

Minutes Of The

May 25, 2004

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present:

Tina G. Denais, City Clerk
 Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I
 Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III
 Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V
 Councilman Albert Romero, District VI
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Jason Lopez, Asst. Fire Chief
 Dr. David Thibodeaux, Candidate for Congress
 Judge Jimmy Genovese, Candidate for 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal

Absent:

Mayor Charles E. Langlinais
 Councilman Harold Johnson, District IV
 Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
 Councilman David Bonin, District II

Councilman Rousseau called the meeting to order and Councilman Guilbeau lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer.

Attorney Landry suggested that someone make a motion that Councilman Rousseau be allowed to run the meeting, being the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem are both absent. Councilman Higginbotham moved and Councilman Romero second appoint Councilman Rousseau to run the meeting, being Mayor Langlinais and the Mayor Pro Tem Councilman Foco are both out of town. Roll call:

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

Adopt minutes of the May 11, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the May 11, 2004 City Council Meeting. Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Absent
District II= Absent	District V = Yea

District III = Yea
At Large = Absent

District VI = Yea

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. David Thibodeaux re: Candidate for Congress = Dr. Thibodeaux approached the council. Thibodeaux stated that he first ran for this seat in 1986. He decided to run for Congress again, based on a poll he did. The numbers looked very good; that is why he is announcing his candidacy for Congressman. The 3 issues the voters of this district are concerned with are: economy, education and health care. He thanked the council for their time and promised if elected they will see him again in this room.

Judge Jimmy Genovese re: Candidate for 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal = Mr. Genovese introduced himself to the council. He is running for the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal to replace the retiring Judge Ned Doucet. He was born and raised in Opelousas. He has been in law for 31 years. He wants to serve the citizens of this community. He asked that they put a District Judge on the Court of Appeals. This seat is for eight parishes, which is a huge at large district. He has the experience to serve us and he is young enough to have the desire to do so. This seat is for a 10-year term. He asked the council to consider him on September 18, 2004.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Jerry stated he had nothing to report on.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Gene stated the Sales Tax Revenues are going quite well. He gave the council the budget to introduce and stated that any changes that are made and the approval of the budget will be done at the June 22, 2004 meeting.

Introduce Ordinance #04-272 Budget Ordinance = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to introduce Ordinance #04-272, which amends the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 and adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005. Roll call:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated that he did prepare some ordinances and they will be introduced at the June 8, 2004 meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Asst. Chief Lopez stated that he had nothing to report on.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Citizen Complaint residing in Broussard Village = Chief Decou questioned if the Mayor forwarded them a letter in reference to a complaint about the allegations brought out in the letter about his department not responding to complaints about speeders in Broussard Village? The council stated yes they did receive a letter. Chief Decou gave the council a letter in response to those allegations. He said if they have any questions, please let him know. He doesn't feel this needs to be brought out in public. He knows the radar is run on a daily basis in that subdivision and all of the other subdivisions. Councilman Guilbeau stated he lives in the same subdivision and he knows the police department does patrol that subdivision. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if he spoke to the complainant? Chief Decou stated no, because he did not contact him, he only contacted the Mayor. He never seen or heard from him. The council had no questions for the Chief regarding this matter.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

Budget for 2004-2005 = Councilman Guilbeau stated he asked Gene earlier for money in capital outlay for streets and water and sewer for vehicles. Two in the street department, one in the water department and one in the sewage department. He would like that to be added to this proposed budget.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Overlay = Councilman Rousseau thanked Larry and Mel for getting Robicheaux Road overlaid. And he also thanked the other councilman. Mel stated the entire project should be finished by the end of the month.

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourn = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

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

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk