

Minutes Of The

October 10, 2006

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles 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  
 Chief Brannon Decou, Chief of Police  
 Don Landry, Attorney At Law  
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer  
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
 Ms. Gertrude Batiste, Future Councilwoman District IV  
 Mr. A. J. LeBlanc, Representative for Marquis de Lafayette

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Don Landry lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our boys that are still overseas and for the Amish people who recently had a very bad tragedy.

**Adopt minutes of the September 26, 2006 Regular Meeting** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of the September 26, 2006 Regular Meeting 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	

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Ordinance #06-300/Regulation of Servitude** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Ordinance #06-300, declaring that all present and future public roads, highways, parks, streets, lanes, alleys and any other publicly owned

areas of the City of Broussard, including all existing and future utility easements, be reserved for the city's sole and exclusive use with regard to construction, maintenance and operation of utility systems, to include but not limited to electricity, natural gas, water, sewer, fiber optics and telecommunication systems. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Ordinance #06-302/Loul Street Park Annexation** = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham to reset this ordinance for adoption at the next meeting on October 24, 2006, due to the publication not done yet. 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:**

**Introduction of Ms. Gertrude Batiste** = Councilman Foco introduced Ms. Gertrude Batiste who will be filling Mr. Johnson's seat in January 2007.

**Re-Introduce Ordinance #06-301/Park Center Street Annexation** = Jerry asked the council to table this ordinance being we don't have the information from the registrar. Jerry stated the preparation shouldn't take very long. Attorney Landry stated we don't have the necessary information on file for the public review. Attorney Landry stated we can introduce it now and finalize it at the first meeting in November. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to re-introduce Ordinance #06-301, to provide for the annexation of certain property located in section 55, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Park Center Street 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 #06-303/East Fairfield—St. Julien Trust Annexation** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we have infrastructure close to that property. Mayor Langlinois stated yes and we have a lift station that is being designed right now by Walter. The water is available in both places. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to introduce Ordinance #06-302, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 3, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the East Fairfield/St. Julien Trust 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 #06-304/South Morgan Street—St. Julien Trust Annexation =** Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to introduce Ordinance #06-304, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 33, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the South Morgan Street/St. Julien Trust Annexation. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II = Yea

District V = Yea

District III = Yea

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

Councilman Rousseau questioned what district is this in? One is in 5 and the other in 3.

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

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

Jerry stated that he had nothing to discuss.

**Sewage on Robicheaux Road** = Councilman Rousseau stated he received a phone call from Mr. Bob Young in reference to sewage availability. He would like Jerry to e-mail him the cost on that. There are only 4 or 5 houses on that road. Mayor Langlinais stated this is whole new sewer areas that we will be paying for, but we can make it a sub-district.

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

**Ambassador Caffery** = Al stated that in reference to the Ambassador Caffery utility adjustments the contractor will start that on Wednesday.

**St. Nazairre Road Improvements** = Al gave the council some cost estimates of the St. Nazairre Road improvements. The total cost for the left turn from St. Nazairre now is \$348,000. The original cost for the left turn lane was \$132,000 that was estimated on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The additional cost for the left turn lane from St. Nazairre is \$216,000. The additional cost for the left turn from Highway 96 is \$152,000. The additional cost for the right turn from Highway 96 is \$37,000. Total additional project costs \$405,000. The council questioned if that area is in the city limits? The road is not in the city limits. The council took these estimates under advisement.

**La Neuville Repayment** - The council questioned if the parish has refunded us for La Neuville? Tina stated no. Mayor Langlinais stated that they are questioning the percentage that is the parish owned. The engineers have agreed on the percentages previously. Attorney Landry will contact Pat Ottigner about this.

**Drainage Crossing on LaFlamme Road** = Al stated in reference to the drainage crossing LaFlamme and Ida Road, we will include that drainage crossing in the project. Al stated

that Larry has a problem with the crossing at Ida Road. There is only a one foot shoulder. It is on LaFlamme Road and it needs to be re-done with the excess amount of traffic that will come from Walmart.

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

Gene was not present.

