

Minutes Of The

January 27, 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
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer.

Adopt minutes of the January 13, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2004 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	

Amend the agenda = moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to amend the agenda add item 2d under New Business: Bills to Be Approved for BEESD. Roll call

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Re-Appointment of Albert Romero and John Norbert to the Broussard

Environmental Service and Enhancement District Board = Mayor Langlinois stated that Mr. Norbert's term expired in September 2003 and Mr. Romero's term also expired in September 2003. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Foco to re-appointment Albert Romero and John Norbert to the Broussard Environmental Service and Enhancement District Board effective September 2003. Roll call:

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

Variance Request for 602 Leisure Field from Wilfred Guilbeau and Barbara

Thibodeaux = Mayor Langlinois stated that the council got some information in reference to this matter. Councilman Foco questioned according to the site plans does he intend to make one lot out of the two lots? Mr. Guilbeau stated he needs a variance before the Broussard Planning Commission will pass that. He is currently in violation of the front easement setback. The house is already built. Councilman Foco stated in Lafayette a there is a considerable expense to the landowner, but they have to have a surveyor set the corners. Guilbeau stated that lots 144 and 145 would be one lot. Mayor Langlinois stated in Lafayette first a survey is done or site plan is done. The surveyor checks the corner of the proposed builder. Then an affidavit is done, no work done on the property for three months. At the end of the construction phase, another inspection is done, so the lending institution and the attorney approve it. Mayor Langlinois stated that he feels no survey was done, because no money was borrowed. Mayor Langlinois stated that a city employee brought this violation to his attention. He did discuss this with Mr. Guilbeau prior to the second slab being poured. Mayor Langlinois stated that Mr. Guilbeau's attorney must see about re-subdividing his lots. A majority of the property owners should have to approve that. Mayor Langlinois stated that then this needs to be brought back to the council by his attorney after everything is done on his part. The council recommended that Mr. Guilbeau and Ms. Thibodeaux's attorney get with Attorney Landry in reference to this, before the council gives a variance. Guilbeau stated the subdivision is 20 – 24 years old. Mayor Langlinois stated that he feels a letter from his attorney should be able to clear up this matter. Councilman Rousseau stated he feels this will do the city wise, so no one would challenge this in the future. Mr. Guilbeau and Ms. Thibodeaux's attorney will get with Attorney Landry to get this done and then it will be brought back to the council to get the variance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brian Guilbeau re: Sale of Fireworks = Brian Guilbeau gave the council a checklist of the state requirements that he previously gave to Attorney Landry. Guilbeau stated these requirements are not strict at all. He would like to see some other restrictions added to them. He doesn't want to see any problems if the council does lift this ban on the sale of fireworks. Guilbeau stated that he operated for Christmas on another piece in the parish and he did well. Mayor Langlinois stated he doesn't see anything wrong with the amending of the ordinance. Chief Decou checked with Carencro and they allow for the sale and discharge of fireworks, so he

would suggest that they re-do the entire ordinance. Councilman Foco stated he voted no the last time to amending the ordinance and it's not that he has anything against Brian, as long as everyone can sell. Chief Decou stated he feels the entire ordinance should be re-done and not allow a variance. Councilman Rousseau stated he feels we should incorporate something in the ordinance that doesn't allow the tents, perhaps. Councilman Foco stated as long as the tents are fire resistant he has no problem. Councilman Bonin questioned what about the discharge of the fireworks? Chief Decou stated that he would recommend we look into the discharge time of fireworks incorporated into the ordinance. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Bonin to instruct Attorney Landry draw up an amendment to this firework ordinance. Roll call:

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

Bus Service Contract = Mayor Langlinois stated that we had previously had a discussion about the bus service. We have had no response in reference to discontinuing the service. A citizen stated that he uses it and would like to see it kept. Another citizen stated that she uses it also. Councilman Johnson stated this was 6 months trial basis, which hasn't been successful.

Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Foco to discontinue the bus service effective today, January 27, 2004 due to not enough participation. Roll call:

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

Drainage on Moulin Road/ENSCO = Walter wasn't present to discuss this.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

New Water Well = Jerry stated that the new water well has some color problems with the water. Some chemicals have been put in and we have treated the water to clean it, however it is safe. In two weeks we should have the test results, after the jar testing is done. Jerry stated at the next meeting he should have a report on this. Councilman Rousseau stated he has been getting a lot of complaints from the citizens in his district about the water quality. Councilman Rousseau questioned when we get this report, will they a report to explain what's going on? Jerry stated right not the old well is not on line. Jerry stated that he could make arrangements with Councilman Rousseau to get the water tested in his area and at alternate sites.

Al's report;

Al stated that he had nothing to report on.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Gene gave the council their monthly report. Gene stated that the revenues are where we want them to be. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to approve the monthly report. Councilman Higginbotham stated that he would like to see where the overages are. Gene stated we amended the budget so there are no longer overages.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry was not present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou stated Danny came back on Monday from his suspension.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Computer Purchase for Magistrate Court = Chief Decou stated that we have funds thru the Magistrate Court that are generated thru the fines. He needs to replace two computers for a total for \$3,100 approximately. The Magistrate Court budget is \$50,000. Gene recommended that the council consider this and amend the Magistrate Court for \$5,000. Councilman Foco moved and second by Councilman Guilbeau to amend the Magistrate Court Budget for an additional \$5,000 for the purchasing of two computers. Roll call:

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

Hiring An Additional Officer = Chief Decou stated that he is requesting an additional officer. This was previously approved in the budget. Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Guilbeau to hire Jacque LeBlanc as a patrol officer for the City of Broussard effective February 10, 2004 at \$1,762.00 per month. Roll call:

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Used Dump Truck Bids = Mayor Langlinais stated that the bidder, Mr. Cook agreed to extend the thru tomorrow. The 1996 Mac is in good condition. Councilman Foco stated he did some work with Mr. Cook and he is a very straight guy. Mayor Langlinais stated that we still have \$200,000 in the capital outlay. We also need a backhoe front-end loader, which will run

about \$35,000 - \$40,000. Mayor Langlinais stated that Mr. Cook also has another truck that we might be interested in. Councilman Foco stated he would like to see Mel or Larry go check these trucks out and perhaps Jonathan. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Foco after Larry inspects the equipment on site, they authorize the purchase of the 1996 Mac for \$28,500 and an additional if they are in good condition. Roll call:

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

Approval of Bills for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to amend the budget and approve the transfer of funds to the BEESD for the following bills: C. B. Talley for \$3,736.10 and for M. J. Broussard, Incorporated for \$15, 725.00. Roll call:

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

Rails on St. Des Porres and Albertson Parkway = Councilman Foco thanked whoever is responsible for the installation of the rails on St. Des Porres and Albertson Pkwy.

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourn =Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Romero 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	

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk