

**Minutes Of The**

**November 23, 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  
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police  
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
 Mel Bertrand, City Supervisor

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

**Adopt minutes of the November 23, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting =**

Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt the minutes of the November 23, 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:**

**Approval of bill for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District =**

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to approve the following bills to be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: The LaBorde Law Firm for \$1,912.74. Roll call:

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

**City Property Next to Broussard Automotive =** Councilman Foco stated that the

property owner of the Broussard Automotive is interested in purchasing the city property next to Broussard Automotive which is about 40 feet. Councilman Guilbeau stated the elderly gentleman selling the vegetables won't be able to afford to purchase it; so where will the elderly gentleman sell his fruits? Mayor Langlinais stated he could sell somewhere else. Councilman Foco stated the owner of Broussard Automotive is interested in purchasing the property. Mayor Langlinais stated there have been a couple of instances in the past we have abandoned streets that were never built. Councilman Guilbeau stated he would like to get it appraised to see what is valued at. Mayor Langlinais stated that we could do that. Mayor Langlinais stated if we sell the property at surplus we have to accept all bids and if we have to reject one then we have to reject them all. Mayor Langlinais stated assuming it is 8,000 square feet; it would be valued at about \$24,000. Councilman Rousseau stated he would like to do it right. Mayor Langlinais stated he would like to see the property owner expand; but he doesn't want to abandon the property. Councilman Bonin questioned what if we need an easement there? Mayor Langlinais stated that there are no lines back there. Mayor Langlinais stated we could always use it for parking. Mayor Langlinais recommend we table this till the next meeting, till we discuss it with Attorney Landry.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

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

**Bids** = Mark presented to the council the results of the following bids: Sewage Force Main Installation; Sanitary Sewer Installation; and Sanitary Sewer Materials. Mark stated it is the understanding with the sanitary sewer installation is also to be used for around town. The prices are lower on the lines and the manholes. Mark stated this is on an as needed basis. Mayor Langlinais stated he wants a re-cap and a decision will be made on the next meeting. Councilman Bonin questioned about the sewer on as need by the foot; is this thru the Broussard Environmental? Mayor Langlinais stated that either one could use it. It is a one-year contract and if the contractor agrees we can extend the contract. It is much cheaper this way. Mayor Langlinais recommended we put this on the back burner till the next meeting. Councilman Rousseau questioned if they have a project over \$100,000 is this the actual bid? This contract can be applied for the material and the labor. They way the contract is written it says the city can buy more of the same or less. Councilman Bonin questioned if the funds for the force main shouldn't be paid by the BESED? Mayor Langlinais stated yes, we are only locking in the price. Mayor Langlinais stated by the next meeting of the BESED, you would have better numbers. You will have the contract amount. Mayor Langlinais recommended that Mark do a spreadsheet for the next meeting. The extension of the contract on the bid is for three years and must be agreeable by the city and the contractor. Councilman Rousseau stated he would like the council to think about the infrastructure in town also.

#### **AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Langlinais stated that Gene left the monthly report, because he is out of town. It appears to be flowing normal.

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

Attorney Landry was not present.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one was present.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Accidents** = Chief Decou stated they had a double fatal accident on Highway 90 last week. They were two prominent architects from Lafayette. The families of the victims complimented the way the police department handled the accident.

**Holiday Weekend** = Chief Decou reminded everyone about the holiday weekend coming up and asked everyone to be careful and he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Le Triomphe** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned Mayor Langlinais if we had any new data on anything concerning Le Triomphe? Mayor Langlinais stated he is waiting on a report from Gerald deLaunay, but he is not ready to discuss it yet. In reference to the system, they are kind of off on the asking price. Mayor Langlinais stated have to use some good comparables.

**District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Thanks & Holiday Greetings**= Councilman Rousseau thanked Larry and Mel and the Chief for getting the lights set for the school zones. He also wished everyone with the city and the council a Happy Thanksgiving.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Holiday Greetings** = Councilman Bonin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked everyone to be safer.

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Trash Problem on First Street** = Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the situation on the First Street with the trash. He said he spoke to Sarah today and she was supposed to get some paperwork back on that this week. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he feels either we start picking up trash or we pick up what they put on the side of the road and then we charge them. Councilman Guilbeau stated that if on the trash is on the city right of way and an accident happens it could be our liability. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he is seeing branches falling

from the wind and some people are just putting them at the road. Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the culverts and the fence if he had permit? Mayor Langlinais stated he got a driveway permit and he got evasive with it. Councilman Foco stated he has large logs to be picked up. Mayor Langlinais we could provide the lower cans and let Waste Management eat the cost. Mayor Langlinais stated we could adopt policy to say if leave out there; we write them a letter will bring them about 5 loaner cans. Some sort of policy needs to be adopted. Mayor Langlinais stated that Councilman Guilbeau as a councilman and the rest of the council can change the ordinance. Mayor Langlinais before we went to the automated system; they were required to bundle the branches. Mayor Langlinais if someone has a bunch of trash, we can authorize to bring them cans and let them put it in the cans and then Waste Management can pick it up. Councilman Rousseau stated he feels we need to get out of the trash business. The people who are abusing now are the same people who abused in the past. Councilman Johnson questioned if anyone knows how the other towns handle this problem? Councilman Rousseau stated it's not he doesn't want to have something for the citizens; he just doesn't want to get into the trash business. Mayor Langlinais stated it boils down to manpower. Councilman Guilbeau stated he understands if we pick it up, it will get out of hand.

**District II/Councilman Bonin....continued:**

**Commodity Delivery** = Councilman Bonin questioned if this is working out for the senior citizens? Larry stated it takes one day and one man and one truck.

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau....continued:**

**Baskets for the Elderly** = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Chief Decou if the police department still does baskets for the elderly? Chief Decou stated no the Police Department doesn't do it; but he did give 10 turkeys today to the Baptist church and Bit Owens to provide baskets for the elderly and they can contact those people and also St. Joseph's Church.

**ADJOURN:**

**Meeting Adjourn** = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Bonin 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

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S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

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S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk