

MINUTES OF THE Tuesday October 9, 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
Al Reaux, City Engineer
Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Bryan Champagne Fire Chief
Mel Bertrand, City Supervisor
Burton Kolder, City Auditor
Brad Kolder, City Auditor

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

Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance = Burton Kolder lead with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silent prayer was done. Councilwoman Batiste read an appreciation to the Chief of Police and the donors for their successful church fair this weekend.

Approval of Minutes of minutes of the Regular Meeting on Sept. 25, 2018=
Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the Sept. 25, 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	

Mr. Donald Haines w/ Waste Management:

Presentation on Recycling = Don Haines addressed the council. He thanked the City for being a customer of his. He wanted to give a brief synopsis on market changes. Recycling the market has changed. More than 50% of our recyclables are shipped to China. They are educating municipalities on how to recycle the right way. They are looking at other places to send the recyclables. As the market changes they will see some market changes. They remind people to keep some items out of the recyclables like empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard and food and glass and liquids and empty directly into your cart. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how do they monitor trash and know what is contaminated? Haines stated it is when they take the grade on it. Councilman Bonin questioned if the recycling unit is heavily used in Broussard? Donald stated not at this time. Participation rate is 15% - 25%. Councilman Bourque questioned what is the method? Haines stated it has to be in the recycle can, not in the trash can. Councilman Bourque stated the service has been better since he has taken over. Chief Decou asked Mr. Haines to please ask the drivers to put the cans back onto the property and not on the roadway. Mr. Haines stated they try to put the cans in a safe place. DOTD does put regulations on their drivers, that they can no longer drive after a certain amount of hours. Mayor Langlinais stated Waste Management does a good job and he feels it is better since he has been on board.

Mr. Toby Armentor w/BEDC:

Adopt Resolution #552-18, appointing Terrance Richard to the Broussard Economic Development Board = Councilman Bourque gave a brief background on Terrence Richard. Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Resolution #552-18, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Broussard, LA, confirming and ratifying the organization of the Broussard Economic Development Corporation and to provide for the appointment of Terrence to fill the vacancy created effected October 9, 2018 till November 1, 2020. Roll call:

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

Mr. Burton Kolder w/Kolder, Slaven and Company:

2017/2018 Audit Report = Burton and Brad gave the audit report. They did the exit conference a few weeks ago with the Mayor, the Finance Committee, Tina and Mel. We did end up with a surplus. The management letter will be sent to the legislative auditor, stating the water and sewer departments should be operating on a profitable basis. We have been going up in revenues, but the expenses have gone up. Burton stated if we keep raising the rates, we will have a profitable basis. Brad went thru the Utility Fund report. Garbage did very well this year. We had a surplus of \$21,364. In reference to the sewage we had a loss of \$1,165,565 and water we had a loss of \$748,241. Councilman Higginbotham stated we had talked about restricting the depreciation formula? Burton stated we did talk about that re-evaluating, but would have to sit with the engineers about this. The main structure of the system is 40 – 50 years. He don't think we can get a hold of a lot that. After bringing all of the revenues together and expenses we had a loss of \$1,838,295. Burton asked when we will be online with the new well. Mark stated at the

end of the year. Mark stated if we sequenced them all together the last well would have been online at the end of 2020. Councilman Foco stated that the cost of the well and the treatment facility went up, that is why we have held off on the second and third well. Burton read the handout of the schedule of utility income loss per customer per month since 2015. Burton stated the problems are the rates are so low. He understands we don't want to penalize the citizens; but we do have a good handle on the expenses. Brad read the income statement for the park. Revenue was \$327,625 and expenses is \$2,360,204. Total loss of operation was \$2,032,579. Burton stated since this is operated with a service; then you have to handle it like an enterprise fund. The bonds that were issued are on the park statement and are paid from the recreation sales tax. You have to capture all the costs of the fund. Burton went over the handout. We are up about 15% in sales tax. Our revenues are up 2.51 % from budget. Our expenditure variance from budget was over 1.32%. We did \$600,000 better than what we thought. Burton went over the summary of the operating surplus (deficit). In 2016 we had an operating surplus of \$1,883,963 and in 2017 we had \$2,671,056 and in 2018 we had \$2,581,785. We still have been operating this city on a surplus standpoint when looking at an operating surplus. General Fund we have 9 ½ months of reserve to operate and overall we have 5 ½ months. We still have healthy surpluses. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if that included the amendments to the budgets? Burton stated yes that is taken in all together at the end. We will should have a better handfull on the park later. Burton thanked the council for letting them work for the city.

Mr. Don Landry:

Adopt Resolution #553-18/Billeaud Elementary School Flashers = Moved by Councilman Bonin second by Councilwoman Racca to adopt resolution #553-18, accepting the lowest bid for \$28,104.00 from E. P. Breaux Electric for the Billeaud Elementary School Zone Flashers Project. 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 #18-576/Accept bid for the E. Fairfield—Billeaud Elementary Pump Station and amending the 2018/2019 budget = Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Ordinance #18-576, amending the 2018/2019 operating budget of revenues and expenditure of the City of Broussard, LA by adding the sum of \$74,442.00 for the construction of the E. Fairfield/Billeaud Elementary Pump Station site and accepting the bid from Bihm Construction Co., Inc. for that construction. 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 #18-579/Accepting quotes for Railroad Approach Repairs and amend the 2018/2019 budget to add this project = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilwoman Racca to introduce Ordinance #18-579, an ordinance of the city council amending the 2018/2019 operating budget of revenues and expenditures of the City of

Broussard, LA by adding the sum of \$60,000.00 for the Railroad Approach Repairs at St. Etienne Road, Albertson Parkway, Morgan Street and KOL Drive and accepting the bid of Le Talley Ho Construction in the amount of \$58,200.00 for that project. 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 #18-580/Flood Damage Prevention = Don stated FEMA and the Federal Government states that this ordinance need to be adopted. There are deadlines that we have to meet before the end of the year. Mark stated the revisions are basically what the city has changed. FEMA has the blue comments. Councilman Bonin questioned if we are doing the 1 foot above base elevation? Mark stated we have no issue with that at all. We just need to adopt and give them this ordinance before the due date. Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilman Gary to introduce Ordinance #18-580, an ordinance of the Broussard City Council by adopting Flood Damage Prevention Regulations in the City 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	

Councilman Bourque:

Cap-Pele' = Councilman Bourque recognized Justin LeBlanc who came to visit the city for the festival. He is from Cape' Pele', New Brunswick. They are our sister city. Justin stated it is an honor to be here. There is a lot of potential to look at. The partnership started in 1984. They are a small coastal town. They have the warmest salt water beaches south of Virginia Beach. He invited everyone to go to Cap-Pele', New Brunswick next year for the trip being planned by the chamber.

Adjournment = Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilman Bonin 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. Langlais, MAYOR

s/Tina Emert, CITY CLERK