

Minutes Of The

March 10, 2009

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present:

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  
 Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper  
 Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney  
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer  
 Al Reaux, City Engineer  
 Walter Comeaux III, Engineer  
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
 Kenneth Wainwright, City Foreman  
 Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief  
 Asst. Chief Jason Menard, Fire Department  
 Geraldine Flugence, Citizen  
 Mr. Kincade, Miracle Recreation Equipment Company

Absent:

Mayor Charles E. Langlinais

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Toby Armentor lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our troops that are still overseas.

**Adopt minutes of the February 10, 2009** = Councilman Rousseau moved and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2009 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:**

**Adopt Resolution #251-09/Requesting Financial Assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 LA Community Water Enrichment Fund Program** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #251-09, which is requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Louisiana Community Water Enrichment Fund Program. Roll call:

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

**Ms. Geraldine Batiste re/Ida Park Improvements** = Ms. Batiste addressed the council with Mr. Kincade of Miracle Recreation Equipment Company from Livingston, Texas about the park improvements. Councilman Foco stated over \$7,500 we have to get three quotes and over \$15,000 we have to bid it out. Councilman Foco stated they can take the proposals under advisement. Mr. Kincade gave a background on the company. He is asking what systems are they interested in and maybe he can design it in order for them to get a bid. Mr. Kincade stated he can give plenty of references. Councilman Foco stated they have to get with their engineer to design it. Ms. Flugence stated they are quoting 8 pieces of equipment. Mr. Kincade stated a merry go round is around \$3,362 and you have to put a fall surface. He stated that we would need 12 inches of 6 foot of round for the fall surface. Ms. Batiste stated the proposal they are submitting has 8 pieces of equipment on it. Councilman Higginbotham stated that if we go out for bid we have to compare apples to apples, that's why the engineer has to spec it out. Councilman Foco stated the following individuals have been selected for the committee, Councilman Guilbeau, Councilwoman Batiste and Councilman Foco to study what we will purchase. And then it will be brought back to the council for approval. Attorney Landry stated after the committee meets and then it will go back to the council for approval, then the engineer will put the specs together for bids or proposals. The committee will meet next week on this and then they will get back with Mr. Kincade to see if he can come up with a proposal.

**Mr. Toby Armentor w/Broussard Chamber of Commerce re: Le Festival de Bon Temps** = Mr. Armentor stated that this festival is not solely sponsored by Broussard Chamber of Commerce. He asked a lot of businesses about their ideas about this festival. He met with the owner of Hub Enterprises. Originally this festival was set to be held behind Hub Enterprises; however since then it has gone thru quite of few changes. After the economy they didn't have the interest in the business community. It will be Friday and Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>. It is a non-profit event that hopefully will be continued each year. Later the money will be put back into the community. With the bands they are expecting a large crowd and the Hub Enterprises was not a great location. It will be held in the parking of lot of La Hacienda and the parking will be on the Duhon Property. He just wanted the council to know what was coming up. If they have any input he is asking the council to comment back to them. This is not a Chamber of Commerce event. They are hiring off duty security. An officer will be working on Morgan to cross the people safely. Hub Enterprises will also be doing security in the parking lot.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:****Mark's Report:**

**Bid for LCDG Sewer Improvements** = Mark stated that they opened the bids this week for this project. The estimated cost of this Sewer Re-hab Project was \$350,000 and the low bid \$270,649. We will be able to do additional work with the remaining state money. The contract has been cleared by the state. The smoke test should start in 3 or 4 weeks. It will cost us \$35,000 for our share. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin To accept the low bid from Construction Pro for \$270,649 for the LCDBG Sewer Improvements Project. Roll call:

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

**Bid for Broussard Street Pump Station** = Mark stated that this bid was for the Broussard Street Pump Station. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to accept the low bid from Teche Construction for \$37,839 for the Broussard Street Pump Station. Roll call:

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

**Al's Report:**

Al stated he had nothing to report on.

**Walter's Report:**

Walter had nothing to report on.

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Gene stated nothing out of the ordinary for the month of January 2009. Our January sales tax collections were okay. We are still in good shape.

**Fire Department Budget Amendment** = Gene stated the council should have received a letter form the Fire Chief requesting his budget be amended to cover auto expenses. Councilman Guilbeau also questioned the audit charges for the Fire Department. Gene explained that they have to have a separate large audit because of the grants they get. The audit divided between all of departments. The fire department was over the allocated amount that needed a full fledge audit. Their budget amendment will be taken up under Fire Department.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:****Adopt Resolution #252-09/Right of Way Abandonment for Ben Hogan =**