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

**Sub-Surface Agreement** = Attorney Landry stated that Mayor Langlinais was contacted by a representative in reference to a sub-surface agreement for signature. Mayor Langlinais stated that they are requesting to drill from their location by our sewer pond and cross our property for about 10,000 feet. This is a pretty much standard agreement. It will not be on the surface of the leased property. Councilman Bonin questioned if there is anything in there if they damage our sewer pond? Attorney Landry stated yes there is a hold harmless liability clause in there. At the request of Attorney Landry it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to allow the Mayor to sign the sub-surface agreement after it has been reviewed by Attorney Landry's office. Roll call:

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

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one present.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**New Unit from Seizure Funds** = Chief Decou approached the council. Chief Decou gave the council bids on 3 used vehicles, in which he would like to purchase one vehicle from asset forfeiture money. The council questioned if he didn't look on the state contract. Chief Decou stated no. He stated he is trying to spend the least amount of the forfeiture money, because he would like to use the remaining money for something else. He is willing to purchase the second hand vehicle to save the money. Councilman Foco requested that he check on a new one and the council will appropriate the remaining money. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Johnson to authorize the Chief to spend \$18,494.50 out of the forfeiture funds and the city will pay the remaining amount up to \$25,000 on a new vehicle. Roll call:

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At Large = Yea	

**Thanks** = Chief Decou also thanked the council for everything and stated that he is

looking forward to working with everyone in the next four years.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Mr. A. J. LeBlanc** = Mr. LeBlanc addressed the council naming the Board that will serve with him on the Board for Marquis of Lafayette. He has a song that he will be putting together also. He has contacted the other states. Mr. LeBlanc thanked Tina for her help. He asked the council if they have any celebrations to let him know so that he can put it on the marquis. He will promote our area and our parish.

**District IV/Councilman Johnson:**

**New Park** = Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to put something to rest. There has been a lot of talk about a road going thru the park. He has received a lot of calls about that complaining. No road has ever been planned to put a road thru that park. The council totally agreed with this.

**District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Congratulations** = Councilman Rousseau congratulated everyone that ran. He congratulated the winners. He stated that he made it four years ago and he is looking forward to working with everyone in the next four years.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Mini Excavator** = Councilman Bonin questioned Larry if we have a mini excavator? Larry stated yes.

**Drainage** = Councilman Bonin asked the Mayor to ask Larry to get with the Core to come in and check our laterals to see if we need a permit? Councilman Foco stated we need to get with Bob Boese on that. Mayor Langlinois stated a map was done with Bob and the issue is when you are cleaning a ditch. He wants to make sure this will get done. Councilman Bonin will get with Bob Boese. Larry stated that there is a local core guy that we met with.

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Congratulations** = Councilman Guilbeau congratulated the Mayor, Councilman Bonin, Councilman Batiste and Chief Decou.

**Road Overlay** = Councilman Guilbeau asked Larry to get him a list of the next phase of roads that need to be re-done.

**Wishes for Chief Decou** = Councilman Guilbeau wished Chief Decou a Happy Birthday.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Loop off of Highway 90** = Councilman Foco stated on reference to the new loop off of Highway 90 near Weatherford. The shoulder needed some repair work. He met with Teddy Babin with the State and he took care of getting it re-done for us.

**Congratulation** = Councilman Foco congratulated the Chief, David, the Mayor and Ms. Batiste. He wants to welcome everyone to Team Forward, because we will move this city forward.

**Chief Decou:**

**Location of Water Park** = Chief Decou where the Water Park is going? Mayor Langlinais stated should be on the north-side of the old Marine Corps building.

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Asphalt Bids** = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Larry if the bid from H & S is a one year bid? Larry stated it ends Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. With the oil prices it will probably be going up.

**Mayor Langlinais:**

**Congratulations** = Mayor Langlinais congratulated David, Brannon and Gert. And the council remains, so he knows that the people are not ready for a change. He is appreciative for everyone's assistance in his re-election. Councilman Foco stated he compliments even the candidates who did not win, they ran a clean campaign. Mayor Langlinais asked Jerry and Don to sit down with Ms. Gert and get her familiar with what's going on.

**Swearing In Ceremony** = At the last meeting in December we will be doing the swearing in and the pictures will be taken at that time

**Recommendation to Chief** = Mayor Langlinais requested that Chief Decou build some bridges in his next term as should everybody else.

**Citizen:**

**Televising of council meetings** = A resident questioned if we ever considered televising the meeting and putting it on Cox Cable? Mayor Langlinais stated that AOC did start broadcasting and stopped, but it hasn't been done in years.

**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 IV = Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Yea  
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

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

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**S/Tina G. Denais, CITY CLERK**