

**Minutes Of The**  
**November 11, 2008**  
**Broussard City Council Meeting**

Present: Mayor Charles E. Langlinais  
 Tina M. Emert, City Clerk  
 Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I  
 Councilman David Bonin, District II  
 Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III  
 Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV  
 Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V  
 Councilman Albert Romero, District VI  
 Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large  
 Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney  
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer  
 Martin Poirier, City Engineer  
 Al Reaux, City Engineer  
 Walter Comeaux III, City Engineer  
 Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper  
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
 Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief  
 Chief Blair Rivette, Fire Chief  
 Asst. Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief  
 Mr. Adam Mouton, Citizen  
 Mr. Roy Brown, Citizen  
 Ms. Geraldine Flugence, Citizen

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Mr. Adam Mouton lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our troops that are still overseas and the council also recognized our veterans, being today is Veteran's Day.

**Adopt minutes of the October 28, 2008** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the October 28, 2008 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:**

**Introduce Ordinance #08-345/2008 Bond Ordinance** = Councilman Bonin questioned if this is for South Bernard Road? Mayor Langlinais stated it is for South Bernard and lift stations along Caffery. Councilman Bonin questioned what about the economy? Mayor Langlinais stated he is very comfortable with our economy. We are ahead with the sales tax revenues and that is not including Walmart. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Ordinance #08-345, a supplemental Ordinance amending and supplementing Ordinance #05-288, providing for the sale of the Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, pursuant to the Bond Ordinance; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on such Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Resolution #244-08/2008 Bond Resolution** = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt resolution #244-08, ratifying the issuance of the not exceed \$15,000,000 public improvement sales tax revenue bonds, series 2008, of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana; authorizing the execution and delivery of the bond purchase agreement, and any and all other documents required in connection with the issuance of said bonds; authorizing the preparation and distribution of the official statement relating to the bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, and the Broussard Ambassador Caffery Extension District and providing for other matters related thereto. Roll call:

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

**Commercial Parkway South re: Partial Acceptance** = Mayor Langlinais stated it is substantially complete and they are waiting on Slemco. Mark engineered the project. There were problems with the roadway and it has been completed 75%. They needed partial acceptance to start building the buildings. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to accept Commercial Park South as partial acceptance. Roll call:

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

**Holiday for Acadian Day (Friday after Thanksgiving)** = Mayor Langlinais stated if anyone works their 40 hours, then they will get paid for their 40 hours. Councilman Rousseau

stated the whole reason he brought this up was it was brought up in the past and we wanted to do some vacation changes, but we tabled this and never brought it back up. It is not a departmental issue. Mayor Langlinais questioned Tina the amount of service time for vacation and Tina explained. He felt it is very fair. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels we need to put more money in the retirement system not add more vacation or holidays for our employees. Councilman Higginbotham stated this is a bleed over from last year, how will we do it next year? Mayor Langlinais stated the problem is going from 10 to 11 holidays, he doesn't understand this issue. Councilman Foco stated he feels the simplest thing is to do the same as city hall. Councilman Foco stated he doesn't have a problem with the police department doing the same as city hall. Councilman Foco stated he feels that they need to make a recommendation to the Chief and have them do the same at city hall for that week; work 10 hour shifts to make a 40 hour work week. Councilman Foco asked Councilman Rousseau to report back to the Chief with that.

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

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

**New Pond** = Al stated they haven't completed the Oct. pay estimate. They are 60% complete.

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

**Ambassador Caffery Pump Station** = Jerry stated on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> we will open bids for the Ambassador Caffery Pump Station. He is recommending that the Mayor be given the authority if everything is okay, to accept the bid and award the contract, because this lift station will service Stine's and they plan on opening Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The council had no problem with that. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to authorize Jerry to open the bids on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> for the Ambassador Caffery Pump Station and after the recommendation of Grooms Engineering to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with the low bidder. Roll call:

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

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

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

Walter stated that he had nothing to report on.

### **ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:**

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

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

**Ambassador Caffery** = Attorney Landry stated that he and Oscar are working on the Ambassador Caffery servitudes and easements.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

No one present at the time.

Councilman Foco asked Councilman Rousseau to get with Chief Decou about the decision on the holiday.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Fire Station Renovations** = Asst. Chief Champagne stated that the office renovations are going well. They did talk to the plumber about stubbing the plumbing out for the upstairs. Asst. Chief Champagne gave the council a list of office equipment proposals they are requesting to complete project. The list is as follows: computer equipment \$9,237.98, chief's office furniture \$1,084.94, modem for MDT for secretary's office \$2,305.50, phone system \$1,966.50, office furniture for rest of office \$ 6,687.12, camera security system \$5,645.00, front awning \$1,026.00, office locking system \$7,405.00 and wiring for network \$2,000.00 for a total cost of \$37,358.04. Councilman Foco questioned about the camera system? Asst. chief Champagne stated that it is for security measures in the building. Mayor Langlinais questioned what do we need cameras for? Asst. Chief stated for anyone medaling in the secretary's office. Mayor Langlinais stated he just priced out a system for City Hall and it wasn't that much. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels that we need that. Councilman Rousseau stated we might want to look at this, because of what happened at maintenance. Asst. Chief Champagne explained the office locking system. They are at all stations. This would help to lock out everyone that doesn't need to be there. He feels the locking system would benefit to us. Councilman Foco stated he feels we don't need a \$7,405 locking system; he feels they need to go talk with Ken Durio about this. Councilman Foco asked him to get with Durio on the locking system and perhaps look for a cheaper camera system.

**Purchase of new Vehicle** = Asst. Chief Champagne gave the council a picture and an stated the Fire Department would also like to purchase a Expedition and they would like the council's blessing on this. This vehicle will serve as an emergency vehicle for medical calls, as a command center on large incidents and transporting personnel to training and other events. The fire department will purchase the vehicle. Mayor Langlinais stated he will give them his expedition instead of them buying them one. Councilman Foco stated we can purchase the Mayor a vehicle and they can have his old one. It was the consensus of the council for the Fire Department to take the Mayor's expedition and use that.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Thanks** = Councilman Guilbeau thanked Larry and Bobby for their help with the drainage in his area. People living in that area were pouring their grease into their ditches on Third Street. It has been taken care of.

**St. Etienne Road** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that Mel and Larry met with Don Bertrand about St. Etienne Road. It looks like the parish will help us get it re-surfaced. Mayor Langlinais stated the intergovernmental agreement is being worked on by Don Landry and Tom Carroll. Don will expedite it and bring it back to the council. Councilman Rousseau questioned about asphalt shortages that are going on? Larry stated every year at this time of the year this happens. It is nothing to be alarmed about.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

Councilman Bonin stated that he had nothing to bring up.

**District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Street Lights** = Councilman Rousseau stated at the last meeting we talked about the street lights that are out all over town. There are still three 3 lights out in Deer Meadow when you come in on the Main Road. Mayor Langlinais stated the street commissioner provided him with a list and he provided a list to SLEMCO and Entergy, so it should be taken care of soon.

**Veterans** = Councilman Rousseau thanked all of the veterans for all they do. He asked that if you see someone who served please thank him.

**District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:**

**Commodities** = Councilwoman Batiste thank the council for assisting for the commodities of the seniors. Next Tuesday will be the last distribution in Broussard of the commodities; after that they will have to be picked up off of Martin Luther King Drive.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Rural Land Use** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he received an e-mail about rural land use. Don stated that he and Bob Boese have just started working on this. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if this will be separate from Ambassador? Mayor Langlinais stated he will like to use Ambassador Caffery as the test case for this. We are trying to protect our citizens. Mayor Langlinais stated the only thing he is asking to zone, is the Youngsville Highway.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Conference** = Chief Decou apologized for being late. He stated they are hosting the LACP conference in Lafayette. He invited the council to attend if they would like to attend; they are serving supper at Hub Security. Chief stated that everyone was pleased driving thru our city.

**Holiday after Thanksgiving** = Councilman Foco stated they talked about the holiday issue and he instructed them to do like everyone else and work 3 ten hour days and have the holidays for Thursday and Friday. Chief Decou stated he is the only department left that works that day. He just asked the council to look over this for next year. Chief Decou stated we are the lowest number of holidays. Councilman Foco stated we are the highest paid though.

**Mayor Langlinais:**

**Future I-49** = Mayor Langlinais stated he received a letter from State from Mr. William Anker, the secretary of DOTD. He stated that US 90 (I-49 South) is a priority. Mayor Langlinais stated his goal is to get Highway 90 from the bridge to Highway 88 six-lane.

**Others Present:**

**Ms. Geraldine Flugence re: Ida Park** = Geraldine Flugence inquired about the playground equipment for the park. She stated that the last time she was here we spoke about getting it under state contract; however it's not offered under state contract. She talked to individual selling the equipment and he said he can buy it separate which is a total of \$100,000 so we don't have to bid it out. Gene stated we legally can't do that. Councilman Foco stated we are talking about gradually getting some things for that park. We are coming out with a figure of \$15,000 for the equipment. Councilman Foco stated this is trial thing and if they tear it up and break it, and then it will not be replaced. Councilman Foco stated he is getting some literature on some of the equipment. Councilman Guilbeau stated winter is getting ready to start and he feels the children will not play on it. We also need to get someone to set-up. Councilman Guilbeau stated he just feels that it would be better in the summer. Councilman Foco stated he will get the literature and give it to Ms. Gert and Ms. Flugence about this.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters with Fire Chief Blair Rivette.

Roll call:

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

Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to come back into regular session. Roll call:

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

**Fire Chief** = Councilman Foco stated that Chief Rivette resigned his position with the fire department. Therefore Bryan Champagne is the new fire chief effective November 12, 2008 and will be the acting Chief till May 1, 2009 when new nominations will be taken. Mr. Champagne will get paid the same salary as Chief Rivette was getting.

**ADJOURN:**

**Adjourn the meeting** = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Higginbotham 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**

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**S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK**