

MINUTES OF THE May 10, 2016

BROUSSARD CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Broussard Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Charles Langlinais
Tina Emert, City Clerk
Councilwoman Angel Racca, District I
Councilman David Bonin, District II
Councilman Ray Bourque, District III
Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV
Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V
Councilman Ray Gary, District VI
Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
Don Landry, City Attorney
Gene Chiarulli, City Accountant
Walter Comeaux, City Engineer
Mark Savoy, City Engineer
Al Reaux, City Engineer
Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief
Mel Bertrand, City Supervisor
Elmer Girouard, City Superintendent
Larry Champagne, City Superintendent

Meeting called to order = Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance = Councilman Bourque lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our troops oversea.

Approval of Minutes of minutes of the Regular Meeting April 26, 2016 =
Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt the minutes of the April 26, 2016 regular 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	

Mr. Gus Rantz/Candidate for District 3 Congressman = Mr. Rantz addressed the council. He is running for US Congressman. He is doing this, because he still believes in this country. He gave the council a brief history of his background. He stated that today we have a trillion dollar debt. He feels we

need leadership and accountability. He has never held a public office before. He thanked the council for their time. Councilman Foco stated he admires what he doing, but he can get ready for a big change in his life when you hold a public office.

Mr. Jack Hains/Recreation:

Amend recreation budget for the purchase of playground equipment = Jack addressed the council. Jack is asking for \$160,000 to purchase playground equipment. We will piggy back the City of Lafayette contract. Councilman Foco stated he was unaware that the playground equipment was pulled out from the construction bid. Jack stated it was pulled out to avoid the mark ups. Councilman Foco stated he never knew that it was taken out. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Bourque to approve amending the capital outlay budget for Parks and Recreation for \$160,000 to purchase the playground equipment. Roll call:

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

Walter Comeaux/Comeaux Engineering:

West Monroe Drainage Study = Walter stated this project was request by Councilman Bonin. They examined the system all the way to the coulee in back of St. Cecilia. They found the system to be in good shape to St. Jean. On Monroe Street is where the concern is. One is the grade of the ditches and the culverts. It is more of a grade issue. Essentially we looked at bringing that street up to today standards, we would have to lower some pipe and changing some of the grade of some of the pipes. This was done probably before anyone was born. It is just the last few years, that we have a permit system. Before this there was no permit. This is not an uncommon problem. They tried to look at this as to see what they could do. Cost estimate to do the whole thing is \$350,000 for the estimate. If the council is uncomfortable, they can work with what is allocated and they can see what they can do. Councilman Bonin stated we got Walter to look at the flow of the water. Walter has the suggestions. With those suggestions, we are letting less water in and no one would get water down-stream. If we have to do one block at a time, we can use in house people. Estimate cost is doing everything with the contractor. Walter stated we can limit the scope of the project. Walter stated there are 2 places on St. Jean that culverts needs to be changed. Councilman Foco suggested we start from the outfall and see how far we can go. Mayor Langlinais suggested we do \$100,000 this year, \$100,000 next year and \$100,000 the following year. Don and Walter will get together about this.

Adjournment = Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

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

s/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

s/Tina Emert, CITY CLERK