Don stated we have already covered this topic. Mr. Hogan's attorney stated he needed this resolution adopted for title purposes. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt Resolution #252-09, to abandon a certain right of way in Sections 28 and 58, T-10 South, Range 5 East, said right of way outlined in the attached plat. 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 #253-09/authorizing the pre-application revolving fund loan program =** Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Resolution #253-09, authorizing the Mayor to submit pre-application documents to the Department of Environmental Quality through the State revolving fund loan program. 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 #09-347/Amending Ordinance #08-336 =** Attorney Landry stated that Bob Boese asked him to amend this ordinance because it does not have any penalties in the original ordinance. The penalty portion would now read that the penalty is \$300 per day for said violation. Councilman Bonin questioned what about someone that puts pipe in their ditch without approval. Mark stated that this would cover it. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilwoman Batiste to introduce Ordinance #09-347, amending Ordinance #08-336 to include an additional section to said ordinance, providing for penalties for violations of Ordinance #08-336. Roll call:

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**New Vehicle =** Chief Decou stated that they have settled with the insurance for the car fire. The vendor did not want to go thru their insurance, being they have a new insurance; so our insurance will get with the owner to get reimbursed. The amount of insurance will be about \$6,800 that we will receive. The only cars they can get are the Ford's or Charger's that are on the lot. We need to amend the budget for a new car. It will state contract pricing. The car is almost \$23,000 and the charger is about \$21,000 which doesn't include the equipment. They are pretty sure the camera system will not be good also. The insurance company stated once the equipment

is taken out they will look at reimbursing us less the depreciation value. Chief Decou stated he needs about \$35,000 to be safe. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to amend the budget for \$35,000 for the new car under capital outlay. Roll call:

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

**Old Monitors** = Chief Decou stated that e has old computer monitors that don't work that he needs to declare surplus. Gene stated we can donate to other departments. The council asked that he get the list together with all of the other departments and then we can consolidate with the other departments' surplus.

**Server Problems** = Chief stated he has a server that is about ready to go out. His IT guy is concerned that it may go out anytime. He just wants the council to be aware if he has a \$6,000 expenditure if it goes out. It is up to the council if they want him to wait or replace it now. The council suggested he get the server.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Budget Amendment for auto expenses** = Asst. Chief Menard stated that 207 needs 4 tires and that will put them over budget in auto expenses. Councilman Bonin questioned what was broke on Engine 204. Asst. Chief Menard did not know. He was asked how old was engine 204 and he did no know. Councilman Guilbeau suggested that they put the year of the vehicle on the report. Councilman Guilbeau suggested that the budget be amended for \$5,000. It was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to amend the budget for \$5,000 for the Fire Department auto expense. Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
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At Large = Yea	

The council asked that Chief Champagne submit a summary of the repairs on all of the vehicles.

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

##### **District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Parish Road Repairs** = Councilman Guilbeau stated he was going to compliment Joey Durel; but the repairs they done with patching on Bayou Tortue Road were worst than before. And today he passed again and they did another patch which seemed a little bit better.

**Broussard Middle School Project** = Councilman Guilbeau thanked members of the school board and Mr. Lawrence Lilly for getting this project completed at Broussard Middle. The cars no longer have to wait on the road. He thanked the Chief for going out there with him on the Sunday.

**Road to Flemming Foods off of West Main Street** = Councilman Guilbeau stated he thought the road off of West Main going to Flemming Foods was a private road; but it has a green street sign. Attorney Landry stated he doesn't know if it has been classified as a public road for emergency vehicles only. Attorney Landry stated the concern is was coulee that had to be crossed for emergency vehicles. We may have to do something to the bridge. Larry stated it will be a dedicated public access for emergency vehicles that is why we can't use a blue sign. It can't be classified as private because it is public for the emergency vehicles. Councilman Guilbeau stated he understood it is a private road. Attorney Landry stated he was told the Fire Department would need that road as access to the old Flemming Foods facility. Councilman Foco stated he will give \$1,000 to the City for repairs for that road. Councilman Bonin stated they have another access near St. Ceceilia. Larry stated St. Cecilia is one, so is KOL Drive and the Main Street access. Councilman Guilbeau requested that Attorney Landry check into this. Councilman Foco stated we have a 50 foot right of way from KOL Drive to the bridge. Mel stated the reason it is named public access is because it is an emergency vehicle access. Councilman Foco questioned if we can limit access and give people citations that don't belong down there? Attorney Landry stated he will research this. He understands what Councilman Guilbeau is saying. Councilman Guilbeau stated he would like to keep it private for emergency vehicles only. Attorney Landry stated we need to act on that and keep it completely private. Walter stated it is a limited access public road. Attorney Landry stated he will research this.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Thanks** = Councilman Foco thanked Terry and Ms Gert for getting with him on the playground equipment. He would like to get more than 2 slides though. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he doesn't like the idea of something enclosed.

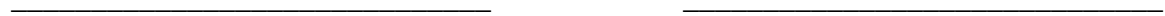
**Citizens:**

**Adam Mouton** = Mr. Mouton questioned if it is feasible to have an ordinance in reference to the display of the public flag in town that is all torn. The council stated that it would be hard to enforce. Councilman Foco stated perhaps a letter from city hall would do.

**ADJOURN:**

**Adjourn the meeting** = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

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| District II= Yea  | District V = Yea  |
| District III= Yea | District VI = Yea |
| At Large = Yea    |                   |



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

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