

**Minutes Of The**

**June 8, 2004**

**Broussard City Council Meeting**

Present:

Mayor Charles Langlinais  
 Tina G. Denais, City Clerk  
 Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I  
 Councilman David Bonin, District II  
 Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III  
 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  
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor  
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police  
 Al Mosley, resident

Absent: Councilman Harold Johnson, District IV

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

**Adopt minutes of the May 26, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the May 26, 2004 City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

Councilman Foco stated he wasn't at the last meeting but would like the minutes to reflect that the bid for the new city hall was \$227,524.00 and there was \$22,060.75 worth of change orders, less \$7,560.00 for deletions and credits for a total of \$14,500.75; therefore the total bid cost from the contractor was \$242,024.75.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Ordinance #04-271, Fleur De Lafayette Annexation** = Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Ordinance #04-271, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 10, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Fleur De Lafayette Annexation. Roll call:

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Introduce Ordinance # 04-273/Executing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Lafayette Consolidated Government to contribute \$27,000 for the construction of a Concession/Restroom Facility in Arceneaux Park** = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Foco to introduce Ordinance #04-273, which authorizes the Mayor of the City of Broussard to execute an intergovernmental agreement, whereby the City of Broussard, Louisiana shall contribute to Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government the sum of twenty-seven thousand and no/100 (\$27,000.00) for the purpose of participating in the construction of a concession/restroom facility in Arceneaux Park. Roll call:

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

**Introduce Ordinance #04-274/Napoli Acres Annexation** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Ordinance #04-274, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 9, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana being known as the Napoli Acres Annexation. Roll call:

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

**Introduce Ordinance #04-275/East Fairfield/Grady Breaux Annexation** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Foco to introduce Ordinance #04-275, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 3, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the East Fairfield Road/Grady Breaux Annexation. Roll call:

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

**Introduce Ordinance #04-276/Shane Morrison Companies Annexation** = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to introduce Ordinance #04-276,

which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 45, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Shane Morrison Companies, LLC Annexation. Roll call:

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

### **Approval of bills of the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District**

**Board** = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to amend the budget and transfer the following money to Broussard Environmental and Enhancement Sewage District to pay the following bills: C. B. Talley for \$1,616.91; Grooms Engineering for \$4,595.00; Hydro-Environmental Technology, Inc. for \$2,000.00; The LaBorde Law Firm for \$416.00; M. J. Broussard, Inc. for \$2,115.00; The LaBorde Law Firm for \$3,225.09 and C. B. Talley for \$2,232.26 totaling \$16,200.26.

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

Discussion was held on what was spent on the sewage pond so far. Councilman Bonin had questions on what was spent on the legal fees so far which are estimated at \$97,000.00 to acquire \$11,000 worth of property? Gene and Mayor Langlinois stated that a lot of the expense was due to the lawsuits. Attorney Landry stated that the losing side attorney fees were quite substantial. Gene stated that there would be some adjustments on these figures.

### **Frank Garber and Al Mosley re: Drainage Easement in Magnolia Ridge**

**Subdivision** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he received a phone from the property owner. The homeowner wants to build a garage that will infringe on the drainage easement of 30 feet. Mayor Langlinois stated he is comfortable with it as long as we have room to clean the ditch. Larry stated that the only thing is the north end is full of trees. Larry stated it is pretty thick. That is on the west side of Magnolia Ridge where they have those 3 homes with a lot trees. He wasn't aware that it is treed all the way to the ditch line. Larry stated if we have to clear that area it would take a couple of weeks. They are asking for a variance to build a workshop on the back part of his property that encroaches in the drainage easement. He owns lot 21. His lot is about 116 feet. The easement starts at the ditch along the tree line. Attorney Landry stated we couldn't give him a variance; it has to be done by ordinance to abandon a part of the drainage easement. Gene stated if he can get the subdivision restrictions waived, then he could move his house forward and that would be a quicker process and easier process. Mr. Mosley will prepare a map and come back to the council if all else fails.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

#### **Jerry's Report:**

He is still working on the sewage theatre project and they are still waiting on the pumps

to be delivered.

He is also working on the annexations and the limestone bid.

He is preparing bids sewer and water and pipe per running foot.

Councilman Bonin questioned when would we be able to start the work on the pipeline? Mayor Langlinais stated first we must build the limestone road. That should take 60 to 70 days. Next thing we do is building a board road. That could be done in any type of weather. Mel stated it is not under water, but it is wet. Councilman Foco questioned if Jerry will give us a design of the road, or we will just put it down. Jerry stated no specs were done for that project. You put your limestone and filler as it occurs. Mayor Langlinais stated the bad areas are to be put last. Mel stated there is an existing road there. Limestone will be put on the board road. The initial limestone purchase will be to improve the existing road. It will cost us less than \$100,000 of limestone. There are only a few areas that are deficient.

#### **Al's Report:**

The overlay program was completed last Thursday. We went a little over, because we had to go about 300 feet more on St. Des Porres.

In reference to Ambassador Caffery Extension they have been doing some work on relocating of force mains. Next step the town has to ask the highway department to allow PENSCO to do the work for us. Gene questioned if we will get reimbursed back on that? Al stated no we won't. This project won't start till November 2005. Mayor Langlinais stated he is tentatively to meet with the new administrator the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.

#### **Walter's Report:**

Walter stated the Mayor and David contacted him about the ditch behind the Duhon property. After he talked to Larry and David the consensus is there are a lot of trees in the coulee. Walter gave them a list of the steps to be taken. If they want to do it, he is requesting that permanent easements be gotten and after it is cleaned, then we herbicide it to maintain it. His question is where do we clean it? Mayor Langlinais stated he would like to keep the trees in the coulee. Walter stated he doesn't feel the trees need to be kept. The slopes of the coulee are straight up and down; so they need to be sloped. What section of the coulee is he interested at looking at? Councilman Bonin stated the problem also exists near Albertson Parkway. Mayor Langlinais stated he would like to clean the coulee to where it forks out. Walter stated we have to find if there is an existing drainage easement. Mayor Langlinais stated north of Albertson Parkway you have little or no drainage problems. Mayor Langlinais appointed Councilman Bonin and Councilman Foco to the committee to meet with the Parish for drainage problems that need to be addressed and to meet with the other parties/property owners.

#### **AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

Gene stated at the next meeting we will take care of the amending of the current budget and the adoption of the proposed budget.

Councilman Bonin asked Larry to get some figures on what it will cost to clean that coulee. Walter stated the major cost would be the clearing of the property. Larry stated he would get with Councilman Bonin on where to clean.

Councilman Guilbeau stated for the streets and equipment we budgeted \$300,000 in capital outlay and we spent \$152,000. We only have a backhoe for \$53,000 that is not paid yet. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he looked into the price of 2 trucks on stated contract that would be about \$31,000. Councilman Guilbeau stated he just doesn't see buying second hand trucks. He stated in 5 years if we purchase 2 vehicles every year for every department; then we should have a very good fleet of vehicles and when we want to get rid of the vehicles we should be able to get top dollar. Mayor Langlinais requested that he get with Tina on the actual prices. Councilman Guilbeau stated he would like to see about purchasing 2 vehicles in the water and sewer department and a lawn mower. The lawn mower was purchased today. Councilman Guilbeau also stated that he would like to see a maintenance sheet in each vehicle and to be kept up by the driver and if it is not kept up, the driver should be changed. Larry and Elmo described the type of vehicles they are in need of. Mayor Langlinais instructed Councilman Guilbeau to meet with Tina to see how much money is left to purchase the vehicles prior to the end of this budget year.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Landry gave them a copy of a letter in reference to problems they are having at the Country Station. Whatever is happening he doesn't like what is going on. Larry feels if we could buy a couple of months; that might help the problem till it is resolved. Mr. Cupper is claiming the water is eating up his filters. Attorney Landry stated it in the agreement we go pick up the filters at our convenience, but we will have to pay for the filters. The filters are \$65.00 a piece. He wants us to get involved to find out what the problem is. He is on an old line that would cost us about ½ million dollars to change. We will keep changing them till we find out what the problem is. A sediment filter or a charcoal filter will be better. Mayor Langlinais stated the water coming from the plant is better than it was 6 months ago. A citizen stated he would like to disagree with that. After the last meeting it was good, but it has gotten worst. Mayor Langlinais stated he sent a letter to LUS to segregate everything south of Albertson Parkway. After we get the water line in, we will be only producing water for the old incorporated limits of Broussard. That is why he asked Jerry to hold off getting the new filters for the plant. Attorney Landry requested that the Mayor review the letter and get Mr. Cupper to sign it.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Mayor Langlinais stated that Jason Lopez took over as Fire Chief on June 1, 2004.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Decou complemented the utility and street department for the beatings they take.

He has an officer who is resigning. He doesn't have a replacement person yet, but he is asking the council to allow him hire a person now and he will get the name at the next meeting, so all of the formalities could be done. The council had no problem with this.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

Councilman Foco stated he recently visited in another part of the country. They have the same problems we have.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Champion Erosion Problem off of Ida Road and LaFlamme Road** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that they went to the grand opening for Champion. There is major erosion near there. He met with Larry to see what could be done. Total cost would be \$2679 and they (Champion) will pay for half of the pipe. That is on Ida Road and LaFlamme Road. They will provide the dirt. The council had no problem getting this done.

**Attorney Landry.....continued:**

**Secondary Mayor Pro Tem** = Attorney Landry stated recently a problems arose when the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem were both out of Town. We need to appoint someone in case this situation occurs again. Mayor Langlinais asked the council to consider appointing Councilman Guilbeau. Councilman Foco moved and second by Councilman Higginbotham to appoint Councilman Guilbeau as Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of Mayor Langlinais and Councilman Foco. Roll call:

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**ADJOURN:**

**Meeting Adjourn** =Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

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**S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR**

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**S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk**