

Minutes Of The January 25, 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
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Walter Comeaux, Engineer
 Jason Lopez, Fire Chief
 Gene Chiarulli, Auditor

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Councilman Higginbotham lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for the troops and Lois Broussard who will be undergoing her bone marrow transplant on Friday.

Adopt minutes of the January 11, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the January 11, 2005 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 = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to approve the following bills be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: C. B. Talley for \$382.50; Grooms Engineering for \$4,775.00 and M. J. Broussard, Inc. for \$280.00 totaling \$5,437.50. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

New Sewage Pond = Jerry stated he just handed out a re-cap of the three phases of the sewage project. This is an up to date re-cap of what he handed out in November. He won't go into details unless someone has any questions. Jerry just explained the four construction phases. Councilman Foco asked if there is anything about the pipeline? Jerry stated yes on page 2. Jerry stated this estimate is based on the discharging area. Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the equipment on the second phase; what kind of equipment are we talking about? Jerry stated that is the chlorination equipment. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how many bores will be done? Jerry stated 4 bores. Jerry stated the equipment for the new pond would be the de-chlorination for the transfer. The old pond equipment will continue to operate till we finish the new pond.

Al's Report:

Ambassador Caffery = Al stated that there will be a meeting tomorrow morning with the Highway Department regarding Ambassador Caffery. Mel and Elmo will be attending that meeting with Al.

Walter's Report:

Moulin Road = Walter stated he spoke to the contractor about Moulin Road and he told him he is waiting to hear from the Parish Government about helping with the cost for the outer city limits portion. Walter stated Mr. Durand is willing to hold off for a while. Councilman Rousseau stated he did get an e-mail from the Parish, stating that they are working this out. He also spoke to Randy Menard and he will check into this. The Parish has to pay for their portion that is not in the city limits. Councilman Guilbeau asked Gene to tell the council how much we put in the budget for re-construction and how much we had to amend the budget for? Gene stated the \$100,000 that was put in the budget was intended for the overlay in different areas of town for re-construction of Moulin Road. The \$265,000 was not in the budget, so the budget was amended for that amount. Walter stated that Moulin Road can't take much more. Councilman Guilbeau stated he is not against Moulin Road re-construction, but there are a lot of other roads that we need to look at. He feels in the next budget we need to see about this. Councilman Rousseau stated that he voted against amending the budget to do Moulin Road, so he feels that he against it. Councilman Guilbeau stated that like he said there are a lot of other streets in this town that are in worst shape than Moulin Road. He also added that there are a lot of areas of town with drainage problems that need to be addressed. Walter stated part of this project would entail drainage work to be done on Moulin Road.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene gave the council their monthly report for December 2004. Gene stated that the Sales tax collections are up. He also stated that in this report he added the

amended budget for Moulin Road.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry was not present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Rescue Vehicle = Chief Lopez stated at the budget process he approached the council for the rescue service truck the fire department wants to purchase. The fire department was going to purchase the truck and the city was going to buy the equipment. The fire department would like to purchase the vehicle under the state contract guidelines thru Ferrara Fire Fighting Equipment.

At budget time the estimated cost was \$70,000 and now it is \$129,011. He is requesting the council allow him to enter an agreement with Ferrara and the fire Department would pay the \$100,00 (which would be financed) and the city would pay the remaining \$29,000. At the time the previous rating was done a service truck was one of the items that PIAL stated would be needed. This would allow them to keep the larger trucks off of the road. He is also getting information on a Fire Grant, which would enable them to buy the rest of the equipment for the truck. They need an additional \$8911.00, besides the \$20,000 that the city has allocated in the budget for them. Gene stated the equipment or the truck belongs to the town. The town would in fact get the loan. Councilman Higginbotham stated he doesn't see a problem, because the sales tax revenues are up. Councilman Foco moved and Councilman Johnson second to amend the budget for \$8911.00 to approve the purchase of the service truck for the Fire Department; total money allocated to the Fire Department in the budget for Capital Outlay will be \$28,911. Roll call:

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

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

Fire Call off of Madison Street = Chief Lopez commented on the call they had off of Madison Street. He stated that the homeowner was amazed about how well the Fire Department and the Police Department responded. An article will be in the Broussard Independent tomorrow.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Lois Broussard = Chief Decou asked everyone to keep Lois in their prayers. She is optimistic, but scared at the same time. Her transplant is scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2005.

Year End Totals = Chief Decou stated that he will also be giving the council at the next meeting the year end totals for the call volume of the Police Department for last year.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Complaints about late walkers = Councilman Guilbeau informed Chief Decou that he has received complaints from people on Avenue C, B and D about a lot of late night walkers on the streets from 11:00 p.m. till 4:00 a.m. in the morning. Chief Decou stated he did some surveillance in that area, but he will continue monitoring that area and he will check into that complaint.

Introductory Ordinance for Garbage Service Times = Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the time the garbage service will start in this introductory ordinance? The ordinance has 6:00 a.m., but our contract is 5:00 a.m. Mayor Langlinais stated we could always make Waste Management start at 6:00 a.m.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Introductory Ordinance for Garbage Service Times = Councilman Bonin questioned about the times for the construction in that same ordinance. It states that no one will be able to do any kind of construction after 6:00 p.m. or on weekends. The council agreed to talk to Don about making changes to that at the next meeting.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

COG Meeting = Councilman Rousseau reminded the council about the COG meeting on Thursday at Cajun Cycles at 6:00 p.m.

Hulin Road Drainage = Councilman Rousseau stated he talk to Mark about the Hulin Road issue about the drainage. They are stating waiting on some maps. Mayor Langlinais stated there are old maps, but they don't have easements on them and there are also natural drainages that were closed in. They might have to acquire some more drainage easements.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Introductory Ordinance for Garbage Service Times = Councilman Foco stated about the times on this ordinance, we need to look at that closely.

New Pond = Councilman Foco stated that he was at the sewer pond area today and Mel and all of his people did a great job cutting the grass there.

Fire Department = Councilman Foco stated he would like to also commend the Fire Department on how they are doing a great job.

Mardi Gras Parade = Councilman Foco reminded everyone of the Mardi Gras Parade Sunday and he stated that he hopes everything goes well.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Thanks = Councilman Johnson also thanked Chief Lopez and Chief Decou for the outstanding job the Fire Department and the Police Department do. He also thanked everyone for selecting him and his wife as the king and queen of the Mardi Gras Parade.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Mardi Gras Parade = Councilman Higginbotham stated that last year we talked about the Mardi Gras parade. He received a call from Matt Stuller and he would like to continue seeing the 4th of July celebration continue. Chief Decou stated he did take a severe beating about the Mardi Gras Parade last year. He isn't against anything the city wants to do; he just wants to make it safe. Next time it is funded it can be discussed. At the appropriate time it needs to be addressed.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau....continued:

Garbage Rate Increase = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Mayor Langlinais about the letter from Jimmy Simon about the increase Waste Management wants to charge? Mayor Langlinais stated he spoke to a representative with Waste Management and he informed him that the increase was negotiable; therefore he instructed Attorney Simon to contact this gentleman. He hasn't heard from Attorney Simon yet.

Chief Decou:

Alvarez Property on North Larriviere Road = Chief Decou requested that the council look into the status of the old Denny Alvarez property on North Larriviere Road. Mayor Langlinais stated we will look at beginning the process for condemnation for this property.

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk

