

**MINUTES OF THE October 25, 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  
Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V  
Councilman Ray Gary, District VI  
Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large  
Don Landry, City Attorney  
Walter Comeaux, City Engineer  
Mark Savoy, City Engineer  
Al Reaux, City Engineer  
Deputy Chief Dennis Mouton, Police Chief  
Mel Bertrand, City Supervisor  
Larry Champagne, City Superintendent  
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
Absent: Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV

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

**Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance** = Tina Emert lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our troops overseas

**Approval of Minutes of minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 11, 2016** = Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt the minutes of the October 11, 2016 regular city council meeting. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Resolution #488-16/LCBDG for IPT Global** = Moved by Councilman Bourque

and second by Councilman Foco to adopt Resolution #488-16, a resolution to adopt an updated Citizen Participation Plan in connection with the city's Community Development Block Grant Program for IPT Global. Roll call:

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

**Condemnation request for property located at 511 and 513 West Main Street =** Mayor Langlinais stated that he has been dealing with this for 6 or 7 years. Mr. Richard was unable to get inside the premises to do an in home inspection. Mr. Richard stated that he went with the police department. There is no water hooked up to this mobile home and you must have water. There is a couple living there. There is overgrown weeds and grass on site. The mobile home itself has means of egress that are blocked. The overhaul maintenance of the mobile home, he has seen worst. That is pretty much his report. Biggest issue there is no running water. Mayor Langlinais questioned if he could enter the old house. Mr. Richard stated no, it was boarded up and it would cost a lot to repair it. He talked to some people and they said it has been boarded up awhile. Mayor Langlinais stated we have in the past have always been able to get the property cleaned. Councilman Gary recommended that we give them 30 days to clean it up. Don stated at this time we can't do anything, until Mr. Richard goes in the inside and inspects it then it can be declared unsafe to the public. There were no members of the estate present. Per Councilman Gary's request we can put it on the back burner. Don stated they would have to check property owners and they would have to be able to get into the house to do a formal inspection. Don stated they may be in violation of some of our codes. Councilman Bourque questioned if it is Don's suggestion to notify the owners? Don stated we have to check the codes and see what they are in violation of. Mayor Langlinais stated that some members of the estate did go clean up a little. Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilwoman Racca to table for 60 days to allow Don to make notification to the property owners and giving Mr. Richard time to do an inspection of the inside of both homes. Roll call:

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

**Mr. Jake McClelland: Request variance to set-back ordinance for a trailer park for new development of Shady Oaks Estates @ 1612 Young Street =** He is asking for 2 waivers, 1) To the 15 feet set back requirements and 2) to the 50 foot green space. The 15 feet is the back of the trailer. Councilman Foco questioned about water and sewer? His engineer questioned about the sewer being ran on Young Street. Mark stated that is a force main. Councilman Foco stated he needs 11 variances. Mr. McClelland engineer stated no he is asking for 2 waivers. He is putting 50 foot of green space and waiver to the 15 feet set back ordinance. They are 50 feet from the adjoining property lines. Mayor Langlinais stated that he doesn't have a problem as is. Mark stated he recommended no waivers on the set-back, but we could reduce the green space. Mayor Langlinais stated that one of the ordinances requires the neighbors to be notified about the variance. Mark stated it covers him, if he gets the neighbors to sign off on this. Mayor Langlinais stated this was to govern mobile home developments. Councilman Foco questioned if

we will sell him water? Mark stated we have to put a master meter and he will have to put the required size line and fire hydrants. Mayor Langlinais stated that maybe he can visit with some councilman about this. Mayor Langlinais stated his concern was the 50 foot green space. Mark stated he can make it work, if he staggers the trailers. His engineer stated the reason he asked for the variance is because of the 50 foot green space. It is approved and water and sewer never came up at the planning commission. Mayor Langlinais suggested that they table this. Councilman Higginbotham stated he knows he has to be in compliant and all he is asking is what is on the agenda tonight. We give variances all the time. He can herringbone the lots. Councilman Foco stated that there is not enough on the plat and Councilman Bonin stated the same. Councilman Bourque stated if we going to break the variance, the property owners adjacent need to be notified. Walter stated if he would herringbone it would go back to the planning commission. Councilman Bonin questioned what about an 80 foot trailer? The engineer stated they are aware of that. McClelland stated if need be they will change the number of lots. It was moved by Councilwoman Racca and second by Councilman Higginbotham to table this matter and let Mr. McClelland get permission from the adjacent property owners for a variance and then come back to the council for approval. Roll call:

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

**Mr. Jesse Regan: Term expires for Civil Service Board Member on October 26, 2016—Candidates recommended for the position are Percy Racca, Ed Comeaux and Toby Armentor** = Councilman Bourque stated that Mr. Regan is out of town. He emailed the council the names of the individuals to fill the expiring term of Percy Racca. He wanted to give the council the names, so they will have the names for the next meeting for the appointment.

**Mr. Walter Comeaux:**

**Approve low bid for 8’ Waterline Extension along South Bernard Road from Heart D Farm to Ambassador Caffery from C. G. Logan for \$75,209.40** = We received 4 proposals for this project and C. G. Logan was the low bidder. Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt resolution #491-16, a resolution of the city council of the City of Broussard, LA accepting the lowest responsive bid of seventy five thousand two hundred nine and 40/100 dollars (\$75,209.40) from C. G. Logan for the construction of an 8” waterline extension along South Bernard Road from Heart D Farm Road to Ambassador Caffery. Roll call:

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

**Approve change order for Sabal Palms II Lift Station and Force Main for \$13,803.06** = This will pick up Steve Ashy’s development. We had to do some additional work and add air release valves. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Foco to adopt Resolution #492-16, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Broussard

amending the 2016/2017 Operating Budget for the City of Broussard, to construct a lift station and force main for Sabal Palms II Subdivision, for the amount of \$13,803.06. Roll call:

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

**Mel Bertrand:**

**Marteau Lakes Waterline** = Mel stated that this is the 12” that we were going to run to tie into the future water line. We could not run it the other ways, because there is not enough easement. It will tie into the future water well. We will tie into Whispering Meadows and continue on. Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Resolution #493-16, a resolution of the city council of the City of Broussard amending the 2016/2017 Operating Budget for the City of Broussard, LA to construct a 12” water main for Marteau Lakes Subdivision and Whispering Meadows Subdivision , for the amount of \$195,000. Roll call:

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

**Mark Savoy:**

**Allowing alcohol sales at St. Julien Park or other City owned property** = Mayor Langlinais stated he is not enthused about selling alcohol on city property. If we do approve this, absolutely no glass. Councilman Foco stated he is definitely against it. Mark stated the RFP states that alcohol should only be sold as events stipulated by the city. Mayor Langlinais stated this is a pretty grand venue. Mark stated you can stipulate the events. Councilwoman Racca feels there is a liability issue and she don’t feel it should be done either, she feels it should be on a case by case basis. Chief Decou stated they should be required to have security and insurance. Councilman Foco stated we should have a zero tolerance policy, also. Councilman Gary feels it should on a case by case basis. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels special events only. Councilman Bonin questioned if we will stop them from being liquor in the park? Jack stated yes parks are all alcohol and tobacco free. Councilman Bourque as a concession stand selling liquor we are not in that business. He would prefer us approving it on a case by case basis. Mark stated he will tell the vendor he needs a liquor permit. Councilman Higginbotham stated he doesn’t want our concession stand selling a liquor. Jack stated in St. Tammany they only did it for special events for fund raisers. Councilman Bourque stated we don’t want our concessioner to sell alcohol. Jeremy Hidalgo, stated that this concessioner would have exclusive rights to sell everything. The concessioner could come back on us if we let someone else sell alcohol. Mark stated he was going to run the RFP on Friday. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Bonin to allow the sales of alcohol in St. Julien Park on a case by case basis with the approval the City Council. Roll call:

District I = No	District IV = Yea
District II = Yea	District V = Absent

District III = Yea  
At Large = No

District VI = Yea

Councilman Bourque recommended to Don that we draw up an ordinance in reference to the guidelines of selling alcohol in the park. Don stated we can do that with pretty tight guidelines including the security alcohol with restrictions.

**Adjournment** = Moved by Councilman Gary 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 = Absent  
District VI = Yea

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s/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

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s/Tina Emert, CITY CLERK