

Minutes Of The
February 22, 2005
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
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Greg Manual, Developer
 Stacey Womack, Resident

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer and he asked everyone to remember the troops in Iraq and Lois Broussard. Tina stated that Lois was discharged from the hospital today.

Adopt minutes of the February 9, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting =
 Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of the February 9, 2005 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:

Introduce Ordinance #05-284/Authorizing the Sales of the City Property located at 423 East Main Street = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Foco to introduce Ordinance #05-284, which authorizes the sale of property owned by the City of Broussard by private sale and for cash, said property described as the south one-half of lot 15, block O, City of Broussard, located at 423 East Main Street, Broussard, Louisiana. Roll call:

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

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

Greg Manual/Variance request for front set-back variance for all lots in Waterford Ridge Subdivision = Mr. Manual stated that the normal set-backs are 20 feet and he would like to give more back-yard to the lots, therefore he is asking for 15 foot set-back rather than a 20 foot set-back. Councilman Foco questioned what would this do for the storm water retention in that area? His engineer stated initially it was planned for an open ditch and now they will have bigger culverts. He is concerned about holding back the water, because of the steepness of the ditches. In the lower end where the ditches are larger, he would put culverts in the ditches and he would also put an inlet at every lot. Councilman Foco questioned what about the 50 foot right of ways, because he thought it was suppose to be 60 foot right of ways? Manual stated that the open ditch is a 50-foot right of way and then the 15-foot easements. Dwight Manual stated that this is because of the turn of some of the streets. They will have a total right of ways of 80 feet. It is normally 10 feet, but they are providing the 15 feet. It is designed open ditch, but when sub-surface culverts are put in, it reduces the easement to 10 feet. The council will act on this in 2 weeks after it is researched for clarification on the right of way. Councilman Rousseau asked that Mr. Manual give some information to our engineer regarding the open ditch on one end and closed end on the other end. Manual stated because it is very deep on one end, they will spend the extra money to design it closed ditch. Mayor Langlinais stated that he also wants to have the grade set grade for the pipe and driveways and ask that it be put in the deed that no more dirt is to be put on the top of the pipe. Manual stated the road contractor would put these pipe in at the same time the road is built. Manual stated the appearance would be a lot better. Councilman Foco stated that at the meeting they had a lot of extensive discussion over this matter, that's why they are being cautious about this. Councilman Bonin questioned what about the sewer; will they contribute anything to the sewer? They will be putting a regional lift station with this subdivision and the adjacent subdivision and dump into the lift station off of Clara Street. Mayor Langlinais asked Jerry if he got a site for the nursing home lift station yet? If not they may be able to connect together. Manual's engineer stated because with the hill, the gravity flow won't work. Councilman Rousseau stated he feels we need to look at future subdivisions, perhaps to charge them a sewer service fee for not to overload the lift stations. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels when the sewer district committee meets that they come together with something like this. Councilman Johnson suggested that in the future our engineers perhaps need to look at this before it comes to them. Councilman Foco stated that what they ask some of the other developers is what they would spend on private plants, to perhaps contribute to upgrade the city lift stations to accommodate them instead. Councilman Higginbotham stated that the last two meetings the squash pipe was brought up for storm water retention and that was never brought up with the committee for the storm water retention. He would like our engineers to approve off on this squash pipe. Manual stated the pipe they are getting is not squash pipe. It will be engineered and installed by contractors and engineers.

Approval of bills for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District =

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to approve the following bills to be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: Grooms Engineering, LLC. for \$6,905.00, LaBorde Law Firm for \$2,220.73 and Bourque's Machine and Fabrication for \$912.00 totaling, \$10,037.73. Roll call:

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

Stacey Womack re: Request for Variance at 114 Bismark Drive = Ms. Womack's father addressed the council with this issue. He stated at first the pool was placed in the wrong place. They lost five feet of the pool having to be moved because the contractor put it in the utility easement. Now it is 3 feet from the back setback instead of 5-foot setback. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to authorize a variance for Lot #21, 114 Bismark Drive for a set back from 5 feet to 3 feet instead from the back property line.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Hulin Road = Councilman Rousseau questioned if there is any word on Hulin Road drainage? Jerry stated didn't that he didn't find anything and right now the fieldwork is being done.

Sugar Trace Force Main = Jerry stated he and Al are meeting about this tomorrow. Jerry stated they are concentrating on the plan. Mayor Langlinais stated Teche will put it in under the sewage installation bidded contract. We will put the force main in. Larry inquired about the right of ways? Mayor Langlinais stated that we don't have the right of ways on the east side. Jerry stated he would meet with the city personnel on this.

Al's Report:

Al had nothing to report on.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene stated we are on track with the monthly report. Nothing is outstanding. He then added the Moulin Road re-construction and the sewage project for Sugar Trace. We did have a very good collection month and we are doing well on the sales tax revenue. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to approve the monthly report for January 2005 from Gene. Roll call:

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Rescue Truck = Councilman Rousseau questioned Chief Decou, where are we on the rescue truck? Tina stated that Mayor Langlinais signed the contract 2 weeks ago for the truck

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Hiring of An Officer = Chief Decou introduce the new proposed officer to the council. His name is Kent Hammers and he is currently employed by the Kaplan Police Department. Mayor Langlinais stated that he would like the council to know that the reason the Police Department is under budget in salaries is because they are currently not paying Lois Broussard. Mayor Langlinais questioned what if Lois comes back; will Chief Decou have to come back to the council for more money? Chief Decou stated he will come back if needed. Councilman Bonin stated he feels they do need another police officer. Chief Decou stated he understands about Lois's salary, but he feels the council can amend the budget if needed to. Mayor Langlinais stated that it's fight to get one man on the grass crew to get the budget amended. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Johnson to hire Kent Hammers as a uniformed patrol officer with the Broussard Police Department effective March 3, 2005 at a salary of \$1,775 per month.

Highway 90 Chemical Spill = Councilman Higginbotham questioned about the chemical spill on highway 90, why did the HAZMAT unit from Baton Rouge come out? Chief Decou stated that it was a State Police accident and the State Police Hazmat came in. If it would happen in the city limits we would have contacted Lafayette Hazmat and if needed they would have contacted the State Police Hazmat. We depend on other agencies for their help.

False Alarm Calls = Mayor Langlinais stated they were looking at the reports and the amount of false alarm calls were outrageous. Chief Decou requested a copy of the city policy regarding false alarm calls. Chief Decou and Mayor Langlinais are looking into this. Chief Decou stated also false alarms also entails fire alarms. Mayor Langlinais stated this is an expense to landowner. Chief Decou before anything is done, we will have to do some sort of notification process. Mayor Langlinais requested that he bring some sort of action forward to the council in the near future.

Apologizes = Chief Decou stated that he also would like apologize to whoever got misconceived about the surplus in his budget for salaries. Mayor Langlinais stated that all he asks is that he brings all of the information forward to the council if this ever happens again.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Trash Pick Up = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he picked up hot water tanks this week for the elderly in his area that couldn't afford to pay for the pick up.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Anzalone Development = Councilman Bonin questioned about the pipes at the end of Louisa St. He stated in the minutes it stated that Joey put the pipe in and that we removed it and never put it back, so he (Joey) put the pipe back in at his expense. Larry stated Joey did put the first pipe in and yes the city did remove it; but the city paid to put the pipe back in, not Joey.

City Vehicles = Councilman Bonin stated that he brought this up a few meetings ago that some city vehicles do not have City of Broussard emblems on them. Larry stated there are 3 don't have emblems, and he is awaiting the stick on signs to put on the vehicles.

Parking Lot at the Police Station = Councilman Bonin questioned who cleans the parking lot area here? He feels they need to do a better job. Chief Decou stated the contractor that does the grass cutting there told him, if he complains again, he is pulling out of the contract. Mayor Langlinais stated that cleaning the parking lot is not in the contract for the contractor. Mayor Langlinais asked Larry to get someone to clean the parking lot on a fairly regular.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Planning/Plat Reviews = Councilman Rousseau stated that he and Councilman Foco and Councilman Bonin met with Rebecca Raines about plat reviews. They do provide free services to the city. He has a concern about the steps we do and the paper trail and how fast the city is growing. He feels we need to look at the cost we will incur in the future. We need to make sure that we can get compensated as much as we can. Mayor Langlinais stated that this deals with the sewer enhancement and setting up sewer districts. Councilman Rousseau stated as a council he feels they need to come up with an agreement that they will contribute to the city when they come in. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels that would depend on the size of the subdivision. Mayor Langlinais stated that this is not a new thing. Councilman Rousseau stated that we also need to look at where we do not have sewage. Councilman Guilbeau questioned Gene in relation to the new pond, how much have we spent on the new pond so far? Gene stated we spent \$1,086,419.29.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

New Development = Councilman Foco stated he would like to see when new subdivisions are built; we let Lafayette help us on the review also. Councilman Rousseau added that all they would do is make a recommendation to the city. It gives us some specifics. They will have someone there to sit in on our planning meetings. Mayor Langlinais stated the problem he has with them is they are all civil service and it is the beaucracy involved.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

St. Des Porres Street Name Change = Councilman Johnson stated that he was approached by Father Landry who would like to see St. Des Porres Street changed to St. Martin Des Porres. It was pre-approved by 911. Mayor Langlinais stated that it could be a problem for some individuals and businesses on that street. He is only asking to add one word to it. After much deliberation on the problems it could cause with some individuals, Councilman Johnson withdrew his request on this.

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourn = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham 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