

Minutes Of The

August 24, 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 Savoie, City Engineer
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Tina lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer for Lois Broussard.

Adopt minutes of the August 10, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Johnson 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:

Adopt Resolution #144-04/Appointments for the FY 2004 LCDBG Grant =
 Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt Resolution #144-04, which approves the appointments of a grant administrative consultant, and engineer and an attorney for the FY 2004 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Program. Roll call:

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

District III= Yea
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

Approval of bill for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District =
Councilman Guilbeau questioned if Gene has running total on what was paid for the BEESD? Gene stated yes, he would furnish that for the next meeting. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to amend the budget for payment of the bill from Grooms Engineering, LLC for \$3,490 for the Broussard Environmental Service 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

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Mark’s Report:

Mark stated that he had to report on.

Al’s Report:

Al stated that he is still working on the relocation of utilities for Ambassador Caffery.

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

Gene stated that in reference to the amount that has already been paid for BEESD is \$868,290.57.

Gene gave the council their monthly report. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to approve the monthly report submitted by Gene for June 2004. Roll call:

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

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

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Introduce Ordinance #04-277/Burlington/Garber Road Annexation = Mark stated that this ordinance is for areas along Garber Road and Phases 3,4,5,6,7 and 8 of Shenandoah. We will not take in their sewer system. They do have existing water and sewer. Also this annexation takes in Rotocraft Incorporated off of Eola Road. Discussion was held on how much would it cost to bring them water? Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn’t have a cost on that right now. Councilman Guilbeau and Councilman Higginbotham questioned what if they want sewer,

if their current provider goes out of business, will we be forced to provide it to them? Mayor Langlinais stated that the Public Service Commission would not allow that. Chief Decou questioned why can't we take the roadway of Garber Road? Mayor Langlinais stated no, because we don't want the responsibility of repairing the roadway. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels the only liability we have is water in some form or fashion. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham

and second by Councilman Rousseau to introduce ordinance #04-277, which provides for the annexation of certain properties in sections 44, 47, 69 and 95 township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Burlington/Garber Road Area Annexation. Roll call:

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou stated that he has an officer who resigned and went to a larger agency. He doesn't have an applicant yet, but he will be coming back to the council for a replacement.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Councilman Higginbotham/District V:

Thanks = Councilman Higginbotham thanked Larry and Mel with the help in Magnolia Ridge in reference to the complaint about drainage. He stated that he asked the individual who was complaining to give it time and see what does happen.

Councilman Johnson/District IV:

Park = Councilman Johnson thanked everyone for the new park improvements. He is asking for por-t-lets for the park for \$130 a month for 2. The council had no problem with this.

Councilman Rousseau/District III:

Sidewalk on Fairfield = Councilman Rousseau questioned Larry if he checked with the homeowners on Fairfield for the sidewalk. Larry stated he still needs to get in touch with the property owner that has 2 cedar trees in front of his home first to see if he is willing to put the sidewalk there, because that will be the only problem area. Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the cost to upkeep the sidewalks? He stated that the more sidewalks, the more upkeep for the grass cutting crew. Champagne stated if the homeowners in that area don't upkeep the

sidewalk, it will take them about another day to do that area. Mayor Langlinais stated most areas we have sidewalks, we can run our big mower on this. Larry stated we probably could cut it with our big mower. Larry requested that Councilman Rousseau talk to that homeowner with the trees first.

Councilman Bonin/District II:

City Vehicles = Councilman Bonin requested that all city vehicles and city equipment have City of Broussard emblems on them. Larry and Elmo stated that they would take care of this.

Trash on the side of the road = Councilman Bonin questioned if we sent letters to the residents that have trash? Mel stated yes, but as soon as one area is cleaned up, then there is trash somewhere else. Tina stated that we only have a limited amount of loaner cans. Mayor Langlinais stated then we need to get some more cans. Councilman Bonin questioned if we still have a wood chipper? Larry stated no, and a new one is about \$28,000.

Councilman Guilbeau/District I:

Electrical Pole at the corner of Garber Road and Eola Road = Councilman Guilbeau stated that nothing has not been done about the electrical pole at the corner of Eola Road and Garber Road. Mayor Langlinais instructed Tina to call Slemco and see what the problem is. Councilman Guilbeau stated he believes it is Entergy. Tina will check into this tomorrow.

Councilman Bonin/District II:

Turn Arrows on Red Lights = Councilman Bonin stated he was told we would have a turn arrow light at Albertson and Morgan? Mayor Langlinais stated that should be done soon. At Albertson and Highway 182 we are waiting for the study to be done. Dean Tekell did the study at Albertson and Morgan and it should be done by August 31, 2004. Chief Decou asked if they change the timing to please let him know.

Mayor Langlinais:

Water Situation = Mayor Langlinais stated in reference to our back up well on Highway 90; a lot of people are watering their lawn. In about ten days the connection on Heart D Farm will be turned on. The control panels behind McDonald's have been re-done. We are now running the new well on our second week. We are injecting the pomulars at the well site. We did a low-pressure test at the new site and seem to have cleaned it up substantially. He is waiting for the third consultant to come in Monday and then they will all report back to Grooms. Councilman Bonin questioned if we are still changing filters at Country Station? Larry stated it has been 2 months and 3 days since the last filter has been changed.

Movie Theatre = Councilman Higginbotham questioned about the progress on the Movie Theatre. Mayor Langlinais stated that they got their permit 3 weeks ago, but no work has

been done.

BEESD/ Tractor Purchase = Mel stated he was asked to get prices for a tractor with side boomer mower for the BEESD. The prices are on State Contract \$27,581 for 2 wheel drive and \$31,361 for the 4-wheel drive and about \$10,000 for the side wing. 2 to 3 week delivery period. Mayor Langlinais stated it is cheaper to buy tractor to cut the grass instead of hiring someone to cut the grass. Mayor stated will he check to see if it needs to get cut now. Mel stated Bob stated it does. Councilman Bonin questioned if we can use this tractor anywhere else? Mel stated we could use it at the old pond. As for cutting it would be just in the rural areas. Councilman Rousseau stated Bob said at meeting we need to keep the grass mowed, because of type of grass. Mel stated that needs to be mowed right now. Councilman Foco stated for \$3,000 we definitely need to go with the 4-wheel drive. He recommended Mel ask if they have the TL100 available. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Romero to approve the purchase up to \$32,000 for the tractor for the BEESD and \$10,200 for bush-hog. Roll call:

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

ADJOURN:

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