

**MINUTES OF THE Tuesday Sept. 25, 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

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

**Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance** = Councilman Higginbotham lead with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silent prayer was done for Mr. Henry Langlinais.

**Approval of Minutes of minutes of the Regular Meeting on Sept. 11, 2018=**  
Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the Sept. 11, 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. Jerry Lynn/BEDC and Mr. Ben Berthelot:**

**Lafayette Tourism//Bringing events to St. Julien Sports Complex** = Mr. Lynn and Mr. Berthelot addressed the council. Mr. Lynn chairs the Tourism Committee. One major thing we have is our park. One of the things they feel they need to do is develop strategic partnerships

with Lafayette Tourism to help promote St. Julien Park. Mr. Berthelot stated he was here 8 months ago. They have offered to be part of the Tourism Committee with BEDC. He spoke to Joey Odom with USSSA who praises this park. Some other assets are the restaurants we have here. They have \$25,000 budgeted to bring events to the park in this budget year. They want to help us focus on other weekends, when there are no USSSA events there. They do have that money available to track events out of USSSA. They have also had some conversations with USSSA and would like to have more teams here. They have a visitor enterprise program. They are looking forward to working with the city in any capacity. Councilman Bourque complimented him on the grants they have provided to the Chamber for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Christmas. We are not out of time for the \$25,000 in this year's budget for the other events. Their job is to bring the events here. The council thanked them for the info.

**Tina Emert:**

**Approve receipt of the August 2018 Expenditure Report** = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Gary to approve receipt of the August 2018 Expenditure Report from Tina. Roll call:

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

**Mr. Mel Bertrand:**

**Railroad approach repairs** = Mel stated he was asked by Councilman Bonin to redo some of the railroad approaches in town. The railroad will allow us to redo it within their right of ways. We will only do right of ways, not the tracks. Councilman Bonin stated we don't want them to damage what we do. Councilman Foco questioned what if we can do our part after them? Mel stated he don't think that will happen. Mel stated he originally had 6 crossings. The railroad will do the ones on Eola Road and Hwy 182. He got 3 quotes from contractors we have here. Al Reaux questioned if Morgan isn't a state road? Mel stated they have no plans to do Morgan. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Bourque to approve the quote for the railroad approach repairs for St. Etienne Crossing/Albertson Parkway Crossing/Morgan Street Crossing and KOL Drive Crossing from Le Talley Ho Construction in the amount of \$58,200.00 and amend the budget for \$60,000. Roll call:

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

Don will prepare the Ordinance for the next meeting.

**Don Landry:**

**Adopt Ordinance #18-573/Agreement with Cox Wireless Access for a contract franchise and city structure use** = Don stated we did receive a presentation from Karmen Blanco about this. Carencro has already signed it and Scott and Youngsville are looking into this also. Don stated that

AT&T also wanted to tag on to this ordinance, but he told them to send their contract in; because it is a non-exclusive contact. Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Ordinance #18-573, authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Cox Wireless Access, LLC for a Contract Franchise and City Structure Use. 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 #18-574/Agnes Girouard Annexation =**

Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Bourque to introduce Ordinance #18-574, to provide for the annexation of certain properties located in section 95, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, LA being known as the Agnes Girouard, Et Al 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 #18-575/Height of weeds and noxious growth from 24 inches 12 inches =** Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't feel we can really enforce this, because some weeds are really grown taller than the regular grass. He would like us to give them a variance, especially in the large property areas. Councilman Bonin stated if you cut your grass once a year it is 6 foot tall and when you cut it, the coyotes come out and go into the neighborhoods. Councilman Foco stated some areas are agriculture. Councilman Bonin stated the old part of town looks bad. A lot of people are fed up with that. Councilman Bonin stated on Ambassador they need to cut those properties at least every month. Mayor Langlinais stated he needs to separate the areas from country to neighborhood. Don stated he can look at the other part of the ordinance if they want to. Don stated that there is supposed to be a buffer in those areas. Councilman Gary stated like on Bernard, they are cutting it in lots; then what happens in the middle. Councilman Bonin stated this is a good event to clean the old part of town. Councilwoman Racca, questioned if her area would be considered a dedicated subdivision. That stated that meaning is the same as neighborhood. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Bourque to adopt ordinance #18-575, amending Article II of Chapter 38, specifically section 38.21 Weeds and Noxious Growth from 24 inches to 12 inches. 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 #18-577/Approve bid for Ridgeview Drainage Outfall and to amend the 2018/2019 budget =** Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilwoman Racca to introduce Ordinance #18-577, amending the 2018/2019 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures of the City of Broussard, LA by adding the sum of \$209,000.00 for the construction of the Ridgeview Drainage Outfall Project and accepting the bid of Merrick, LLC for that construction in the amount of \$1,105,000.55. 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 #18-578/Amb Caffery—Bernard Road Waterline Extension =** Councilman Foco questioned if this is including the sewage extension? Mel stated this is just for the water extension that this is crossing over and going along Ambassador Caffery. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Gary to introduce Ordinance #18-578, amending the 2018/2019 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures of the City of Broussard of the City of Broussard, LA by adding an additional \$140,000.000 for the waterline extension on Ambassador Caffery/Bernard Road for the Derek Development. 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 excused himself from the remaining part of the meeting to attend a family function.

**Mark Savoie:**

**Adopt Resolution #551-18/MWPP Audit Report =** Mark stated this is the annual report for treatment for the year. The report was very well. Mark stated we are doing well on our limits. We are not going to ask them to raise our limits. We are good for another 5 years Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt Resolution #551-18, pertaining to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Environmental audit report, required for Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Permit Number LA0020613. Roll call:

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

**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 = Absent	District VI = Yea
At Large = Yea	

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s/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

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s/Tina Emert, CITY CLERK