Minutes Of The
October 13, 2015
Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles 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
Gene Chiarulli, City Accountant
Walter Comeaux, City Engineer
Mark Savoy, City Engineer
Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Justin Denais, Deputy Fire Chief
Larry Champagne, City Superintendent
Mel Bertrand, City Supervisor
Elmer Girouard, City Superintendent
Jack Hains, Recreation Director
Donnie Cunningham, Bonding Attorney

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Chief Decou with
the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our troops.

Adopt Minutes of the September 22, 2015 Regular Meeting =
Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Higginbotham
to adopt the minutes of the September 22, 2015 regular city council
meeting. Roll call:
NEW BUSINESS:

**Scott Poynot/Zoning Change Request** = Mr. Poynot was not present. He wants it from neighborhood commercial to light industrial. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilwoman Racca to change the zoning of 901 East Main Street the warehouse property only, owned by Scott and Kelda Poynot from Neighborhood Commercial to Light Industrial. Roll call:

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

**Rachelle Falgout/Candidate for Lafayette Parish Tax Assessor** = Ms. Falgout addressed the council. She stated that we have had a politician for the tax assessor for the last 15 years. She feels there is room for improvement. Councilman Foco questioned if she talking about re-assessing all properties? She explained why she is seeking office. She explained about blatant properties. She feels some properties should be re-appraised. She feels their budget should be cut down. Mayor Langlinais stated we are the largest tax payer in Lafayette Parish, we get nothing in return. Mayor Langlinais stated he knows Mr. Comeaux personally and he has always been fair. She stated that she can make it more user friendly. She told everyone if they need anything to please call her anytime.

**Mr. Donnie Rouse w/Rouse’s Markets/Timing of expedited row acquisition by DOTD as requirements for Rouse’s to come forward with their Broussard location** = Mr. Donnie Rouse was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Paul Beaullieu addressed the council. Mr. Beaullieu stated that Bill Oliver, LADOTD told us we need to pass a resolution to send to Baton Rouge for this. This is a voluntary acquisition for the resolution. Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Resolution #450-15 requesting to LADOTD for a voluntary expedited acquisition of the corner parcel for Rouse’s Super Market. . Roll call:
Introduce Ordinance #15-493/Saint Nazaire – Robert St. Julien

Annexation = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Gary to introduce Ordinance #15-493, an ordinance of the City Council for the City of Broussard enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in Section 91, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Saint Nazaire Road – Robert St. Julien Annexation. Roll call:

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

Councilman Ray Gary/Request that all future setback requests for a set-back variance, must have a site plan accompanying the request = Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Bonin to require that everyone has a site plan for all set-back variances in the future. Roll call:

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

Councilman Ray Bourque/Current projects that need to be delayed = Councilman Bourque stated that the Finance Committee has been meeting every week in reference to the city’s finances. Unfortunately there are some projects that will have to be cut, due to the down turn in revenues. We are only be cautious, but this is to be done diligently. The only project at this time we can delay is on the 3rd page of the project list the Ambassador Caffery/Huval Lift Station for $290,000. Until there is some development in that area, he feels that we don’t need to do it now. Councilman Bourque stated he feels the budget committee will report back later with more projects if they also need to be delayed later. Right now the total for all projects are about 52 million on the books, excluding the park. It was the consensus of the council that this needs to be done. Moved by Councilman
Bourque and second by Councilman Gary to delay the Huval/Ambassador Lift Station. Roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

**Adopt Ordinance #15-490, Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance**

Donnie stated a couple of years ago the City issued a bond for the first phase of the Park. With rates down the city is able to qualify for another $12,000,000 for the park. They tried to get into the market, because rates are real low right now. The bonds were really well received. The deposit in the construction account will be $11,985,000.00. It is a 30 year fixed under 4%. Councilman Bourque questioned what is this money earmarked for? This will be used with the remaining money in phase I for the park and for Phase II. The lights are set up as part 2-b. We shouldn’t have to go back for any more money. There is no intention to go for anymore bonds.

Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilman Gary to adopt Ordinance #15-490, a Second Supplemental Ordinance amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 12-416 (*the “General Bond Ordinance”*), as supplemented and amended by First Supplemental Ordinance No. 12-416, as amended by Amendment to Bond Ordinance No. 12-415 and First Supplemental Ordinance No. 12-416, providing for the sales of the Recreational Facility Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, pursuant to the General Bond Ordinance, prescribing the form, fixing the details, and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on such Series 2015 Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Ordinance #15-491/Atmos Energy Corporation Franchise Agreement**

The 3% is the maximum the city would charge for the franchise fee for 10 years. Moved by Councilwoman Racca and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt ordinance #15-491, an ordinance of the City of Broussard, LA granting to Atmos Energy Corporation (a Texas and
Virginia Corporation with its principal office in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas) and its successors and assigns the franchise and rights to conduct in such city the business of acquiring, maintaining, constructing, laying, repairing, removing, replacing, installing, operating, and disposing of a gas system for the sale, transportation and distribution of natural gas within and beyond the municipal boundaries of the city and to the residents and businesses located therein for light, heat, power, and any other purposes and the right to use the present and future streets, roads, highways, alleys, bridges, public ways, and immovable property in such purposes; prescribing the terms and conditions to which such franchise and rights are subject; and prescribing the term of such franchise and rights. Roll call:

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**Adopt Ordinance #15-492/Jeansonne Investments, LLC Annexation** = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt ordinance #15-492, an ordinance of the City Council for the City of Broussard enacting ordinances and sections to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in section 35, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana being known as the Jeansonne Investments, LLC Annexation. Roll call:

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**Adopt Resolution #448-15/Meeting Procedures** = Councilman Foco stated we have run some very relaxed meetings for a long time and sometimes they get carried away. Our attorney has suggested that this be done form now on so that the meetings can be done in an orderly fashion. Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Bourque to adopt Resolution #448-15, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Broussard, Louisiana establishing procedures for interested persons who wish to be heard on matters relating to the Broussard City Government. Roll call:

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District III = Yea  
District VI = Yea  
At Large = Yea

ENGINEER’s REPORT:

Mark’s Report:

Overlay Project = Mark stated that they are wrapping up the overlay now. We are talking about Bayou Tortue and the rest of the overlay. There is a little bit of dressing up to be done.

Walter’s Report:

Lateral 2 Division I = Walter stated all the roads have been patched and the contractor did not ask for the final inspection yet.

North Bernard Drainage = Walter stated that this was awarded at the last meeting. When the contract is executed we will do a change order to remove a portion that the Mayor wants done. The Mayor wanted to concentrate form the big coulee to highway 90 and do the other section later.

Al’s Report:

Monthly Status Report = Al stated that he provided a project status report to everyone. He will answer any questions that they may have.

St. Etienne Road Project = Al stated we were going to open the bids on the 27th. This is re-construct the road to 3 lanes. Councilman Foco stated he thinks we can put this on hold. Al stated he will contact the bidders that it has been cancelled.

Architect’s Report:

Park = Mayor Langlinais asked Al and David to give Tina a re-cap of the numbers for the park. We just want to make sure our numbers are good.

St. Julien Park Phase I = David stated he gave the contractor a punch list. We had a lot of delays. We did have some things that did change. Completion was October 28th. We gave them 60 days to complete
the remaining items. That would make 60 days from October 23rd. Application for payment #12 was approved and submitted less retainage. Change order number was modifications to the project.

**St. Julien Park Phase II =** David stated that on phase II, the work has not started yet. They are receiving a lot of shop drawings. Final documents for the sports field lighting are complete and ready for implementing. He would like to set up a rec committee, Jack and David and Don about a contractor’s appeal regarding the lighting. They will entertain that. They got the stuff together to do the change order or put it out for bid. Councilman Higginbotham suggested that we are fixing to get into sugar cane season. We will have rat and mice in the concession stand. Jack stated he does have a pesticide license and he will take care of that. David stated the change order needs to be approved.

**Change Order for Phase I/ St. Julien Park =** Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilman Higginbotham to approve the change order in the amount of $2,957.06 for Phase I. Roll call:

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

Councilman Foco stated he knows a pest control person that will take care of the pest control issue there for free advertising only.

**Accountant’s Report:**

Gene was not present.

**Attorney’s Report:**

**Parish Council Candidate =** Don recognized Ms. Nanette Cook who is here tonight to observe our meeting. She is running for Parish Councilwoman for the Broussard District.

**Monthly Report =** Don gave the council their monthly report.
Police Department:

**Monthly Report** = Chief Decou stated that he e-mailed everyone that was going on. There has been a lot of serious crashes.

**Ida Park** = Chief Decou stated that at the next meeting we need to see about enacting an ordinance to deal with the times the park is open, right now meaning Ida Park. This is a safety issue for everyone. Chief Decou asked Tina to add this to the agenda. Chief Decou stated normally the parks will shut down right after the dark. Don stated at 10:00 p.m. is usually the time they close. He will call around and check.

**Night Out on Crime** = Councilman Bourque complimented on the Night Out on Crime. It was a great turnout. Chief Decou stated that they feel they had one of the largest turnouts. Chief Decou stated he feels the temperature difference made it a lot better.

**Parking Issue on Marguerite Street** = Councilman Bonin complimented Chief Decou about the parking issue on Marguerite Street which was well taken care of. The people on Marguerite wanted him to thank the Chief.

**Civil Service** = Councilman Foco questioned Chief Decou if the documents have been turned into the Civil Service Board? Chief Decou stated they were turned in and there were some edits. In 30 or 40 days they will have a meeting. That is when those job classifications will be adopted. Mayor Langliniais informed Chief Decou that he had a request from Percy Racca that he would like to serve on Civil Service when a position becomes available.

Fire Department:

**National Night Out** = Deputy Chief Denais addressed the council. He stated that National Night Out was a great event. He stated as the council may have seen at the event there is a wide range of things they can do in reference to the Fire Prevention. Their Fire Prevention program is offered to everyone. Fire Prevention is in full force this month.
Smoke Detector Program = Deputy Chief Denais stated that their Smoke Detector rolled out this week. Smoke Detectors request application are being sent out to all residents and are also available on line and at the Fire Station.

Council Business:

Councilwoman Batiste:

Thanks = Councilwoman Batiste thanked the Chief for helping out at the Church Fair weekend before last. She also would like to thank the maintenance crew about street lights that they have taken care of for her.

Councilman Higginbotham:

Lakeview Drive = Councilman Higginbotham stated that in District 5 was the last gravel road Broussard had. It has finally been overlaid. That is Lakeview Drive.

Councilman Foco:

Thanks – Councilman Foco thanked the Chief Decou for getting everything into Civil Service. He also thanked the Chief and the Deputy Fire Chief Denais for everything they did for the National Night Out on Crime.

Adjourn:

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

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s/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR s/Tina Emert, CITY CLERK