, The LaBorde Law Firm—Invoice #14130 for \$4,538.06, C. B. Talley—Invoice #4,506.25, Comite Resources, Inc.---Invoice # 2 for 10,583.33 and RND Realty Inc.—Invoice #C040109 for \$500.00. Roll call:

District I = Yea  
 District II= Yea  
 District III= Yea  
 At Large = Yea

District IV = Yea  
 District V = Yea  
 District VI = Yea

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**Walter's Report:**

**ENSCO Drainage** = Walter stated that Councilman Rousseau got a call from ENSCO regarding drainage improvements to their property. They have a ditch that runs thru their property. They want to pipe that ditch. They would like to get an Economic Development Grant to do that. They would pay for the pipe and the materials, if the city would put it in. Walter stated the ditch runs thru their property and drains other properties. Attorney Landry stated being it is on private property he doesn't think we can participate and do it, because of it being on private property. Walter stated they would grant us an easement, to clean the ditch. Councilman Bonin questioned how much ditch do they want to cover? Attorney Landry stated at a legal standpoint it is okay to get easement and clean the ditch, but it is something else to cover the entire ditch. Walter stated they are talking about 300 or 400 feet. Attorney Landry stated that he understands that, but we have a policy that we want to stick with. Mayor Langlinais stated that if the property owner has the proper size pipe and an engineer has okay it, then there is no problem. Mayor Langlinais stated that Moulin Road is already getting covered with water and this would be an asset for us to get this done. Walter stated he needs to do some more fieldwork on this. Walter will do some more fieldwork on this in order to clean the drainage ditch. Walter stated that he still needs to study some of the info they gave him. Walter will do his field work and Attorney Landry will do some research to see if we can aid in the closure of this ditch and it will be brought back up at the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Cypress Bayou** = Mayor Langlinais questioned Walter on about the Cypress Bayou Drainage Project? Walter stated he hasn't heard anything since the last meeting.

**Jerry's Report:**

**Sewage Pond** = Jerry stated that he is preparing the estimates the BEHD requested. He is hoping to get those estimates in by the next meeting.

**Annexation Work** = Jerry stated that they also did some annexation work.

**New Theatre** = Jerry stated that they are doing the sewage project for the new theatre. Right now they are in the process of getting some easements.

**New Water Well** = Councilman Bonin question Jerry about the progress of the new water well? Jerry stated when we put the water into the plant we ended up with more color, so right now we are pumping it more to reduce the color. This particular well has some iron in it. We have to decide how much color is involved and then we will have to look for some type of chemical to clear this up.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Landry stated that he had nothing to report on.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Fire Rating** = Chief Decou stated that the rating came back and we stayed a Class 4. Mayor Langlais stated that he just doesn't understand how they come up with their scores, but considering what all the other municipalities are getting we should be thankful we received a Class 4.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Yearly Report** = Chief Decou stated that for the year 2003, we had 11,667 calls. There was 298 arrests, 484 accidents including 5 fatalities. Our biggest numbers were in the traffic areas. Chief Decou stated that he is proud to say that the public service calls were high and that's good, because that is what they are here for to support the citizens. The biggest crime was thefts

**Hiring of a replacement officer** = Chief Decou stated that Ernest Green resigned on January 2, 2004 and he hired Mr. Todd D'Albor temporary on January 5, 2004, until the this meeting to make it official. All of the necessary backgrounds checks have been, therefore, per the recommendation of Chief Decou; Councilman Guilbeau moved and Councilman Rousseau second to hire Todd D'Albor as a fulltime uniformed police officer for the City of Broussard effective January 5, 2004 at a salary of \$,2187.00 per month. Roll call:

District I = Yea  
 District II = Yea  
 District II = Yea  
 At Large = Yea

District IV = Yea  
 District V = Yea  
 District VI = Yea

**Another Officer** = Chief Decou stated that he got with Gene to check his salaries category, because he would like to put another officer on to assist in investigations. Gene informed him that it was already included in the budget, but the Chief just didn't fill that position yet, but he will be looking for someone. The council had no problem, as long as it was in the budget.

### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

#### **Councilman Higginbotham/District V**

**BEHD Bills** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned if the funding for the BEHD is a separate budget? Gene stated these were already done and funded. The budget has to be amended each time this is to be done. As long as we approved these bills this way and amend the budget, there is no problem.

#### **Councilman Foco/At Large:**

**New Theatre** = Councilman Foco questioned if the theatre is on track, because several people have asked him? Mayor Langlinais stated they are supposed to be moving dirt this month.

**Budget Amending** = Councilman Foco questioned, what happens when we get to amending the budget more than we have? Gene stated that you cannot budget over the reserves that you have.

#### **Councilman Rousseau/District III:**

**Mini Bikes and Scooters** = Councilman Rousseau stated that he received several calls regarding the mini bikes and new gas operated scooters that are operating on the streets. Chief Decou stated that those items fall right in the crack of the law, due to the legislation. There is a move nationwide to do something about this. Attorney Landry stated he would look into the laws regarding this. Attorney Landry commended Chief Decou's officers also.

#### **Councilman Bonin/District II:**

**Police Patrols** = Councilman Bonin informed Chief Decou that he has also received a lot of compliments from the citizens of his district regarding the police department.

#### **Mayor Langlinais:**

**Debris Removal from Albertson Parkway Construction** = Mayor Langlinais stated that when we constructing Albertson Parkway the contractor took out the trees and disposed of them and some were burned. We had 3 sites for the contractor to bring the trees to. Dudley Hebert chops firewood and sells it and some wood was brought to his facility, with the understanding that when he no longer needed the wood, his property would be cleaned up, where the debris was put. Now he would like the property to be dressed up. We cleaned the other properties up, but this one. Councilman Foco questioned what are we talking about doing here? Larry stated using a bulldozer one day and cleaning that's it. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Johnson to go ahead and clean the property of Mr. Dudley Hebert where the construction debris was stock piled. Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
District II= Yea	District V = Yea
District III= Yea	District VI = Yea
At Large = Yea	

**Mardi Gras Parade** = Chief Decou questioned what is the status on the Mardi Gras parade? Tina stated that there was a meeting held today at 2:00 p.m. and Mr. George Oldenberg with the Zoo of Acadiana is in charge of the parade, which is to be held at 2:00 p.m. on February 15, 2004.

**ADJOURN:**

**Meeting Adjourn** =Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Foco to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
District II= Yea	District V = Yea
District III= Yea	District VI = Yea
At Large = Yea	

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S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

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S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk