Minutes Of The

February 10, 2015

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles E. Langlinais
         Tina M. Emert, City Clerk
         Councilwoman Angel Racca, District I
         Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V
         Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV
         Councilman Ray Gary, District VI
         Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
         Don Landry, City Attorney
         Walter Comeaux, City Engineer
         Mark Savoy, City Engineer
         Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
         Brannon Decou, Police Chief
         Justin Denais, Deputy Fire Chief
         Larry Champagne, City Superintendent
         Mel Bertrand, City Supervisor
         Jack Hains, Recreation Director
         David Bernard, City Architect

Absent: Councilman David Bonin, District II
        Councilman Ray Bourque, District II

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Cliff Guidry lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer.

Adopt Minutes of the January 27, 2015 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt the minutes of the January 27, 2015 Regular Meeting. Roll call:

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

Adopt Ordinance #15-474/Purchase of Wainwright Family Property = This piece of property is on Garber Road. It will be used for a water well across from Shenandoah. Don stated within the 15 days the sale should be finalized. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilwoman Racca to adopt Ordinance #15-474, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Broussard, authorizing the Mayor to purchase, by cash sale, certain real estate, located within the Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana, said real estate having measurements of approximately 267.9 x 344.8 and containing approximately two acres of land from the Wainwright Family. Roll call:

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

Right Sizing with LA DOTD for Highway 182 = Al stated we adopted the resolution last year naming which streets which would be done. They are asking us to sign the transfer and acceptance. This is being transferred now because we are accepting it as is from Clara on Highway 182 to St. Des Porres and St. Des Porres to Albertson. Mayor Langlinais stated this came quicker than he expected. Don stated it is in accordance with the resolution previously adopted. The council approved it again.

NEW BUSINESS:

Offshore Energy/Drainage on St. Etienne Road = Mr. Garber addressed the council. Mayor Langlinais stated we had been talking to Offshore Energy about this. Mayor Langlinais stated he agreed to pay our share of the box culvert under St. Etienne. The estimated cost of the culvert is $200,000. They would like to expand to the back of their property and they would like the culverts to be fixed and this is the first step. Mayor Langlinais stated he wanted to bring it to council for their approval. This is not in Lateral II. Don stated they are proposing this in our servitude. This would allow us to widen St. Etienne in the future. It will encompass the entire right of way. The road will be open at all times. The road is currently
a farm road and they would like them to be updated. They will put in 75% and we would pay 25%. Don stated they also incorporated the police traffic control into the resolution. Councilman Foco suggested we pay 30% instead. Mayor Langlinais requested we put up $100,000 a set amount. Councilwoman Racca questioned if this is area that the neighbors were complaining about the water staying? Mr. Garber stated yes there is a hill that needs to be shaved down also. His plan is to get the water down there with the sub surface drainage. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Gary to adopt Resolution #423-15, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Broussard, LA authorizing the Mayor and the administration of the City of Broussard to cooperate in the betterment of the box culvert across St. Etienne Road to provide for the future widening of St. Etienne Road, and to participate with Offshore Energy in that product. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #419-15/Donation from Colby and Kristiana Broussard (old Saul’s Store) = Councilman Foco stated he has some reservations about what we did. He feels we need to think about this more. He spoke to the park director and he doesn’t feel it would be fair to allow them to use the building for selling concessions out of the building in the park. He feels we may need to just purchase the building. Mayor Langlinais stated this is the first he hears of this. Don stated this was previously discussed and the resolution was prepared for adoption tonight. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels we can accept the donation, but we can perhaps look at the concession issue. Councilman Gary questioned if we can do this? Don stated if we change the terms, we would have to have some negotiations with the donors. Last week he did have some discussions with them. Councilman Foco stated another thing is who will pay to bring it up to codes for the use. Councilman Foco stated he doesn’t feel it is fair to do that. Mayor Langlinais stated we will let anyone else that sells concessions know about this. Councilman Higginbotham stated we didn’t discuss who was going to get the building to up to code. Don stated tonight the resolution is up for approval and accepting the donation. Councilman Gary
stated he would like to talk about it a little bit more. Councilwoman Racca stated she would like to research back and see what was said at that meeting. Mayor Langlinais stated he wants to save the store. Councilman Foco stated he doesn’t want to spend $150,000 on re-doing it though. Moved by Councilwoman Racca and second by Councilwoman Batiste to table Resolution #419-15, authorizing the Mayor of the City of Broussard to accept a donation of a building (Saul’s Store) from Colby C. Broussard and Kristiana Broussard. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #420-15/Right of Way Permit for Sorrento Pipeline Company = Mayor Langlinais stated it is an enterprise agreement. Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilwoman Racca to adopt Resolution #420-15, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a consent to assignment of right-of-way permit and amendment of right of way permit from Chevron Midstream Pipeline, LLC to Sorrento Pipeline Company, LLC. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #421-15/Adopting Systems Compliance Questionnaire for 2014/2015 = Gene stated it is a requirement by the State. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Gary to adopt Resolution #421-15, a resolution approving the Louisiana Systems Compliance Questionnaire for the Audit Engagement for 2014/2015. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #15-478/Amending Zoning Ordinance =
Bob stated we are playing catch up with the zoning commission that has been very busy. None of the maps were controversial. Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Higginbotham

