

Minutes of the
December 11, 2018
Broussard City Council Meeting

Present:

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
Councilman Ray Gary, District VI
Don Landry, City Attorney
Walter Comeaux, City Engineer
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
Martin Poirrier, City Engineer
Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief
Mel Bertrand, City Supervisor

Absent:

Mayor Charles Langlinais

Meeting called to order = Councilman Foco called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance = Councilman Elect Ray Bourque lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done

Approval of Minutes of minutes of the Regular Meeting on Nov. 27, 2018 =
Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt the minutes of the November 27, 2018 regular city council meeting and public hearing. Roll call:

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

Toby Armentor with BEDC:

Economic Profile of BEDC = Toby Armentor and Ryan LaGrange addressed the council. Toby stated that they met at the beginning of the year. They have fundamentals base for the future. They will be highlighting this on website. They gave the council the economic profile of Broussard for businesses and citizens. Ryan stated he likes seeing businesses move to this area. This is a tool as council members to give investors. All the information will be current, which is used from LEDA. They are working on a template to move forward. This profile highlights a lot

of Broussard. Ryan stated if they want anything deeper, they can put it all together. Councilman Foco stated that when they make more copies, put in bold "no city taxes." The website will be completed in 2 -3 weeks.

Don Landry:

Introduce Ordinance #18-584.... Amending the 2018-2019 Operating Budget for the Huval Sewer Extension Project = Moved by Councilman Gary and second by Councilwoman Batiste to introduce Ordinance #18-584, amending the 2018-2019 Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditure of the City of Broussard, LA by adding an additional \$205,000.00 for the Huval Sewer Extension 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 #18-585.....Amending the 2018-2019 Operating Budget for Salaries and Related Benefits for according to Exhibit "A" = Moved by Councilman David Bonin and second by Councilwoman Racca to introduce Ordinance #18-585, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Broussard, LA amending the 2018-2019 Operating Budget for Salaries and Related Benefits for General Government/Streets/Utility Fund (Water & Sewer) and the Sports Complex Fund according to Exhibit A. Roll call:

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

Councilman Foco:

Councilman Foco addressed the council and audience. He stated that this is his last meeting. He thanked the council, the citizens, the employees and business for allowing him to serve for 18 years. In that amount of time they have built a sewer pond, a new city hall, Ambassador Caffery (which we are the only city that went to the State with a check for \$10 million dollars to assist the State in the construction of this project), the newly constructed Martial Billeaud Elementary, new water wells, St. Julien Park and the Fairfield Fire Station to name a few. When he started on the council, we were collecting \$180,000 in sales tax revenues and we are not to \$1.3 million. He has only missed 3 meetings in 18 years. Foco state that a lot of people don't realize with the salary he earns from being Councilman At Large he donates that salary back to charities or any organizations in town that need. He has donated back \$166,408 in 18 years. He feels the next Mayor and Council will be out of sight and they will do great things for Broussard. He felt it was time that the younger generation takes over. He thanked everyone during his emotional speech. Councilman Higginbotham thanked Councilman Foco and stated that he has improved lives for the city. He feels that Councilman Foco was in it for the right reasons. Councilwoman Batiste also thanked Councilman Foco for his dedication to the community.

Adjourn:

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

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

District IV = Yea
District V = Yea
District VI = Yea

s/Mayor Charles Langlinais

s/Tina Emert – City Clerk