

MINUTES OF THE Tuesday July 24, 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
Justin Denais, Fire Dept.
Mel Bertrand, City Supervisor
Cliff Guidry/Lake Development
Robert Minyard
Jeff Delahoussaye
Heather Girouard

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

Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance = Mr. Robert Minyard lead with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silent prayer was done for Butch Smith.

Approval of Minutes of minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 10, 2018=
Councilman Bonin stated that there is a correction to the minutes. He voted nay instead of yea on the Picard Group Contract. Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt the minutes of the July 10, 2018 regular city council with the correction. Roll call:

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

Mr. Jeremy Hidalgo:

Adopt Resolution #544-18/Contract with Broussard Chamber of Commerce and Marketing Update Services = Jeremy stated it is an update on what they have done. In reference to the park St. Julien Facebook page. They have instituted a lot of campaigns. They have 74,000 likes. They have over 4 million impressions of that page. They had over 18,000 engagements. They put over 132 posts. The thing the people care about the most is the splash pad at the park. St. Julien Jams came in at number 2. They have had 525 % increase in activity on Facebook. They have been having very positive results. The end result is that more people know about the city and the park. Councilman Bourque questioned about the sponsorships for the park? They are almost at \$600,000 in sponsorships. Councilman Bourque stated that the businesses that bought sponsorships, stated it has helped them with business. Councilman Bourque stated that he sits on the board, so asked Don if he should abstain. Don, stated he don't see a problem with him voting, because the board is unpaid, but it is up to him. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Bourque to adopt Resolution #547-18, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Broussard, LA authorizing the Mayor for the City of Broussard to enter into an agreement with the Broussard Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit corporation for managing City of Broussard and St. Julien Park Websites(s) and social media accounts, and for the sale of sponsorships. Roll call:

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

Presentation on Broussard gateways and historic/downtown area signage (VISION 2040 PLAN) = Jeremy approached the council. The task force consists of 11 members, and tonight Robert Minyard/Cliff Guidry/Jeff Delahoussaye came to the council to do a presentation on part of the VISION 2040 Plan. Councilman Foco stated that was the intersection of our first red light. The presentation showed the future image of the intersection of Morgan and Main Street. This is only an example. Item 2 is the gateway locations, where proposed gateway signs are to be placed. Illustrations of the signs were showed. The idea would be to keep the signage consistent. The idea was to come tonight and let them know that the committee is putting a lot of thought into this and they are working on it. The committee will be coming back with more recommendation and cost. Councilman Bourque stated that these ideas were driven by the people of Broussard who attended the 2040 meeting last year with their recommendations. That was a top priority of that meeting. Beautifying Broussard goes hand in hand. Several business owners in the community have put up their own money to get this 2040 plan done. Councilman Foco thanked the Chamber and the task force for being interested in the town. Cliff Guidry stated he called the Historic Division in Baton Rouge and there is funding available for that. Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt Resolution #544-18, a resolution of the council of the City of Broussard, La declaring the intersection at Morgan Avenue and Main Street the Center of Broussard. Roll call:

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

Brian McClain:

Variance Request in Gabe's Crossing = Don stated that they made a presentation to the planning commission and they were supposed to be present tonight. Councilwoman Racca stated he already has received 5 variances. Don recommended to table this item. Moved by Councilman Gary and Second by Councilman Bourque to table this item. Roll call:

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

Mark Savoie & Cliff Guidry:

LA Hwy 182 Industrial Park Phase I Roadway Project Substantial Complete = Cliff Guidry and his engineer approached the council. Mark stated Travis did the engineering for the project and Mark did the overseeing of the project. Mark stated that is the first time we do it like this. Don stated we started this by ordinance committing up to \$500,000. A donation was done by Cliff's company for \$80,000. There were amendments done. The project is coming in at a completion cost of \$402,712.59. The project estimated to cost at \$500,000, but the bid came in at \$458,815.00 and \$80,000 was put up by Cliff Guidry/Lake Development. They submitted the engineering invoices for \$44,242.76 for their engineering and inspections, because it was under \$500,000. Mark stated they did more of the administration, the bid specs and there was a lot of other stuff that went on during the project. This is in St. Martin area. Travis stated they also had to work with the railroad. We are talking 25% of engineering with Travis and Mark's engineering. Mark stated we had an inspector go inspect every 2 days, even though they had an inspector. Mark stated they had inspectors and we had inspectors also. Councilwoman Racca stated she is not understanding because we had 2 engineers on one project. Don stated he looked at this and Allan Durand looked at this also and it is legal. We sent this to SMEDA, thru Mr. Allan Durand. Mayor Langlais stated there was a contract for \$500,000. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels that it should have been one engineer. Mark stated the engineer was working for Cliff, not for the City. Travis stated he is used to working with private developers, not cities. He is thankful that Mark was there to help them. Don stated the agreement was accepted by SMEDA and later amended, because of the jobs that were to be provided. Councilman Bourque stated he remembers working on this project, private public partnership to stimulate economic development here. At the course of this we were advised and now we have engineer bills which are more than normal. That is what they are disputing. Mark stated they finished the plans. Everything came in under budget. Don stated this is not a typical project. Councilman Foco stated it came in under budget, but now we have two engineer bills. Don stated the way it was done, it was the best way done for the auditing purposes. Councilman Higginbotham stated he doesn't understand paying double engineering. Travis stated their request total is around \$447,000. They had one bid that exceeded the \$580,000. Moved by Councilman Racca and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt Resolution #546-18, to approve the engineer reimbursement back to Cliff Guidry for \$44,242.76 for engineering and the \$80,000, which he originally put up and the retainage balance of \$40,271.00 to Glenn Lege and approving the project as being substantially complete. Roll call:

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

Chief Champagne/Fire Dept:

Adopt Resolution #545-18, Declaring the units as salvage and approve the donation of the units to the Carencro Fire Department = Moved by Councilwoman Racca and second by Councilman Foco to adopt Resolution #545-18, a resolution of the city council of the City of Broussard, declaring the following fire fighting vehicle: 2006 Ford Expedition #0334 and 2006 Ford Expedition #3777 as salvage and donation of those certain firefighting vehicles to the City of Carencro. Roll call:

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

Don Landry:

Variance request to sign ordinance for Hebert's Specialty Meats on Ambassador = Don stated at the last meeting we asked them to come back after measurements were done. Don stated he looked at it and he looked at some literature regarding the height of the sign. He looked at several signs in that area. It is recommendation that we grant the variance. And allow him to prepare an amendment to our ordinance regarding signs. Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Higginbotham to approve the variance for Hebert's Specialty Meats on Ambassador for the front sign. Roll call:

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

Councilman Bonin questioned about the site angle? Don stated we surely don't want to do that. Motion by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Bourque to allow Don to go forward with amending the sign ordinance. Roll call:

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

ADJOURN:

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

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

At Large = Yea

s/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

s/Tina Emert, CITY CLERK