To introduce Ordinance #15-478, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Broussard amending the Zoning Ordinance by adding the following maps: Map A-40 724 West Main Street; Map A-48 Nova Drive; Map A-49 Balboa/Burgess; Map A-53 Southfield Subdivision; Map A-54 Broussard Village; Map A-59 Broussard Estates; Map A-60 South Hampton Estates; Map A-61 Hwy 90/Garber; Map A-62 Lexi Falls; Map A-63 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy; Map A-64 Shenandoah Park; Map A-65 Sugarland Drive; Map A-68 WECO Lane; Map A-69 Rue Napoleon/St. Etienne; Map A-70 Ridgeview Drive; Map A-71 St. Ignatius/St. Cabrini/St. Barnabas; Map A-72 Duke St/Knight Street and Map A-73 Ridgeview Village. Roll call:

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

Declare the following police vehicles as salvage and approve the disposition of the said vehicles = Chief Decou stated these are the ones that were replaced this current budget year. Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Resolution #422-15, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Broussard, LA declaring certain items/vehicles as salvage and authorizing the disposition of the said/vehicles by the administration of the City of Broussard, Louisiana. The said vehicles are as follows: #1)Vehicle # B-4 2007 Ford Crown Vic –VIN # 3987; #2) Vehicle # B-26 2009 Dodge – VIN# 2818 and #3) Vehicle # B-27 2009 Dodge – VIN # 2808. Roll call:

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

Approval of Mashburn Machine and Fabrication Infrastructure Improvements = Mark stated we received a grant for Mashburn Machine and Fabrication. The council funded $230,000 to receive a $150,000 grant. Mashburn agreed to hire 12 new employees. The project went to completion and came in at $205,000 of what we contributed. Mash Burn has also hired
the 12 people. Now there is sewer in that area. Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Resolution #424-15, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Broussard, Louisiana accepting the Mashburn Machine and Fabrication Infrastructure improvements project as substantially complete. Roll call:

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

Councilman Foco stated that Mr. Mashburn wanted to come to Broussard. He was previously on Pinhook. If we keep helping these businesses, they will keep coming.

ENGINEER’s REPORT:

Mark’s Report:

Overlay Project = Mark stated the overlay project is moving along. We have gotten some real good feedback from the citizens on it. Councilman Foco stated he spoke to Larry and Mel and they have received calls thanking about the overlay project. Very well done.

Water wells = Mark stated that the State revolving loan has some new terms. They are giving back the forgiveness back. This is directly with the State. There are some systems improvements that we have to do. If we lump them all together, then we only have to pay the bond attorney. Mark stated he feels we should apply. Mark stated he will bring it back with a full disclosure of all the fees. The council instructed Mark to go forward. This will be for the new water wells.

Bayou Tortue Road Drainage = Mayor Langlinais question Mark about the response from Parish Government about Bayou Tortue? Mark stated he is working with them. Mark stated they were shocked that the pipe was changed. We asked to change the pipe and they said they wanted to study it. When they went out there, we had already changed it and added a pipe. When the rain would fall there was silt on the road and it was a hazard. Several residents in that area say it is 100% better.
Walter’s Report:

Morgan Street Lift Station = Walter stated that they are almost finished with Morgan Street lift station. They are getting ready to put up the fencing.

South Bernard Road = Walter stated that the contractor on the South Bernard road will be coming back on the job.

Lateral II = Walter stated that the projects’ first phase will be advertised next week.

Sewer on Robicheaux Road = Councilman Foco stated he was asked about sewer on Robicheaux Road? Walter stated we have enough depth to gravity flow it. Mel stated we have to look at the location of where it is. There is enough depth to go to Fairfield and Albertson. Councilman Foco told Walter to get with Mel about this.

Al’s Report:

St. Nazairre Lift Station = Al stated that they are working on St. Nazairre gravity system. They have applied for DOTD permit to cross highway 90 for the lift station.

South Bernard = Al stated that they are very near completed with the specs and are shooting for February to put out for bid.

St. Etienne Project = Al stated that he failed to tell Garber to submit the plans of the box culverts. He designed them to highway specs so we should be good, but he will double check with him.

Accountant’s Report:

Monthly Report = Gene stated in reference to the January report, there were audit collections that made it go up. This is for sales in November. He is watching the collections. He don’t see us getting results for 3 – 4 months. The only other issue is we spent a lot of money on streets and drainage improvements. We are already over budget. He will not ask to amend it now, but closer when the projects are finished.
Attorney’s Report:

Monthly Report = Don stated that he worked on all of the projects on the agenda. He also gave the council a monthly report.

Architect’s Report:

St. Julian Park/Jack Hains = Davie stated in Phase I, the steel is on the ground and the building should be up shortly. Jack stated they should start any day now.

Amy stated they would like to do an aerial over the site with a drone; do they need special permission? Walter stated you have to contact the FFA and ask for an exemption. Jack recommended they stay under 500 feet.

Phase II = David stated that they are in the final stages. The 20th is the final day to get everything together and then they will send it out for bid. Al stated that we need to have a pre-bid conference first.

Councilman Foco asked Jack to get with them about the old Saul’s store.

Police Department:

Fatality = Chief Decou stated that there was a fatality on Young St. involving a motorcycle. Councilman Foco stated that is terrible for all three families.

Flashing Lights At the School = Chief Decou questioned the status of the flashing lights at the school? Mark stated it will awarded at the next meeting.

Fire Department:

Annual Report = Chief Champagne stated that they have been pretty busy. He stated that Chief Denais has an Annual Report presentation that that he will present to the council. The summary compared the total calls, total incident and calls per month from 2012 – 2014. It also gave a recap of the paid on call program for the year 2014 stating how much it costs and how many incidents and trainings they had per month. It also gave the
training attendance overview along with the incident attendance overview. The end of the report gave the incident location report by districts. Councilman Foco stated we have been trying to this for 14 years. We were told we couldn’t do this. We have done it and it works. Councilman Foco stated none of this was in the paper last week regarding fire protection. Councilman Foco asked Amy to get this information into the paper. Councilman Foco stated we couldn’t do it without the volunteers.

Council Business:

District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

**Speed Bumps** = Councilwoman Batiste stated that she has been working with the Chief in reference to speed bumps.

District VI/Councilman Gary:

**Heart D Farm Road Drainage** = Councilman Gary questioned the stated on the Heart D Farm drainage project; nothing is going on? Mark stated the contractor was pulled off the project to do other projects in town. He will be back.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Councilman Foco stated that we still on top of all the businesses in town. Every one of our employees does a job well done. People are coming here for a reason.

Adjourn:

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

- District I = Yea
- District II = Absent
- District III = Absent
- At Large = Yea
- District IV = Yea
- District V = Yea
- District VI = Yea
s/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR  s/Tina Emert, CITY CLERK