

Minutes Of The

December 28, 2004

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: 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
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor

Absent: Mayor Charles E. Langlinais

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Tina lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer and he asked everyone to remember Councilman Guilbeau's mother in their prayers.

Adopt minutes of the December 14, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt the minutes of the December 14, 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 bills for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District = Councilman Higginbotham questioned the charge for the meals for C. B. Talley. Councilman Higginbotham stated that he feels that should be brought up at the BEESD meeting and see why Mr. Talley charges us for his meals whenever he does work for us. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to approve the following bills be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: Grooms Engineering, LLC for \$6,850.00; Ottinger Hebert, LLC for \$3,084.09; The LaBorde Law Firm for \$1,806.57; C.B. Talley for \$3,212.50 less the meals for \$100 so that would be \$3,112.50, total bills \$14,853.16. 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 basically he has nothing to report on. Mark stated that he has a tabulation on all the comparable items that was in the bid packet. Mark explained that there is a significant cost saving to doing it this way. Councilman Foco questioned Mark who will furnish the inspector? Mark stated they work with the city on that. Larry stated most of the time, we our own inspection. Councilman Rousseau questioned, how is all that merchandise/materials managed? Mark stated they will give them a set of plans and then make submittals to DOH and then they do the material list or Larry will do the ordering according to what is on the list. Councilman Rousseau stated he just wants to make sure that we are managing the process right. Larry stated they always order less not more of materials, so that they don't have an abundant stock of materials.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Chiarulli was not present. The council was given the monthly report for November 2004.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Landry was not present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou stated that they have been busy over the holidays. Councilman Foco questioned about the fireworks stands, how is that working out? Chief Decou explained a crash on highway 90 near the firework stand and the vehicle came to rest 33 feet from the firework stand. Chief Decou stated that was one of their concerns, before they were allowed to set-up the stand there; basically for the safety standpoint. Councilman Foco stated they felt if it past the State Fire Marshall, they didn't seem a problem. Chief Decou stated that it could have been a worst situation, but it wasn't

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou stated that they have been busy also. Councilman Johnson questioned him about his new officer? Chief Decou stated he is in field training right now.

Chief Decou also wished everyone Happy Holidays.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Thanks = Councilman Guilbeau thanked the Police, Fire and Acadian Ambulance for their fast response to his mother's home last week. Councilman Guilbeau stated they do an excellent job. Chief Decou thanked Councilman Guilbeau.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Holiday Greetings and Condolences = Councilman Bonin wished everyone Happy Holidays and expressed his condolences to Councilman Guilbeau and his family.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Holiday Greetings and Condolences = Councilman Rousseau wished everyone Happy Holidays and he also expressed his condolences to Councilman Guilbeau and he thanked all departments for their help throughout the year.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Holiday Greetings and Condolences = Councilman Johnson expressed his condolences to Councilman Guilbeau and he thanked all departments for their help throughout the year and he wished everyone a Happy New Year.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Holiday Greetings and Condolences = Councilman Higginbotham expressed his personal condolences to Councilman Guilbeau and his family and stated he is looking forward to a New Year and he thanked all departments for their help throughout the year.

District VI/Councilman Romero:

Holiday Greetings and Condolences = Councilman Romero expressed his condolences to Councilman Guilbeau and he wished everyone a Happy New Year.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Condolences = Councilman Foco expressed his condolences to Councilman Guilbeau from himself and his whole family to his family.

Article in Newspaper dated December 27, 2004 about Team Plots Annex Plan = Councilman Foco stated that there was an article in the Monday issue of the Daily Advertiser dated December 27, 2004. The heading on the article was "City Feeling the Squeeze; Team

Plots Annex Plan.” Councilman Foco read one paragraph from the article, which was written by Claire Taylor, and the guy that made the comment in the article was Mr. Dennis Ehrhardt, who is a UL Professor and a former City Planning Director. For the public record his comment was “We should not be providing any service to anyone of these municipalities, that are turning around and being in competition with us,” also “we should shut the water off in Broussard and let Charles Langlinais dig a bigger well. We look like fools subsidizing them.” Councilman Foco stated that he is not happy with that comment at all. He stated that we are in a City/Parish form of government and the citizens of Broussard have been here a long time. Foco added that he has property here and so does his family and he pays a lot taxes to the parish of Lafayette and so does the citizens of Broussard. He feels this guy is not for Economic Development and he is not for working for annexation with all of the small towns. Foco stated he would write a letter as a concerned citizen to the newspaper about this. Foco stated he did not speak to Joey Dural about this yet. Councilman Higginbotham stated he will sign off on that letter and wants a copy to be sent Mr. Durel. Councilman Bonin stated he would sign off also on that letter. Councilman Foco stated he would bring the letter to each councilman before he sends this out. Councilman Rousseau stated he encourages all citizens who read the minutes in the newspaper or on the website to also write a letter to that effect. We are not getting something for nothing, they are making a profit.

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

Thanks = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he wanted to add that all city employees do a fabulous job. He stated we don’t say it enough on how good of a job they do and how much it is appreciated.

District IV/Councilman Johnson....continued:

Thanks = Councilman Johnson stated that he just wanted to thank Tina and the girls also for everything they do. If there is a problem and it can’t be solved as soon as you ask; they definitely will take care of it the next day.

ADJOURN:

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

