

**Minutes Of The**  
**September 28, 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 Kenny Higginbotham, District V  
Councilman Albert Romero, District VI  
Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large  
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer  
Al Reaux, City Engineer  
Mark Savoie, City Engineer  
Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor  
Brannon Decou, Chief of Police  
Richard Minvielle, Grant Consultant

Absent: Councilman Harold Johnson, District IV

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer and asked everyone to keep the troops and Lois in their prayers.

**Adopt minutes of the September 14, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting =**  
Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham  
to adopt the minutes of the September 14, 2004 City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approval of bills for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement District =**  
Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to amend the budget for payment of the following bills from: C. B. Talley for \$450; Boese Environmental Law \$8,135; G & K Electric for \$599 and Grooms Engineering for \$4,670 totaling \$13,854.00 for the Broussard Environmental Service and Enhancement District. Roll call:

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

District V = Yea  
 District VI = Yea

Mayor Langlinais asked Larry if he talked to Gene about the city workers working there. Gene stated the board needs to come before to council to get permission or transfer a lump sum to the BEESD and they will be paid out of these monies. Larry stated a city employee is cutting at the pond today. The chicken trees are too large to cut. Some will have to be cut with a saw. Gene questioned how much initial cost are we looking at? Larry stated he feels \$5,000 will do okay. Instead of the two cattle guards we first talked about; we will modify a concrete box for about \$2,500 which is what we started on doing. Larry stated that we have to do the forms. After the chicken trees are gone, then we can mow. Larry stated about \$1,000 per cattle guard per frame. We are estimating about \$3,000 per unit. Councilman Bonin stated he remembers we approved \$25,000 already for Grooms Engineering. Mayor Langlinais stated we are bringing the bills for the council to be able to review and approve. Mayor Langlinais asked Tina to do this on a spreadsheet. Gene stated the BEESD is a separate entity. They make the decisions on what gets done. The way it should be done is the BEESD board should be approving those hiring before the money has to be gotten from the city. He feels it is more efficient to transfer the money to the BEESD so they can decide on what the money needs to be spent on. The only thing the council should do is approving the transfer of the funds. The board is really not serving what it was planned to do. Councilman Guilbeau questioned why couldn't the board come to the council and say this is what needs to be done and the cost of it, before starting any work? Gene stated that's what needs to be done. Mayor Langlinais stated previously the council approved the settlement of the Sagness Girouard suit, with all of these things in it. Councilman Higginbotham feels we need to get those numbers. Mel read the improvements what needs to be done: Proposed new bridge for cattle crossing \$15,000; proposed new 5 strand barbed wire fence on either side of the coulee \$3,146; maintain road from Bayou Tortue to ranch house \$500; clear existing fence line along the roadway \$5,000; replace fencing along the access road \$13,440; clear 1 acre of chicken trees on west side of access road and burn in place \$2,035.71; clear 5 – 7 acres of chicken trees on east side of access road on southern property line \$14,249.97; access road from end of existing road to northern boundary of new pond \$2,500; move new water well to new location \$1,250; cut drainage ditches on east and west sides of access road where necessary at natural drainage crossing \$1,500; 3 drainage crossings to be changed on access road \$350; two double cattle guards \$3500; (12) 16 foot cattle gates \$1,283.40; removal of double cattle guard \$1,000 and install electronic gate \$5,000. \$75,000 should take care of everything that needs to be done because of the modification to the 2 double cattle guards. Gene questioned how much is needed in addition to other clearing? Mel stated about \$5,000. Gene stated the council would have to establish a rate on what we charge back to the BEESD board. Take the base rate and add 25% for benefits to add back. Gene stated this property is owned and controlled by the board; so we cannot pay a city employee without charging the board for the employee and the employee's benefits. Gene recommended we use city employees we have and keep track of the hours. Gene recommend the council pass a resolution authorizing the approval of doing all of this in addition that the council authorize an intergovernmental agreement to use the town personnel by the board to do the work at the pond and charge the BEESD Board. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and

second by Councilman Romero to adopt a resolution approving the above stated work for \$75,000 plus an additional \$5,000 for the clearing and authorizing the Broussard Environmental Enhancement District Board and the City of Broussard to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to use the city personnel to do the work at the new sewage pong and charge it back to the BEESD Board. Roll call:

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District III = Yea	District V = Yea
At Large = Yea	

Councilman Higginbotham stated that he feels we need to segregate the work. Gene stated the board needs to be more pro active on this. Mel stated that Bob did tell him that the clearing of the grass is a big issue right now.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **Jerry's Report:**

**Waterline Installation Bid** = Jerry stated the low bid was Teche Construction for \$286,121.14. This is for total installation of water lines in town on an as needed basis. Jerry recommend award Teche Construction the bid. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Rousseau to award the waterline installation bid to Teche Construction Company for \$286,121.14. Roll call:

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District III= Yea	District V = Yea
At Large = Yea	

### **Al's Report;**

**Ambassador Caffery Waterline** = Al stated that the next step is to get with the state for the adjustments. There is one force main along Morgan and one waterline. He will be bringing the agreement to the state.

