

**Minutes Of The**

**January 11, 2005**

**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  
 Al Reaux, City Engineer  
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police  
 Residents of Hulin Road  
 Walter Comeaux, Engineer

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Walter lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer and he asked everyone to remember the troops in Iraq and remember Councilman Johnson's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Adopt minutes of the December 28, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting =**

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the December 28, 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 Mayor Langlinais about last month's bill regarding the bill from C. B. Talley, which included charges for his lunch. Mayor Langlinais stated that he did know it was deducted from Mr. Talley's bill and he knows he won't stop doing work, just because of that. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Romero to approve the following bills be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: The LaBorde Law Firm \$2,171.87 and M. J. Broussard, Inc. for \$2,240.00 totaling, \$4,411. Roll

call:

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

**Introduce Ordinance #05-280/ Annexation for Yogi, LLC Property =**

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Ordinance #05-280, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 93, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Yogi, LLC Annexation.

Roll call:

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

**Introduce Ordinance #05-281/Annexation for H. C. Martin Property =**

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Bonin to introduce Ordinance #05-281, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in sections 9, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the H.C. Martin Properties, area "A" and area "C" annexation. Roll call:

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

**Introduce Ordinance #05-282/Annexation for Northside Moulin Road =**

Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Ordinance #05-282, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in sections 17 & 34, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Northside Moulin Road Annexation. Roll call:

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

Councilman Foco abstained from voting, because he has property in this proposed annexation.

**Reschedule Meeting of February 8, 2005 to February 9, 2005 =**

Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Foco to reschedule the regularly scheduled meeting of the Broussard City Council from Tuesday, February 8, 2005 to Wednesday, February 9, 2005 due to Mardi Gras. Roll call:

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

**Cleaning of ditches on Hulin Road** = Mayor Langlinais stated that there has been a request from some of property owners to clean the ditches. We will have to lower two driveways. Mayor Langlinais explained that anytime this is done there is always a complaint about how it will be done. The ditches will be cut and cleaned to grade of the ditch. There will be some grass and dirt missing. At the request of Councilman Rousseau we did a mail out to all of the residents on Hulin Road and we requested they attend this meeting. Walter stated that he has some information available to the engineers and Larry if needed about the drainage in the subdivision in a study he did in 1997. It was a proposed re-grading that he came up with. There were a lot of things that needed to be lowered. Nothing was ever done however. Bill Smith addressed the council. He lives at 312 Hulin Road. In the last 30 years this area has been surveyed 5 times. Thru a period of years there are some areas of natural drainage that were plugged up. It also has caused some of the flooding in some of the houses. They have taken the 3 areas that are problems, like the coulee near Cecil Chatman that becomes impassible when there is a heavy rain. Their concern are the coulees that have been restricted by the new subdivisions coming up and they are increasing the elevation of the new subdivision by almost 2 feet, before the subdivision is are even being built. Smith stated that you will find the 3 areas that drain off of Hulin Road and they all come to the same place. At the end of Hulin Road the water can't go uphill, because the street is about a foot higher. Several years ago Billy Toups plugged up that natural drain and pipe was put in. Now Brannon Decou is behind that and he doesn't want water there. The problem is the infrastructure that is being built and the elevations are being changed in too many places. Eventually the low spot will be in his area. Smith stated if all we are suggesting is cleaning out the ditches, that will not even approach the problems in that area. The new subdivisions have been created with a lot of new surface areas. We are jacking up everything around it; but there is no place for the water to go. Mayor Langlinais stated that the Parish Government has about ½ million dollars to clean Cypress Bayou in that area. He knows the plans are to clean Cypress Bayou and enlarge that area. We have cleaned the ditches and now they can't go any deeper. We have to get the Parish to finish the Cypress Bayou Project. Smith stated he doesn't think cutting a ditch will help at all, because we are not going in the area of the natural drain. Councilman Foco asked where is the natural drain suppose to go? Smith stated that the coulee where Billy Toups lived got covered up next to 313 Hulin Road. Mayor Langlinais stated that he is also trying to get map of the drainage easements on Hulin Road. Smith stated it's under Lucien Drive, not Hulin Road. Attorney Landry stated if we can get an easement to dig the ditch at 313 Hulin Road, then perhaps that would solve the problem. The residents stated that it has been covered and now a driveway has been put there. Chief Decou stated when he built his home he built up, but he still flows there water thru him. Mayor Langlinais asked Mr. Smith to be on a committee with Councilman Rousseau and Larry and Mel and Mark to come up with solutions to this problem. Councilman Foco questioned if anyone asked Mr. Hulin if he had any maps. Smith added that there is a lot more water, because there is a lot more surface area. He is only one opinion. Larry stated Mr. Chatman gave him a map with all of the drainage easements. Chatman stated there is 10-foot drainage easement on that pipe at the curve. Mr. Vallot stated that the pipe has been draining there for the last 30 years. Smith state that one of things they must consider is when the cane fields are gone, they must provide assistance with the drainage for all that area and then we will be faced with problems like the larger cities. Councilman Rousseau will have a meeting with the committee

