

Minutes Of The

August 10, 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
 Mark Savoy, City Engineer
 Don Landry, City Attorney
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Nina Ludington, GEC Consultants

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer and asked everyone to keep Lois Broussard in their prayers.

Adopt minutes of the August 10, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the August 10, 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	

NEW BUSINESS:

TEP Applications for NPDES Stormwater Runoff Detention/Debris Basins and Ambassador Caffery South Multi-Use Pathway = Nina Ludington addressed the council. She gave all of the council copies of each application packet. She has done cost estimates and extensive design over the last 6 months. She stated that the council needs to adopt a resolution stating that as the applicant for these funds; that they agree to the 5% match. The total the city will be responsible for \$10,472.45 for the Stormwater Runoff Detention/Debris Basins Application and \$26,158.00 for the Ambassador Caffery South Multi-Use Pathway. She has agreements from the State for the preliminary designs that the state right of way can be used.

She also has a letter from Mike Hollier with MPO. It is not a joint application with the parish. Mayor Langlinais stated that hopefully we could get some sort of wetlands credit for this. We will be building this in conjunction of the road construction roadway. This grant will only cover the area in the Broussard City Limits. Ludington stated that she is actually ahead of the game. Also a separate TEP was submitted for storm water detention basis. That will be for parks with fountains. They are providing the community with economic development as it grows. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how much will be studied with the storm water retention? Ludington stated she only focuses what was available, so that it wouldn't be costly. She took into consideration in her designs parking lot areas. Councilman Foco questioned if this includes the engineering work? Ludington stated no, the city would have to pay the engineering cost. Ludington stated that this could be included in wetland mitigation. Councilman Higginbotham stated he would like to encompass other areas of Broussard, so we are ahead of the game. Councilman Rousseau stated agrees this is a great step. Mayor Langlinais stated this is Federal Money from the state. Ludington stated that expected date for breaking ground on Ambassador Caffery would be February 2006. Attorney Landry stated by then our committee should be ahead of the game on this. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution # 143-04, which states that as the applicant of these two TEP Applications the City of Broussard agrees to pay the 5% match. Roll call:

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

Amend Codes and Permitting Ordinance #115 to update to the International Building Code and the National Electrical Code and the LA State Plumbing Code =

Mayor explained the reason for this change is because Office of State Fire Marshall is requesting that the enforce the 2000 Edition of the International Building Code which replaces the 1997 Standard Building Code and the 1999 National Electrical Code and the 2000 Edition of the LA State Plumbing Code, therefore our current ordinance for Codes and Permits needs to be amended. Councilman Foco moved and Councilman Rousseau second to instruct Attorney Landry to prepare an amended ordinance for Ordinance #115 with the suggested changes to be introduced at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Roll call:

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

Approval of bill for the Broussard Environmental Sewage District = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to amend the budget for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board and pay The LaBorde Law Firm \$1,598.62. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:**Mark's Report:**

Water and Sewer Grant for Albertson Parkway = Mark stated that he met with Division of Administration and reviewed the possibility of the grant for the Huval Nursing Home to run sewer and water. We have been assured that there will be funding for this application.

Waterline and Labor Contracts = Mark stated that they are also working on the water line and the labor contracts and it will be put out for bid next week.

Sewer Pond Right of Ways = Mayor Langlinais stated that we had to send a dear john letter to one of the property owners for the sewer pond right of ways force main; however all of the other right of ways have come back approved.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Gene was not present.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry had nothing to report on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Ordinance Regarding Terminations and Demotions and Promotions = Attorney Landry stated that at the last meeting the Chief of Police spoke in reference to the Lawrson Act ruling about not being able to promote or demote employees. Chief Decou stated that another avenue is the City of Scott had legislators adopt legislation stating that the Chief doesn't have to go to the council for promotions and/or demotions. Attorney Landry stated that he is just bringing this up to see how the council feels. Attorney Landry stated that we could adopt ordinance or ask legislators to put it on the books. Councilman Foco stated he doesn't have a problem with this and so did Councilman Johnson agree. Attorney Landry will go further with this. Mayor Langlinais recommended that Attorney Landry prepare the legislation to be forwarded to the legislature.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

Thanks for work = Councilman Higginbotham thanked Larry and Mel for the work at Champion Technologies.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Thanks for work = Councilman Johnson thanked Larry and Mel for the work at the new park.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Trash/Branches Pick-up = Councilman Foco stated that he met with the Mayor this afternoon about picking up branches and trees. There are problems with some neighbors putting it on other people's property. Mayor Langlinais stated the loaner cans make it a lot easier, also the large dumpster is working. He feels we need to do maybe a one-day thing; when it's not dry. We still want to enforce using the dumpster. Councilman Johnson stated that there are problems where people are cleaning up like on Gustave Street right now. Mayor Langlinais stated that the dumpster was starting to be abused; however he feels once a camera is up, we won't have that problem. Attorney Landry maybe we need to try and enforce our ordinance. Mayor Langlinais stated that maybe we can charge for the dumpster load. Attorney Landry stated we cannot use public money to pick up trash and other garbage. Councilman Guilbeau stated he is faced with a citizen in his district that cannot put branches or large tree limbs in a trashcan. Lengthy discussion was held on this matter, but policy and procedures will remain as it is.

District IV/Councilman Higginbotham:

Sand = Councilman Higginbotham complained about the people picking up sand at the sandbag facility. Larry stated he leaves the gate unlocked when it rains. Larry stated unless someone is filling sandbags then he would question them. They have access other ways, besides thru the gates. Attorney Landry stated no one should have permission unless it is a flooding situation. Councilman Rousseau recommended that a sign be put up stating that the sand is only to be used for flooding or inclement weather.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Sidewalks = Councilman Rousseau stated that he has been approached by several residents about extending the sidewalk on Morgan Street near Hulin Road down to Fairfield and onto Fairfield near Comeaux Estates. There are a lot of people from Deermeadow that walk in Comeaux Estates. Mayor Langlinais instructed asked Larry to get the price for the sidewalk extension and we will begin exploring on that.

Mayor Langlinais:

Water Connection Agreement with LUS and Youngsville = Mayor Langlinais stated in reference to the water connection situation, we should get the approval on Wednesday night.

Water Condition = Mayor Langlinais stated that the water situation is stable. We are having good feedback right now.

Others:

Ms. Chesson = Ms. Chesson's son addressed the council about a letter his mother received regarding residential development near her property on East Madison Street. Unfortunately the council was unaware what she was talking about. Ms. Chesson's son will fax the letter to Don tomorrow to further research this.

ADJOURN:

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

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

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk