

Minutes Of The

April 13, 2004

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles E. Langlinais
 Tina G. Denais, City Clerk
 Councilman David Bonin, District II
 Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III
 Councilman Harold Johnson, District IV
 Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V
 Councilman Albert Romero, District VI
 Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Walter Comeaux, III, City Engineer
 Don Landry, City Attorney
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Jason Lopez, Asst. Chief of Police

Absent: Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Councilman Rousseau lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer.

Adopt minutes of the March 23, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting =

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the March 23, 2004 City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #04-270/Regulating the Sale and Use of Fireworks in the City

Limits = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Foco to adopt Ordinance #04-270, which provides for prohibitions, regulating the sale, possession, use, handling of, and shooting of fireworks, and revoking Ordinance No. 20, of the Broussard Code of Ordinances.

Roll call:

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Hearing for Condemnation of Property at 410 and 412 South St. Pierre belonging to Ms. Robert M. Hoffpauir = Tina explained that per Mr. Simon, this will be re-set till the next meeting or the first meeting in May.

St. Etienne Road Turn Lane = Mayor Langlinais stated that St. Etienne Road is in need of turn lane, because the traffic keeps getting blocked up. Larry got an idea for a turn lane and an estimated cost of \$8,634.77. This will entail widening the shoulder on the south side. This is really a state project, but there is a significant roadblock there. Larry stated that the Billeaud Companies also donated an extra 10 feet, so then our cost will be about \$5,600.00. This will enable us to move the ditch a little further south. Mel stated there were almost 2 accidents there while they were taking the measurements for the turn lane. Councilman Foco stated that he wanted to personally thank the Billeaud Companies for their donation. Walter stated that they have surveyed that intersection. Chief Decou questioned what about traffic wanting to turn onto St. Etienne Road. Mayor Langlinais stated he just wanted the council to get an idea with the cost estimate and this will be brought back up at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Appointment = Mayor Langlinais stated he would like to verbally nominate Jason Lopez. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Rousseau to appoint Jason Lopez as the new fire chief effective, effective June 1, 2004. Roll call:

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

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

Mayor Langlinais asked him to insure the former chief is encouraged to participate in the department, because he has put a lot of time into the department. Councilman Rousseau thanked Brannon and Jason and all the other guys for stepping up and taking care of things for the department.

Bills to be Approved for Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to approve the budget be amended to pay the following bills: C. B. Talley for \$4,787.25; M. J. Broussard, Inc., for \$4,570.00 and The LaBorde Law Firm for \$4,766.62 totaling \$14,123.87 for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board. Councilman Johnson questioned how far along are we on the ownership of the property? Mayor Langlinais stated the new road location has been agreed on. The problem is we are waiting on signed documents. We have begun the process of acquiring the right of ways. We are assuming we have no expropriation, but we still have additional legal fees. We are expecting to move dirt in 90 – 120 days from now. We are advertising the bids for the limestone and we are working for the final bid package. Jerry stated

they are working on the board road and the specs for the force main. The board road will be a semi-permanent road and before it is complete it will be a permanent road. Linear foot of board is about 3,200 or 3,500 feet.

Loader Backhoe Bid = Spencer Boudreaux with Scott Construction addressed the council. Mr. Boudreaux stated by failure of the salesman he did not put Scott Construction's name on the front of the packet as required and packet was refused. He wanted to put the bid on the table so the council could look at. Attorney Landry stated this would put us to a no win, if the other bidders put their name on the packet. Jerry stated it puts his people in a bad position. Don stated maybe next time it won't happen. John stated there was no bid from LA Machine. The apparent low bidder took an exception to service outside of 50-mile service area as required in the bid spec. Jerry recommended that Larry comment on this, because it pertains to maintenance and repair. Larry stated personally it is time consuming wise; that is why he would rather deal with someone within 50-mile radius or closer. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Higginbotham to accept the bid from Nortrax for \$52,300.00 because it meets all specs. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Highway 182 Sewage = Jerry stated the Highway 182 sewage project has been started. They could not push the pipe thru at Home Bank, so a change order will come for \$1,100 or \$1,200, because they couldn't push the pvc pipe. That was the only option to do, besides removing the driveway.

Al's report;

Overlay Program = Al stated the contract for the overlay program was on an as needed basis for overlay basis. He gave the council copy of what we have left in the program and he stated that these prices are honored till July 1, 2004

Walter's Report:

Walter stated the only report he had was St. Etienne Road and that was taken care of earlier.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated that he worked on a couple of lawsuits filed against the city and the police department. He and the town's insurance evaluated them and he doesn't feel it will be bad.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Asst Chief Lopez stated that he had nothing to report on.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou stated that he had nothing to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:**Mayor Langlinais:**

Water Complaints = Mayor Langlinais commented to the council about what is on bottled water. He found it ironic that we continue to beat our water system to death and it's a matter of personal taste. He stated that we are also doing some other things at the plant. He still is not ready to declare victory on what we are doing. He had a lot of test run at the request of Councilman Rousseau and Councilman Foco and we will get the information in the next couple of days with a cross section about where our water is compared to normal. Mayor Langlinais stated that we don't doctor any information and if he receives another call from a certain gentleman again, then will hear from our attorney. Jerry commented when he first to his house in Lafayette, the people next to him, didn't like the Lafayette water and he loved it. He still loves the taste of it, but his neighbors hate it. The taste of water is subjective. He is keeping copies of all the tests. Mayor Langlinais stated he noticed on the tests he got back, the difference of the samples of the cold water and the hot water. Jerry stated you don't have perfect water hot water. Councilman Rousseau thanked, Jerry, Elmo and Lonnie for all their help. He would like them to continue the effort. Mayor Langlinais stated he owes Lonnie, Jerry and Elmo an apology, because he has been hard on them. Unfortunately he doesn't have the answer right now.

Councilman Foco/At Large

Thanks = Councilman Foco thanked Elmer for the quick study he had on the water. He encouraged Councilman Rousseau to get the people who are complaining to go visit the water plant. He also thanked the Chief Decou for keeping us out of the news.

Councilman Johnson/District IV:

Ida Benoit Crochet Park = Councilman Johnson gave the council an estimate for some improvements for Ida Crochet Park that he is requesting in next year's budget. The total is \$24,142.00, which included canopies with picnic tables, a hurricane fence around the park,

limestone road and basketball goals with post. Mayor Langlinais stated he did plan on including this in the new budget. He is hesitate to putting on the west side and on Loul Street. Councilman Johnson stated if we eliminate the fencing, perhaps we could put a walk track instead. Mayor Langlinais stated the fencing is to keep kids out of coulee, not out of park. Councilman Foco stated he would help with some materials for the fence and the pavilions.

Councilman Higginbotham/District V:

Backhoe = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he wanted to clarify that we are not amending the budget to purchase the backhoe. Mayor Langlinais stated no it is already in the budget.

Executive Session:

Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation. Roll call:

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

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Foco to come out of executive session into regular session. Roll call:

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

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourn =Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Bonin to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk