

**Minutes Of The**

**March 8, 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  
 Don Landry, City Attorney  
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police  
 Walter Comeaux, Engineer  
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Christine Foco lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Langlinais asked everyone remember the following people in their silent prayer: the troops in Iraq, Lois Broussard who just recently underwent a bone marrow transplant and Andrew Williams who had a triple by-pass surgery today.

**Adopt minutes of the February 22, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Foco to adopt the minutes of the February 22, 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:**

**Approval of bills for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District** = Councilman Foco stated that he did have a question about this bill, but it was clarified by Attorney Landry, that we (the plaintiff) have to pay the entire court cost of the suit. We also

have to pay the expert witness fees in this total. Councilman Foco asked Tina to call the Clerk of Court's office tomorrow and make sure these fees are correct and Attorney Landry will have Attorney Reed call Councilman Foco about his questions on this bill. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Johnson to approve the following bill be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court for \$8,378.73 subject to Attorney Oscar Reed approving this bill. Roll call:

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

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

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

Jerry stated he nothing to report on.

**Hulin Road Drainage** = Councilman Rousseau questioned about him about the Hulin Road drainage project? Jerry stated they are still doing some fieldwork on this project. Mayor Langlinais asked him to send Councilman Rousseau a memo in reference to that matter.

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

**Ambassador Caffery Project** = Al stated that he met with the Highway Department about Ambassador Caffery. They have one problem with the 12- inch line crossing Highway 90 at Corne Road. They are saying the line would have to be re-located and the City would have to foot the cost. Al stated still he is still working with the State about this. It would be about \$50,000 or \$60,000 to relocate it. Mayor Langlinais stated he believes that pipe is in casing and that shouldn't have any effect on anything. Al stated they he will re-visit on this. That line is in the State right of way. We also have more time than originally thought; because we still have till October.

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

Gene stated that he has nothing to report on.

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

Attorney Landry stated that he had nothing to report on.

**Legal Opinion regarding Sewage Installation** = Councilman Rousseau questioned about the sewage line that will be ran from Broussard Middle to La Rue Malaga? Are we in compliance, regarding permits and licensing? Al stated have we have to get an approval of the plans from DHH. Jerry stated also if cross a State road, we have to get an approval from the state. Councilman Rousseau questioned if we have a time frame on this? Mayor Langlinais

stated we do have the bid contract for the labor and materials and we could start tomorrow. Mayor Langlinais stated Phase 2 from is from Albertson Parkway to Broussard Middle and Phase I is from La Rue Malaga to Sugar Trace.

**Alleyway near Roy Brown's property** = Councilman Johnson questioned if the alleyway concerning Mr. Brown's property has been resolved? Attorney Landry stated he sent a letter to Mr. Brown regarding that. The bottom line is it will stay as is, because neither party wanted it. It will stay as is; it is still the town property. Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the trees on the alleyway, whose liability is it if they fall? Councilman Guilbeau stated the trees do seem to be rotten. Mayor Langlinais stated he would get Larry to look at the trees. Mr. Brown clarified that the alleyway was abandoned and half of the alley was given to him and the other half was given to Mr. Landry. Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Landry doesn't take care of his share where the trees are. Therefore it is not the city's liability. Mr. Brown was advised to contact Mr. Landry and put him on notice regarding the trees.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one was present.

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

##### **District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Potholes and Street Re-Surfacing** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he asked Larry to check out the end of Burgess Drive for the condition of the street, because he still hasn't heard anything from Walter on this? Walter stated he did check into this and it would be approximately \$103,000, because it would have to be re-constructed. Councilman Guilbeau questioned him about North Eola? Walter stated he would have to check into that one, because he doesn't remember Councilman Guilbeau asking him about that one? He also questioned him about La Neuville? Councilman Guilbeau questioned how long will we wait to do something about the road, will we wait for it to be re-constructed? Mayor Langlinais stated he heard the Parish would re-construct the road, but he hadn't heard anything on when will it be? Councilman Guilbeau stated he heard they aren't able to get the right of ways for the roundabouts? Mayor Langlinais stated he understands that they are looking into some other options. Councilman Guilbeau to asked Larry to give him an opinion on these three roads after he looks at them?

