

MINUTES OF THE Tuesday November 13, 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
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
Phil Parker, City Engineer
Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Bryan Champagne Fire Chief
Mel Bertrand, City Supervisor
Mike Michot, Picard Group
Evan Boudreaux, Picard Group
Absent: Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV

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

Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance = Councilman Ray Bourque lead with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silent prayer was done and for Mr. Francis Menard.

Approval of Minutes of minutes of the Regular Meeting on Oct 23, 2018=
Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt the minutes of the Oct. 23, 2018 regular city council. Roll call:

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

Ted Johnson/ENTERGY:

Entergy Updates = Mr. Johnson stated that they have update their software packages. By the 3rd quarter of next year they will be installing the new meters in the homes, that's why he wanted the council to know. The meters on the homes will be the smallest component of the package. This will allow them to have better power quality. This will allow them to know right of way if they are out of power. Power quality and reliability will be a lot better. There will several different programs the customer can use. This will allow them to overlay their mapping. They expect to change meters in probably the 1st quarter of 2020. This will cost the consumer \$2.00 a month for a year and it will decrease at a prorated cost after that. The rates will decrease because of the efficiency they will gain in the field. Customers will receive a letter and a call prior to changing the meter. They will be able to disconnect service or change service from their location.

Don Landry:

Variance request for 4000 US Hwy 90 West = Don stated it is a variance from our zoning ordinance. It is for Michael's Men's Club. Because of our zoning there is a provision that talks about a grandfathered in business like Michael's if they would like to do any renovations or additions they must come for a variance. The provisional will be for a restaurant, and a boutique. It will go around the building. They still have to come to us for the permits. He received a letter from the engineer who stated there won't be any problems with that. It won't affect any drainage, there is enough parking and it is according with the setbacks, per Councilwoman Racca. He has met all of their requirements. Mayor Langlinois questioned where is the coulee on this site plan and does it encroach on this site plan? Councilman Gary stated it doesn't encroach on this site plan. Mayor Langlinois questioned who is the engineer, because they need to show us where this doesn't encroach on the drainage easement, before the variance is granted. Don stated if it is a dedicated easement, it would be foolish for them to build there. Mayor Langlinois stated until it is shown where the existing structure is and the new structure is going, he is not comfortable with it. Mark stated we can still ask for a drainage site plan showing they are not re-routing. Councilwoman Racca questioned if they can approve the variance subject to him providing the drainage site plan. Walter stated you'll can grant the waiver, subject to providing the drainage site plan. Mr. Ashy stated Mr. Watkins will provide anything needed. Don stated he feels the council can approve the variance, subject to providing the site plan. Moved by Councilman Racca and second by Councilman Foco to grant the variance with the stipulation they provide a drainage site plan showing the coulee. Roll call:

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

Adopt Ordinance #18-580/Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance = Councilman Higginbotham questioned if it modeled after the parish. Mark stated no our requirements were added in here. Moved by Councilman Bourque and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Ordinance #18-580 which will comply with federal flood insurance programs, R.S. 38:84, state and quasi-state agency compliance with local flood ordinances R.S. 38:84.1 Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #555-18/Coach House Manor Overlay = Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilwoman Racca to adopt Resolution #555-18, accepting the lowest responsive bid of \$102,168.00 from Glenn Lege Construction, Inc. for the Coach House Manor Street Overlay Project. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #556-18/2018 Street Overlay Project = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Gary to adopt Resolution #556-18, accepting the lowest responsive bid of \$476,335.40 from Elliott Construction, LLC for the 2018 Street Overlay Project. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #557-18/Deer Meadow Village Lift Station & Force Main Project = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Bourque to adopt Resolution #557-18, a resolution accepting the lowest responsive bid of \$129,266.00 from Southern Constructors, LLC for the Deer Meadow Village Lift Station & Force Main Project. Roll call:

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

Resolution #558-18/Capital Outlay Commitment for S. Bernard from LA Hwy 182 to US 90 = Mike Michot addressed the council. They have went back and forth with the dialogue with this. We do have a new project manager on this project. They are requesting that that we adopt this resolution as one of the requirements. Back on Aug 30th we met with Facility Planning. At that time they mentioned the things we needed to provide for them. They asked that we provide the plans and specs which we did provide. There were 7 items addressed. Duplantis Group addressed all 6 and this is the last item. The city would only be committing only when we go to construction. They suggested that a contingency factor be included. They are looking at construction 3 or 4 years from now. Councilman Foco questioned if the million is not in this project? We got reimbursed for acquisition and engineering. We don't have to put any money until the state comes up with their money. We have to put 25% and the state will put up 75%. Councilman Foco stated if we pay for land acquisition and engineering, what if they don't have any money? Councilman Bourque questioned if all the engineering is done? Phil Parker stated basically yes, it is not stamped, and they will have to review it. They do have DOTD approval on it. The only thing remaining is right of way acquisition and utility relocation.

It stops short of the railroad tracks, because of the highway project. The proposed project is a 3 lane. Councilman Foco questioned Ray if he comfortable with the way the resolution is written. Councilman Bourque stated there is a small gap in right of way acquisition and most of the engineering is done. Most of the utilities are in the easement. Councilman Higginbotham stated we should have our homework done before we approve this. Councilman Bourque stated that we are not committing anything. Mike Michot stated that they still have to go back to the house each year and make sure this money keeps being re-appropriated. This project is currently unfunded, until the council approves this. Councilman Foco stated that no contracts are approved unless they are in the budget, even if a contract is signed. Michot stated that they wanted this resolution to show the house that we are moving forward. The council would have to fund this later this year, to keep this project to continuing. Mike stated that they do have the money. Councilman Bourque questioned Tina if there is any money in the budget for this project? Tina stated no, it is not funded in the budget. Councilman Bourque stated to the engineers that we have not budgeted this so, no one can do any work on this like acquiring right of ways or moving utilities; that will have to be funded in the next budget year. The engineers understood that. Councilman Foco stated that the council agreed that no contracts should be signed on an unfunded project being worked on by any engineers. Councilman Bourque stated that makes perfect sense. Councilman Bourque stated his next question to the engineer is what will it cost to move utility and acquire right of ways? Mayor Langlinais stated that it would be nice to move forward on the next part, because it makes no sense with the gap in between of the roadways. Moved by Councilwoman Racca and second by Councilman Gary to adopt resolution #558-18, agreeing to the dedication of funds by the City of Broussard for a portion of the cost for the reconstruction and construction of S. Bernard Road from LA Hwy 182 to US Hwy. 90. Roll call:

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

Councilman Bonin/Congrat's:

Councilman Bonin congratulated the Mayor Elect Ray Bourque, Councilman Elect Michael Rabon, Councilman At Large Elect Jeff Delahoussaye and Chief Decou on their victories in the election.

ADJOURN:

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

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

s/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

s/Tina Emert, CITY CLERK

