

MINUTES OF THE Tuesday August 14, 2018

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
Walter Comeaux, City Engineer
Mark Savoy, City Engineer
Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief
Mel Bertrand, City Supervisor
Sheriff Mark Garber

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

Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance = Sheriff Mark Garber lead with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silent prayer was done for Ms. Bea Angelle.

Approval of Minutes of minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 24, 2018=
Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the July 24, 2018 regular city council. Roll call:

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

Sheriff Mark Garber:

Tax Incentive = Sheriff Garber addressed the council. He introduced everyone from his office. He is happy to say he is supporting our current Chief of Police Brannon Decou for his bid for re-election. He is taking an existing one cent sales tax that was passed thru Neustrom and reduce it to ½ cent. It will be reapportioned from unincorporated Lafayette, to the entire parish.

The current action he has done with his resources. He has been very fiscally responsible. He reduced his overtime expense from 2015, 2016 and 2017 by 90%. He consolidated changes of command. He has more people working and his payroll is less. The Acadiana Recovery Center has not been shut down but it is currently ran by a private organization at less money. He restructured contracts. Most than 80% of his fleet had to be replaced because of major repairs. They leased purchased a lot of his fleet. They support other agencies, when help is needed in: enforcement support, patrol support, metro narcotics, metro crime scene, intelligence section, criminal investigations, SWAT, K9 support, search and rescue, high water vehicles, divers, boats, aviation support, drones, dispatch services, juvenile assessment center, fleet maintenance, shooting range and ALETA Academy. The Training Center trained over 23,000 officers from various agencies in 2016. They support our communities with inmate work crews, juvenile assessment center and other community support services. The debt when he entered office was \$18 million in debt to construction of the Public Safety Complex and he had to borrow \$6 million over the past two years to meet payroll needs. Their services has increased to meet the demands. He documented what the budget was spent on the last year. He wants to put additional personnel on the streets. He wants to add 40 correctional deputies. He needs to replace fleet police vehicles and expand license plate readers. He would also like to create a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the city to offer a supplementation to each officer for \$250 per month if this tax passes and also to the Chief. He feels this will be an incentive to keep good officers. Councilman Bourque questioned being he has a deficit is there a flip side of the coin? Sheriff Garber stated he is expecting in 5 years he should be able to start reducing the property tax millage on your property taxes. It prevents him from becoming a library. Why a sales tax and not a property tax? He thinks a sales tax is more fair and because this tax effects everyday people. It will not be on food and drugs. It is easier to do it like this. Mayor Langlinais questioned how will we handle the jail? Sheriff Garber stated whenever the parish wants to move the jail; they will. The overflow gets shipped out of parish. They have over 600 inmates right now. Councilman Foco questioned about the sales tax if it will be throughout the whole parish? Sheriff Garber stated it will be throughout the whole parish. Chief Decou thanked him for his support and he thanks him for letting the council know that he was officially endorsing him. Chief Decou stated when they have large incidents it has always been and resourceful to receive the assistance of the Sheriff Department. All of us rely on the Sheriff Department resources. Chief Decou stated that he has never received more calls from the Sheriff for support, than any other Sheriff. Chief Decou thanked him.

Brian McClain:

Variance request for Gabe's Crossing Re-Subdivision = Mark stated that he needs a variance for the commercial lot. He needs 5 variances: utility niches, zero lot lines, reduce front setback, reduce side setback and reduce building setback. This was recently approved for the 18 lines previously. This will match what was done prior. He thought he was going to do a country store, but it didn't make sense after Super One was built. He is asking for the same variances, he was granted on all the other lots. All the variances will be uniformed on what he currently has. All 5 variances were previously approved. This is a gated community. Councilman Bourque questioned if there is currently a parking issue? McClain stated there is no current issues. Mayor Langlinais questioned how many will be owner occupied or rentals? McClain stated most of our buyers are older and buy to downsize. The people there love the concept there. There will be no backing onto La Neuville. Councilman Foco questioned

if anyone has closed in the carport? McClain stated no, they cannot modify the house. They do build a little storage area for them. Moved by Councilwoman Racca and second by Councilman Bonin to approve the variance request for zero lot line, carport configuration, parking and zoning change for Gabe's Crossing Re-subdivision of Lot 19-A, Lot 19-B, Lot 19-C and E. Roll call:

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

Don Landry:

Adopt Resolution #548-18/Property donation for the Billeaud Elementary/E Fairfield sewage lift station = Moved by Councilman Bourque second by Councilman Bonin to adopt Resolution #548-18, a resolution of the city council of the city of Broussard, LA authorizing the Mayor of the City of Broussard, LA to accept the donation of property for a lift station site, and a temporary construction servitude form Broussard Plantation, Inc. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #18-571/Amending Ordinance #15-484, regarding sign regulations = Don stated we are asking to amend this ordinance because of issues we had with the sign for Hebert's. Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Higginbotham to introduce Ordinance #18-571, an ordinance of the city council of the City of Broussard, LA amending Ordinance #15-484, Section 6.09 C. to further establish regulations and procedures for permitting construction and placement of signs in the City of Broussard, LA. Roll call:

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

Political /Temporary Sign Ordinance Variance for the Nov. 6th election = Don stated our ordinance states you cannot put them up 60 days before the election. He has received a few calls and he don't see a problem with this. Don stated we can talk about amending our sign ordinance. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Bonin to grant a variance to the sign ordinance to allow political/temporary signs to be placed within the City of Broussard effective August 15, 2018 for the Nov. 6th election. Roll call:

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

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

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

District V = Yea
District VI = Yea

s/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

s/Tina Emert, CITY CLERK