**Automatic Flushers** = Councilman Guilbeau asked Elmo about the automatic flushers? He stated that he hasn't heard any complaints on his end. Elmo stated he hasn't heard any complaints either. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels these flushers helped out a lot.

##### **District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Vehicle Emblems** = Councilman Bonin questioned if all city vehicles have emblems on them now. Elmo and Larry both stated yes.

**Anniversary Wishes to Councilman Foco** = Councilman Bonin wished Councilman Foco and his wife Christine a Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Automatic Flushers** = Councilman Foco questioned Elmo about the flusher on Morgan Street, if he could change the timer on this, because it is flushing at the time kids are walking to school? Elmo stated that is a sample box and he would take care of that.

**Huval Holiday Phase III Subdivision** = Councilman Foco stated that he feels a can of worms has been opened regarding this subdivision for the ditch closures. Mel and Larry stated they would not make approval if there is dirt in pipe and if they don't have swirl in the ditch? Larry stated the first two sets of culverts are full of dirt. Councilman Foco questioned what about the houses in the future? Mel stated that doesn't mean we will sign off on the subdivision acceptance. Mel stated he did call Joey and tell him that. Councilman Foco stated that is what he was worried about and he just wanted the council to be aware of this.

**District IV/Councilman Johnson:**

**Anniversary Wishes to Councilman Foco** = Councilman Johnson wished Councilman Foco and his wife Christine a Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Cruise Drive road Condition** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he had some discussions with Walter about Cruise Drive regarding the road? Walter stated he spoke with St. Martin Parish President Guy Cormier and they are starting to do road projects, which they haven't done in 30 years, but Mr. Cormier stated he would look at road because half off the road is in St. Martin Parish. \$80,000 is an estimate cost to re-construct it. Walter explained how a decision is based whether to overlay or re-construct a road is if it had extensive cracking. It is \$65.00 a ton to overlay and \$75.00 to patch. It doesn't pay to patch a road if more than 50% of road needs to be done. Councilman Guilbeau stated maybe we need to look at the roads to see which ones needs to be overlaid before we have to re-construct them. Walter stated that definitely yes, because that is preventive maintenance and a sealing program is the key and you have to get on schedule. Mayor Langlinais stated we did do a list of the roads that needed to be prioritized. Councilman Guilbeau stated we need to look at them before they get too bad. Mayor Langlinais stated whether we maintain them or not, we do have a list of roads and budgeted money to spend on the roads, whether it be patching and overlaying and we need to look at which ones are traveled the most. Walter stated we should just go by the traffic count on the roads; we need to be looked at the weight of the traffic on the roads. Walter stated another thing is to get water away from the base of the road. Mayor Langlinais asked Attorney Landry to send Chester Cedars a letter reconfirming a conversation about the St. Martin Parish annexation and requesting contribution for the re-construction of North Cruise Road. Councilman Guilbeau stated he is trying to get ahead of the game, before the budget by asking

Larry to look at these roads. Mayor Langlinais asked Larry to come up with a list of roads for sealing. Councilman Guilbeau asked him to also look at roads.

