

Minutes Of The

April 27, 2004

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles E. Langlinais
 Tina G. Denais, City Clerk
 Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I
 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
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Luther Arceneaux

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

Adopt minutes of the April 13, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of the April 13, 2004 City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Stacy Miguez re: Request for Variance for Open Canopy = Stacy Miguez approached the council. Mr. Miguez is requesting permission to put up an open canopy. There was an existing carport there. He is asking for a variance in order to put this canopy up. Councilman Guilbeau stated he had no problem. Councilman Bonin stated he also had no problem, because it is not obstructing anything. It will not be attached to any structure. Mayor Langlinais stated it runs by Avenue C and that is not a main corridor. He does not need any variance for financing. The side setback is 10 feet. It will 5 feet 8 inches from the property line

to the first post. It will also be 13 feet 8 inches from the edge of the road to the end of the canopy. He is asking for less than a 5-foot variance. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to give the variance to Stacy Miguez to put an open canopy on his property facing Avenue C, which will give him a 5.8" set-back from the property line. Roll call:

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

David Bernard = Mr. Bernard was not present.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

Highway 182 Sewage Project = Mark stated they are working on the sewer line for the theatre. They are 85% complete. Total cost is \$108,000

Al's Report;

Overlay = Last meeting he brought a report to the council about the status of the overlay prices that are still in effect till June 2004. We still have some monies left in the project till July. We have about \$25,000 of budgeted money. According to the contract we can go up to \$400,000. Mayor Langlinais questioned if the contract can be extended? Al stated that he would need a legal interpretation on that. Mayor Langlinais stated in the future he would like to see if they would extend the contracts. Gene stated we have monies in the Street Department. We can spend a little more money, because we do have a little cushion. Councilman Johnson stated he rode thru his district and it is in pretty good shape, except for Ridgeview Drive. Gene stated we are already expecting to spend more than we take in; however we can take it from another category. We could transfer some of that money from another category. Mayor Langlinais suggested we should do something in the range of \$75,000 - \$100,000. Gene stated we have approximately \$600,000 ahead of what we have budgeted for sales tax revenues. Mayor Langlinais stated he would like the council to think about the streets they would like overlaid. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we should set up a separate budget for the Broussard Environmental Sewage District? Gene stated he recommends that for the next fiscal year it be done. Mayor Langlinais stated he plans on setting up a committee to do this. Gene stated they will be audited as a separate entity of the City, so by law they will have to do this separate. Councilman Higginbotham recommends it be budgeted into phases as what need to be done. Mayor Langlinais recommend the council visit with Gene or himself before they come up with overlay ideas of their district. Larry presented the council a list of the streets that he is recommending to overlay. Mayor Langlinais recommended we address this at the next meeting. Gene stated he wouldn't be uncomfortable with the amount of \$100,000 to be spent for street overlay. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Higginbotham to transfer

funds from streets and maintenance for \$85,000 to capital outlay of street overlay and use the remaining \$25,000 in the street capital that is not spent up to a total of \$112,000 after each councilman gets with Larry. Roll call:

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

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Gene stated the council had the report. We are doing real well in the sales tax department. He doesn't see any reason why it will change. At the end of the year we should end the year around \$800,000. Everything else is pretty much in line. The only thing that went over was the Fire truck that was bought and the station for an overage of about \$10,000. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and Second by Councilman Romero to accept Gene's report for the month of March 2004. Roll call:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry was not present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

New Administrative Building = Chief Decou stated his offices are complete.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mayor's Report:

Luther Arceneaux = Mayor Langlinais introduced Luther Arceneaux who has been on a lot of planning committees. He is the new appointment for the seat that would represent of Lafayette Parish for Maurice, Youngsville and Broussard. Mr. Arceneaux stated he was on the committee of the District 5 and he was looking at the routing of the beltway or the loop as it is called. And then his councilman fired him, because he wanted the route to go a different way. Prior to that happening he was on a citizen advisory committee, and then he got a letter from the Federal Government stating that the committee needed to expand it's boundaries and when that was done, two positions were set up. And that's when he was appointed. Mayor Langlinais just

asked that they do the beltway as soon as they can, no matter which way they do it. Mr. Arceneaux stated he is here for the council if they need him.

Intersection of Highway 90 for Theatre = Chief Decou questioned if there will be a new intersection the Theatre? Mayor Langlinais stated yes on Highway 90 a crossover will be put up. Chief Decou recommended that we get with DOT about the Albertson Intersection also when that intersection is done to put turn arrows. Mr. Arceneaux stated he is also on the committee for the round a bouts that were just put up in Lafayette and we might want to look into that. He is requesting the council come up with some suggestions for round-a bouts in this area.

New Water Well = Mayor Langlinais stated that we turned the new water well on Monday. It is not on fulltime. We are trying to get the chemical balance situated. Mayor Langlinais stated that Lonnie Hebert drew a sample for the new well on Monday and the water was clear, but the water was bland. He thinks there are some people who will like it. He will have a spreadsheet done of the results. He feels overall the salinity will be better. Right now we are fighting getting the chloride down. After it is down, we will flush the entire system out from the south end. We have about a dozen automatic flushers. Some citizens complained about the water quality. Mayor Langlinais stated we would continue to treat the system until it gets better.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Alleyway off of East Monroe = Councilman Guilbeau stated he was not at the last meeting, but Mr. Landry was suppose to report back on the abandoned alleyway near Mr. Brown's home and didn't hear anything from him. Mayor Langlinais instructed Councilman Guilbeau to contact Mr. Landry.

Electrical Pole at Garber and Eola Road Intersection = Mayor Langlinais stated in reference to the electrical pole on Eola and Garber, SLEMCO will move the post at their cost. Councilman Guilbeau stated that a gentleman from SLEMCO did call him about this when he was out of town and he referred him to Mayor Langlinais. Guilbeau stated that the SLEMCO representative did upset him; because he tried to imply that the only reason he wanted the pole moved was because he was a bus driver and he couldn't see at this intersection.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Condemnation of Property on South St. Pierre = Councilman Bonin questioned about the property condemnation on St. Pierre? Mayor Langlinais stated we have not heard anything from the landowner about receipt of notification. Mayor Langlinais stated he spoke to Oscar and he will appoint an attorney to represent the landowner if he does not accept the notification.

Railroad Crossings = Councilman Bonin thanked the railroad for the crossings that were repaired, but they still need to repair the Albertson crossing.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Water Testing = Councilman Rousseau thanked the water department for spending time with him on the crash course at the water plant. Elmo stated it is not a quick fix. A gentleman stated he lives in Comeaux Estates and he has green water. His house is 7 months old. Chief Decou stated he noticed that since the flushers have been put on, there has been a problem with the water. Mayor Langlinais requested that we keep the flushers off for a while to see if this makes a difference.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Thanks for Mr. Arceneaux = Councilman Foco thanked Mr. Arceneaux for serving on the committee for the transportation.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Thanks = Councilman Johnson also thanked Mr. Arceneaux and he told Elmo and his crew.

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourn = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Rousseau 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/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk