Minutes Of The

February 24, 2015

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles E. Langlinais
Tina M. Emert, City Clerk
Councilwoman Angel Racca, District I
Councilman David Bonin, District II
Councilman Ray Bourque, District II
Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV
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
Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief
Larry Champagne, City Superintendent
Mel Bertrand, City Supervisor
Jack Hains, Recreation Director

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Walter Comeaux lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for Kasie Quebedeaux’s son and her and Rhian and their family.

Adopt Minutes of the February 10, 2015 Regular Meeting =
Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2015 Regular Meeting. Roll call:

District I = Yea        District IV = Yea
District II= Yea        District V = Yea
OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #15-475/Desormeaux/Rue Du Pain Annexation
= Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Bourque
To adopt Ordinance #15-475, an ordinance providing for the annexation of
certain properties located in section 10, township 11 south, range 5 east,
Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Desormeaux/Rue Du Pain
Annexation. Roll call:

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

Adopt Ordinance #15-476/Amending the Code of Ordinances =
Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilwoman Racca to adopt
Ordinance #15-476, an ordinance amending the Broussard Code of
Ordinances in order to implement the latest version of each of several
building codes, and providing for the future update of same. Roll call:

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

Adopt Ordinance #15-477/Authorizing the issuance of 20 million
dollar bonds = Don stated this needs to be tabled, because there are some
things that Donnie Cunningham needed to change. Moved by Councilman
Bonin and second by Councilman Gary, to table Ordinance #15-477, an
ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed twenty million dollars
($20,000,000) of Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds,
Series 2015 of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana for the purpose of
refunding prior Bonds of the City; prescribing the form and conditions of
such bonds and providing for the payment for the payment thereof; and
providing for the other matters in connection therewith. Roll call:

District I = Yea          District IV = Yea
District II = Yea         District V = Yea
Approval of contract for the School Zone Flashing Lights Project = Mark gave the council a copy of the RFP’s. The low bidder stated they can get on this pretty quick. Councilman Foco stated he wants this project to be put in the paper. The school board should be paying for this, but we are. It runs on solar panel. We will be replacing what is there now. Al stated the transfer agreement was signed and in a short time this will be a city street. Mayor Langlinais asked when the section from the Railroad will be done. Al stated it has to be designed by us to standards and then we have to turn it over to them. Mayor Langlinais state we still want to do the sidewalks also on Main Street. After we take it over we can put our sidewalks. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we should put up a rail near the sidewalks? Al stated he will look into. Councilman Bourque questioned when will they start and what is the timeline in the contract? Mark stated they told him that they can start in 2 weeks. He does not have an end date in the contract. Mark stated within 60 days, it should be complete. Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilwoman Racca to approve the low bid from Diamond Electrical Company, Inc.in the amount of $69,100.00 for the School Zone Flashers for Broussard Middle, Katherine Drexel and St. Cecelia. Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Dedication of Lexi Falls Phase I and Crystal Cove Subdivision = Don stated he received a call from Mark and Larry and Mel and they still have to do a walk thru. We will consider this for adoption at the second meeting in March. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Gary to table the dedication of Lexi Falls Phase I and Crystal Cove Subdivision being everything has not been completed. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER’s REPORT:

Mark’s Report:

**Overlay Project** = Mark stated that the overlay project is in the final phases. It is going according to plan. Councilman Foco stated he likes what they did in Comeaux Estates about the sand that is being put on the side instead of the limestone. Larry stated the reason for the delay on the overlay it has to be 50 degrees and over for the weather. They are way above schedule though.

Walter’s Report:

**Morgan Street Lift Station** = Walter stated that the Morgan Street Lift Station is almost finished. We are starting up the pumps a little early. We still have to put the pumps in. It is close to being finished. Councilman Foco stated he needs to tell the contractor that they did an exceptional job with the weather.

**South Bernard** = Walter stated that they are working on South Bernard. He told the contractor they need to pick up their pace.

**Cypress Bayou Lateral II** = Walter stated that in reference to Cypress Bayou Lateral II it has been advertised. Bid opening is next month. He is also advised that he is working on the drainage behind Comeaux Estates. He thinks it needs some attention. Walter stated that Councilman Gary asked him to look at a lateral of Cypress Bayou. It runs by Bernard Road. He will be looking into this. Walter stated these little miscellaneous jobs, they are kind of tough to get some prices on it. Councilman Bonin stated questioned what about under Albertsons by the Duhon ditch going towards the retention pond. It is the time of year to clean the pond. Mayor Langlinais stated that is by Greg Manual’s development.

Al’s Report:

**South Bernard Road** = Al stated that South Bernard from Highway 182 to railroad track we are preparing an exhibit showing. Mayor
Langlinais questioned Don about the litigation on Melancon Estate; it seems to him to we need to settle the litigation. Don stated he will check into this.

**Blackwater** = Al stated that they met the representatives from Blackwater Engineering about the development. The meeting was to make sure that everyone was on the same page. Looks like it will all fit. They did right of way maps. They should have the plats next week. Councilman Foco stated if Entergy gets the entire development they can use that as a credit. Mayor Langlinais asked them for the cost of above or underground. And also for the cost of changing to a different type of pole. Mayor Langlinais stated he also talked to them about changing the wooden poles on Main Street and they said the wooden poles are better.

**Accountant’s Report:**

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

**Attorney’s Report:**

Don stated that he had nothing to report on.

**Architect’s Report:**

**Park** = Jack stated that they will advertise the first of next week and open bids next month for the second phase of the park. Councilman Higginbotham stated he saw the framing materials there were today. Councilman Bourque stated in 90 days he would like to see Jack’s plan for the park for the number of employees, equipment and whatever else is needed. Mayor Langlinais stated he talked to Jack about getting RFP’s for maintenance. Jack stated he can give numbers in both directions. Jack stated if you hire someone you will have to give him a depreciation. Councilman Bourque stated he will also need a custodian, he will need security. Jack stated there are programs that are running that they want to facilitate and some they may need to coordinate. Jack stated he will have something laid out and drawn up in 90 days so they will have something to look at. Amy stated we need to discuss the operating budget for what the recreation department will be including for the billboards. Councilman Foco stated he doesn’t want to tie them up for 5 years. Councilman Bourque stated we wants to give them opportunity and not bleed them for money.
Police Department:

Chief Decou stated he had nothing to report on and he thanked the council for the School Zone lights.

**Morgan Street Call** = The council questioned Chief Decou about the call that occurred on Main Street. Chief Decou that that there was an attempted suicide call that came in at a very high level which is why they had the response they had. He was able to get the individual to come in.

Fire Department:

**Thanks** = Chief Champagne thanked everyone for all the prayers and support for Kasie and Rhian and their complete staff. The out pour support from the community was overwhelming and very much appreciated. Chief Champagne stated that it makes you glad you live here. Councilman Foco stated they had an incident today and they will get some slack, but they don’t need to worry about it. Councilman Foco stated don’t worry about the threats. Chief Decou stated he handled the situation.

Council Business:

**District I/Councilwoman Racca:**

**Thanks** = Councilwoman Racca commended the fire and the police department and everyone that made this happen for them. She asked everyone to keep them in their prayers, they have a tough road ahead.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

Councilman Bonin had nothing to report on.

**District III/Councilman Bourque:**

**Chamber** = Councilman Bourque stated that the Chamber will be hosting the Business after hours at Le Triomphe on Thursday. It will be sponsored by Cypress Bayou Casino.
District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

Councilwoman Batiste stated she had nothing to report on.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Councilman Higginbotham had nothing to report on.

District VI/Councilman Gary:

Thanks = Councilman Gary thanked Mel and Larry in reference to their help this week with the speed bumps and the drainage problems he had. Chief Decou stated he got some calls from some citizens in some subdivisions about the roads that got re-paved and they took out the speed bumps; they want to know when they will be back installed. Councilman Gary stated he handled it.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Prayers = Councilman Foco stated he feels for Kasie and Rhian and don’t know how he would react to this situation. He asked everyone to keep them in their prayers and the firefighters.

Councilwoman Racca told Chief Champagne whatever we do need to do for the guy’s, get it or if something we can do, let us know. Chief Decou stated we may need to get some professional treatment for some. The council informed the Chief to get whatever is needed for the guys and the city will pay it.

Adjourn:

Adjourn the Meeting = 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
CLERK

s/Tina Emert, CITY