### **Mayor Langlinais:**

**New Sewage Projects** = Mayor Langlinais stated that in reference to the force main from Sugar Trace to Morgan Street, he asked the engineers to put double pipe so we wouldn't have to duplicate it in the future. The additional pipe would be capped. Mel estimated we would save about 20%. We would also enlarge or contribute to the force main along Albertson Parkway. We designed it for 6 inch, but we could upgrade it to 8 inch at a cost of \$30,000. Councilman Bonin questioned how the 2 pipes would work? Jerry stated we would have a highly active area at Sugar Trace and South Morgan. Before you can utilize both pipes, the new pond will have to be done. We can't pump two pipes into the pump stations if they can't handle it. Mayor Langlinais stated that was the thought to just enlarge the pipe and have a single pipe. Walter asked if we were concerned about the solid accumulation in that big pipe? Jerry explained yes that's why we don't want it to big. We can start pumping with the 8 inch and in the future if the demand is there we can switch over to 10 inch, and if more would pump in both of them. The line in there now is 4 inch. Mayor Langlinais stated he thought we could have both installed in the same ditch cheaper, but it seems there would be that much a saving and we will only be doubling the work. Councilman Guilbeau questioned when both lines are in will the lift stations be able to handle that? The 10 and 8-inch line will be falling into two different phases. The pump station at East Broussard to Eola will have to be upgraded. The plan is pretty flexible. Reaux stated the thought of putting 2 lines in would provide more flexibility. Walter stated he feels the point they are missing is that it might be too big and it will plug up. Gene stated we would only be saving a dollar or two a foot. Mayor Langlinais stated he suggested we go up on the size of the line from 6 inch to 8-inch line. Jerry stated 10 inch would probably be too big. Mel stated the advantage to putting both pipes in right now it that it, will save 20% now, but in the future the pipe cost will go up. Mayor Langlinais stated development in this area is growing fast. He doesn't see a big benefit and saving only 20%. Gene stated it's not worth it. Councilman Foco stated that we don't know what the saving will be, because we don't have the bidded contract. Mayor Langlinais suggested when we do the bond issue for the new pond; we keep in mind how much more sales tax is bringing in than what projected. Councilman Rousseau questioned what is the bond capacity? Gene stated don't he doesn't know. Gene stated we have to set priorities. Councilman Foco stated we need to look at the road conditions and the sewer also. Mayor Langlinais stated we did get the grant for the water and sewer for the nursing home on Albertson Parkway for \$499,000. Maybe we need to look at putting bigger lines instead of what the grant is for and we can pay for the betterment. Mayor Langlinais stated he wants the council to tell them what to do at the next meeting in regards to the funding and what to do. Councilman Rousseau stated the wants the engineer's recommendation. Reaux stated it is the timing that sets a priority for these projects being built. Jerry stated the study shows both. Mayor Langlinais stated we should up size the pipe. He sees significant growth. Jerry stated how the study goes can put some flexibility into this. Walter stated within 60 days Sugar trace south should be finished. 5 to 6 months someone will be ready to flush their toilet their. The force main from Sugar Trace to La Rue Malaga was approved at the last meeting. Now the question is what size for the force main. Construction should start soon. Councilman

Foco questioned about if we have the permits? Reaux stated DHH has to approve the plans and specs. Mayor Langlinais stated we do have everything and it's ready to go.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Ordinance Regarding Concrete Trucks on Albertson Parkway** = Chief Decou apologized for being late for the meeting, because he was at a house fire. Chief Decou stated that he would like to address the new ordinance reference to cement trucks on Albertson Parkway. Chief Decou stated he received some correspondence from the Mayor about this because a particular truck that delivered concrete was empty and was ticketed. The officer investigated this and the truck was not empty. Chief Decou stated the truck was not empty and the concrete was moving in the truck. Chief stated they are doing their job discretely. Chief Decou stated the Mayor sent him a letter and asked that they use discretion when issuing tickets. Chief Decou stated he wished the Mayor had contacted him personally. Mayor Langlinais stated he does all correspondence by memos. Chief Decou questioned whether this ordinance should be enforced or not? Attorney Landry stated he feels this should be turned over to the prosecutor. Chief Decou stated he doesn't have a problem helping people. Attorney Landry stated he doesn't see anything in the memo that is offensive. Councilman Johnson asked where did the truck come from? Chief Decou explained the truck came from New Iberia turning onto Albertson Parkway and turning onto St. Des. Porres. Chief Decou we have a court process to determine whether the driver was guilty or not, but the driver stated he was unaware of the ordinance. Chief Decou asked the Mayor to contact him in the future if he needs anything. Mayor Langlinais stated he sent a letter with his request as he usually does. Councilman Foco questioned how technical do we get with the ordinance, regarding off of Albertson Parkway or near Albertson Parkway? Mayor Langlinais stated the intent it not to allow concrete trucks going all the way down Albertson Parkway to Highway 89. Mayor Langlinais apologized because evidently it was a different truck than what left his property that was ticketed, because that truck was empty.

**Force Main at Sewer Pond** = Mel questioned if we are going to discuss the force main at the new sewer pond? Mayor Langlinais stated we would discuss that at the next sewage pond meeting. The contractor asked him when could he expect to start? Mayor Langlinais stated in about 6 weeks. He hasn't given him notice to proceed yet, because he doesn't know if we will use cash or bonds to pay for this.

### **ADJOURN:**

**Meeting Adjourn** = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Guilbeau

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

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

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