

Minutes Of The

December 27, 2005

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles Langlinais  
 Tina G. Denais, City Clerk  
 Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I  
 Councilman David Bonin, District II  
 Councilman Harold Johnson, District IV  
 Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V  
 Councilman Albert Romero, District VI  
 Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large  
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor  
 Don Landry, Attorney At Law  
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer

Absent: Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Councilman Bonin lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was said for troops in Iraq and Councilman Foco hoped everyone had a safe and happy holiday.

**Adopt minutes of the December 27, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting** = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt the minutes of the December 27, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Resolution Approving Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Broussard and Hope Alive Church** = Mayor Langlinais stated he previously spoke to Don about this. It is about Hope Alive getting reimbursed for expenses due to Hurricane Katrina for people that were housed there from New Orleans. Attorney Landry recommended we table this and he will get with the people from Hope Alive about this first. He would like to put together a better agreement and get with FEMA about this also. Councilman Foco stated he also feels we need to

help them, but the document needs to be re-written for the city's liability. Mayor Langlinais stated that there was a very vague discussion about the help we provided to them after the hurricane. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to table the resolution approving a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Broussard and Hope Alive Church, until Attorney Landry speaks the representative from Hope Alive Church and FEMA. Roll call:

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

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

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

Jerry stated he had nothing to report on and he wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

**November 2005 Report** = Gene stated that the sales tax revenues have been running extremely high; therefore he amended his estimate for the estimated amount of collections. Besides that Gene stated that there are no other significant changes.

**Audit Report** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned Gene about the audit report he received from Mr. Sonnier. He was questioning the deficiencies listed in the audit. Gene stated the Mayor will write a letter explaining how these deficiencies will be addressed. Councilman Higginbotham stated he would like to make sure that the deficiencies are addressed. Councilman Higginbotham questioned about the accounting practices he is suggesting; do we need to change to those principles? Gene explained the accounting principles related to government. There is no such thing as changing principles. Gene explained the inadequate segregation of duties, is because there is merely a short number of employees for all of the duties. You would have to hire enough people to do that, which would probably get counter productive.

Gene stated that the Mayor had also asked him to look into the fuel situation. He will give a presentation on that at next meeting.

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

Attorney Landry stated that he had nothing to present.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one was present.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Commendation** = Chief Decou commended Councilman Foco and Councilman Higginbotham for capturing an escaped juvenile from the detention center off of Highway 96.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**District VI/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Drainage Ordinance** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned Attorney Landry about the Storm Water Retention Ordinance, if he made the changes? Attorney Landry stated yes and he sent Tina a copy and the ordinance will be advertised to be adopted at the next meeting.

**District IV/Councilman Johnson:**

**La Neuville** = Councilman Johnson stated that he received several call about La Neuville if it will be overlaid? Mayor Langlinais stated the answer is yes.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**La Neuville** = Councilman Bonin questioned when will the La Neuville start? Mayor Langlinais stated we will do the La Neuville last and therefore it should be re-constructed by the end of February or early March. Mayor Langlinais stated he e-mailed Ben Berthelot about La Neuville to set up another meeting about this. Berthelot e-mailed Mayor Langlinais late this afternoon and stated Mark Mouton had put Councilman Foco on their agenda at six o clock tonight; but Councilman Foco was never notified about it. Mayor Langlinais stated he did send them a cost of the re-construction and the estimate cost of the roundabout. The estimate cost of the roundabout was about \$144,000. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels we will know something by tomorrow. Councilman Foco stated he would like it stated for the record that he was not asked to be at that meeting tonight and he had his cell phone all day, so he could have been reached. Mayor Langlinais stated he hopes an agreement will come out of this soon.

**Garbage Pickup Time** = Councilman Bonin stated he contact an officer the other morning about the time that the garbage was being picked up and the officer said he didn't know their was an ordinance. Chief Decou stated that officer did get a copy of the ordinance. Councilman Bonin questioned, what about the noise ordinance? Chief Decou stated yes we do enforce that ordinance also. Chief Decou stated the complaint came in while they were receiving the correspondence though.

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Garbage Pickup Time** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that the garbage truck was picking up trash pick-up down Morgan Street about 3:45 am.? He called Attorney Landry about this and he did call Waste Management and spoke to Jeanette in zoning and she said she would call him back; but he still hasn't heard from her. Attorney Landry stated he heard from her and the other hauler as well and he did inform them about the ordinance and feels they will be abiding by the ordinance.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham.....continued:**

**Dumpsters behind City Hall** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned Mayor Langlinais about the fencing in of the dumpsters behind City Hall? Mayor Langlinais stated we are in process of doing that. The materials arrived last week. Councilman Foco stated it is not the best set-up, but we have to have it somewhere or the trash will be in the ditches.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Holiday Wishes** = Councilman Foco wished everyone a good holiday.

**Morgan Street Correspondence** = Councilman Foco stated in reference to the correspondence about Morgan Street that the Mayor sent out. He is 100% for South Bernard extension if it goes straight. This will be for a route that is continuous that goes straight.

**Parish Meeting Tonight** = Councilman Foco stated he missed one meeting in five years for a vacation with the city, but if he would have been called for the parish meeting tonight, he would have been there. He will defiantly call Mr. Mouton after this meeting.

**Police Department....continued:**

**Village Square Parking Complaint** = Chief Decou stated that the resident on Village Square is still complaining about the parking. Chief Decou stated he told Councilman Johnson that he would have a traffic committee meeting before any No Parking Signs are put up. Therefore he would like to meet with all of the committee members.

**Others Present:**

**Student from Comeaux High School** = A young lady who is a student at Comeaux High School addressed the council about a school project she is doing. She was inquiring who was here Councilman. Her councilman is Councilman Romero. Councilman Foco stated we have a 7 ½ million budget and no one showed up for our budget hearing. He explained to the young girl that in the future if she has a problem with anything in town, to come to the council; because if you don't come and voice your opinion, then they don't know.

**ADJOURN:**

**Adjourn the meeting** = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman

Higginbotham to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District II= Yea

District III= Absent

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**