and then he will report back to the council. Mr. James Breaux lives at 111 Hulin Road. Mr. Breaux stated that he is in the low end of that coulee and with the new development the water will be going directly to him. Breaux stated that he had previously asked Councilman Rousseau for a survey report of that area. Councilman Foco stated he met with Larry when he went down that area and he looked at it and they did clean some area out. Breaux stated 5 years ago when he moved there, the coulee was dry and now it stays with water. Larry stated a new culvert was put in and it dropped the water level 9 inches. Smith stated he has been told the same thing for the last 30 years; it would be studied. Smith stated he was told when they would be incorporated into the city then they would do something. Mayor Langlinais explained that is part of the Cypress Bayou project. Attorney Landry stated we are not in position to scoop out dirt from a natural drainage canal; it may take some of the residents giving up 5 feet to flow that water. Smith stated they don't want to upset anyone on the street, just give a solution for everyone else. Councilman Romero also volunteered to be on that committee. Councilman Bonin stated that he would also be contacting the Parish to see what the holdup is also on the Cypress Bayou Project. Dwight Frederick questioned which driveways are too high? Larry stated 308 and 300 is too low and the other 2 driveways by the bridge. Mayor Langlinais questioned the resident that owns the old Toups property about cutting that ditch on their property? The resident stated she has no problem. The committee will meet next week. Smith also asked the committee to look at the culverts laid in the new subdivision, because they have been reduced substantially. Walter stated they are 30-inch culverts. Smith stated they are very reduced. Walter stated they are not doing anything with the ditch, because the ditch was cut too deep. Walter explained to Mr. Smith what they did at that project. Mayor Langlinais questioned Walter assuming Cypress Bayou is lowered; and nothing else is done, can they compact limestone to lower lateral the profile without tearing everything up? Walter stated we could do that with an excavator. Walter stated it does no good to lower those ditches right now. Councilman Rousseau questioned Walter if he has an opinion on the previous study he did? Walter stated he doesn't remember the details he did. Attorney Landry stated that sounds like a small part of the solution. Mayor Langlinais stated the one solution is storm water retention. A resident of Hulin Road stated she would appreciate any relief work that can do, because of the flooding they experienced from Tropical Storm Allison. Larry stated that Hulin is one of the few streets that we have 2 coulees crossing it. Smith stated that is not a designated flood zone. The residents thanked the council.

**Adopt Resolution #153-05, approving participation in the Parish Mitigation Plan =** Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt resolution #153-05, which approve the City of Broussard participation in the Parish Mitigation Planning Process and adoption of the Parish-Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II = Yea

District V = Yea

District III = Yea

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Ordinance #04-279, amending Ordinance #99-205, which regulates truck use on Albertson Parkway =** Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Rousseau

to adopt Ordinance #04-279, which amends Ordinance #99-205, to prohibit any trucks used to transport concrete from traveling on Albertson Parkway from its intersection with LA Highway 182 to its intersection with LA Highway 89. Roll call:

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

Chief Decou questioned what if the trucks are empty? Attorney Landry stated this ordinance only applies to when they are transporting, but if they are empty it is not a problem.

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

#### **Mark's Report:**

Mark stated that he had nothing to report on.

#### **Al's Report:**

Al stated that he also had nothing to report on.

#### **Walter's Report:**

**Moulin Road** = Walter stated that a notice of award was signed. The only thing is in the process of talking to Consolidated Government they said they would probably contribute \$60,000 to do the un-incorporated of area of Moulin Road. He wants to know if the council wants him to hold-off till he hears back from the parish, because we might never get the contractor back to do the un-incorporated part once he leaves? Councilman Guilbeau questioned he thought we had to amend the budget for this? Councilman Guilbeau stated at the time we didn't think there was money in the budget for this? Councilman Rousseau stated that we had voted on doing the project and if it wasn't in the budget we amended the budget to do so. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he doesn't remember that. Gene will check to see if it is in budget and he will report back; because he was not at the meeting when this was voted on. Walter stated that the Parish has to go back to their council? He wants to know if he should hold off to see what the parish does, to hold the contractor here. The Mayor and Council agreed to have Walter talk to the contractor, to see if he would agree to hold off starting the project till we hear back from the Parish.

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

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

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

**Annexations Approved** = Attorney Landry stated that he had 22 annexations that were approved by the Justice Department.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one was present.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Decou stated that he had nothing to report on.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:****District VI/Councilman Romero:**

**Mardi Gras Parade** = Councilman Romero questioned when is the Mardi Gras Parade? Mayor Langlais stated that it would be held on January 30, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Last Month's Newspaper Article** = Councilman Foco stated that he wrote a response letter to Mr. Ehrhardt in reference to the comments he made in the article written by Claire Taylor that was in the newspaper last month, which spoke about us buying wholesale water and selling it. Councilman Foco stated that his letter is kind of harsh, so he will tone it down.

**Residents from Hulin Road** = Councilman Foco stated that he appreciates the people from Hulin Road coming here tonight. Councilman Foco stated that we need to develop a plan, because this spot stuff does not work.

**District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Hulin Road** = Councilman Rousseau thanked everyone from Hulin Road for coming to the meeting. He stated drainage was a big issue he ran on. He encouraged the citizens to call him if they ever need anything. He is real big on infrastructure. His focus is on staying ahead. His goal is to keep up with the development of the city. Drainage is definitely one of his concerns.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Cypress Bayou Project** = Councilman Bonin stated he has previously spoken to the Parish about this project. At the end of 2004 all of the paperwork should have been completed. He will call them to see what steps they will be taken now.

**Trash Pick-Up of Dumpsters** = Councilman Bonin stated that the trash trucks are picking up trash at commercial locations very early in the morning. He hears them picking up at 4:15 in the morning. They are not our contractors. Mayor Langlais stated you have to regulate them thru a contract. We can adopt an ordinance establishing a provision. Councilman Bonin

stated it is the commercial businesses. Attorney Landry stated he will put one together and the council can review it. The council advised Attorney Landry to start the process in developing an ordinance stating the time that commercial dumpsters can be picked up.

**District III/Councilman Rousseau.....continued:**

**School Light** = Councilman Rousseau stated that the light at Broussard Middle School is not coming on at the proper time. Mel stated that he would take care of this tomorrow.

**Mayor Langlinais:**

**Sewage Districts** = Mayor Langlinais questioned Councilman Rousseau about the committee meeting he was suppose to have with Bob Austin relative to the development of south Broussard for the sewage? Councilman Rousseau stated that they will be meeting again this week on that.

**Surplus Property Appraisal** = Mayor Langlinais stated that the appraisal of the property on the side of Broussard Automotive, which was declared surplus has come in. The appraisal is for 423 East Main Street, and the appraisal is \$25,000. The lot is 40 x 169 approximately. Mayor Langlinais requested that Attorney Landry start the legal process to put this property up for bid.

**Le Triomphe** = Mayor Langlinais stated that some of the committee members were suppose to come tonight. Councilman Rousseau stated that they are awaiting the information from the Le Triomphe committee.

**Harold and Hilda Johnson Day** = Mayor Langlinais stated that Mr. Johnson has always been there to make everyone comfortable when there is meeting of the minds. Mr. Johnson and his wife are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Mayor Langlinais presented Councilman Johnson with a proclamation, proclaiming January 12, 2005 as “Harold and Hilda Johnson Day” in the City of Broussard. Councilman Johnson thanked the Mayor and the Council.

**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

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

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