**Water and Sewer on Albertson Parkway** = Richard Minvielle stated that the city council previously approved the application for water and sewer grant on Albertson Parkway. Mr. Minvielle stated now the water and sewer is both included in this grant if the amount of the jobs are fulfilled. Mayor Langlinais asked the council to appoint a councilman to sign all of the documents relating to this grant on behalf of the city, because he represented the seller on this site and he doesn't walk a conflict of interest. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Romero to allow Councilman Johnnie Foco to sign all of the documents relating to the grant for water and sewer along Albertson Parkway. Roll call:

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At Large = Yea	

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Gene explained the report. Right now we are over the budget collections on the sales tax.

**Sick Leave Donation** = Gene stated according to the attorney general it is acceptable to transfer the sick pay. We need a resolution from the board approving this. In the resolution it has to be in the form of an act of donation. The hourly rate used to calculate the rate of sick pay is based on the rate of pay of the person donating the sick pay. One downside must be in accordance with all tax laws. This is as if you pay the individual and the donator must pay the taxes and the donae gets the net. Gene stated this is called assignment of income. We have maximum amount that can be paid to an employee when retiring, so what is donated will have to be taken off of an employee's retirement. Gene recommended we have a resolution to amend the policy manual to allow this to be done. It was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Romero to adopt a resolution allowing sick pay donation based on the stipulations that all tax laws are followed and what is donated will have to be taken off of an employee's retirement when retiring. Roll call:

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#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Landry was not present.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one was present.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Sick Leave Policy** = Chief Decou recommended that the council look at perhaps amending the sick leave policy. He knows the policy is as is because of long-term employees that had to be paid out. He feels we need to look at the 365-day policy as the City-Parish of Lafayette. Gene stated some companies have gone to some pot days. The council agreed to look into this.

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

##### **District I/Councilman Guilbeau**

**Garbage Rate Increase** = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Mayor Langlinais if he has heard anything from Waste Management in reference to this? Mayor Langlinais stated that he hasn't heard from Attorney Landry.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Cypress Bayou Drainage** = Councilman Bonin stated that he spoke to Randy Menard and he said \$300,000 has been budgeted for this. Menard did inform him that when this project starts they would probably need a place for the debris from the cleaning to dispose of it. Mayor Langlinais stated that wouldn't be a problem. Councilman Bonin stated that he would stay on top of this.

**District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Sidewalk on Fairfield** = Councilman Rousseau stated that he understands that there might be a problem with the sidewalk on Fairfield. He feels if there is a problem then we should stop the project before it starts. Mel stated about 3 people don't want it. This sidewalk only loops Comeaux Estates.

**Drainage Pipe on Fairfield** = Councilman Rousseau stated that he has received complaints about the drainage pipe at the corner of Morgan and Fairfield that are obstructing the view. Larry stated that he would contact the contractor and take care of getting them moved.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**BEESD Board** = Councilman Foco stated that he has been on the BEESD Board from the beginning. He will definitely push for a plan. Councilman Guilbeau requested that agendas be sent to the council to notify them when there are meetings.

**Drainage Problem in Comeaux Estates** = Councilman Foco stated that there is a drainage problem on the east side of Comeaux Estates. This was looked at two years ago. That area drains Comeaux Estates. The coulee goes thru Mr. Cook's property and goes to Marteau Road. Larry stated he would check this out.

**Temp Workers Fulltime** = Councilman Foco stated that Councilman Johnson was unable to be here, but he asked him to bring up two temp workers that have been working for 4 years who are asking to be put on fulltime with the city. Mayor Langlinais stated he has no problem with that. Gene stated would we would have to amend the budget to do that. Larry will bring the cost to the council so Councilman Johnson could present that to the council. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if we make those two temp workers fulltime, will we hire two more temp workers in their place? Mayor Langlinais stated no, if we don't need them.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Magnolia Ridge Culverts** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that there are some collapsed culverts behind Magnolia Ridge that need to be looked into. Larry stated that he would check into this. Also the party who had the complaint in Magnolia Ridge will do his alterations in the spring.

**ADJOURN:**

**Meeting Adjourn** =Moved by Councilman Guilbeau 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 = Absent

District V = Yea

District VI = Yea

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**S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR**

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**S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk**