

**Minutes Of The**

**March 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  
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer  
 Al Reaux, City Engineer  
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police  
 Representative from Phoenix Tank Services  
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
 Jonathan LeBlanc, City Foreman

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

**Adopt minutes of the March 8, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the March 8, 2005 City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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| 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 =** Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to approve the following bills be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: M. J. Broussard, Incorporated for \$10,425.00; The LaBorde Law Firm for \$722.25; Lafayette

Winwater for \$28,139.00 (for the p-e-pipe) and Comite Resources, Incorporated for \$10,583.33. Roll call:

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

**LCDBG Grant for Water and Sewer Along Albertson Parkway for the Nursing Home** = Marc explained this is an Economic Development Grant and it has to go by the mod of employees in the area to so show how it will impact Broussard. They use to give grants for the building and the land, but now they give for the improvements such as the water and sewer line. The criteria for the waterline they wanted was to put a 6-inch line, but Mark found some code requirements so we have to put a 8-inch line and to upgrade it to a 12-inch line the betterment will have to be paid on our part. The sewer system is the largest that could be put, so it won't require any betterment on our part. The 12-inch waterline along Albertson Parkway was put in the budget. The entire project would have to be bid out, per the State. Larry stated he feels we will have some controversy with our water and sewer line suppliers, because they were looking forward to doing this project, and we have already bided out the water line and sewer line installation along with the materials. Mark stated that the State wants a public bid. The project will be bided and an entire project with alternates.

**Adopt Resolution #156-05, Regarding Mayor Langlinais signing all documents for the LDCBG Grant for the Water and Sewer Extension for the Nursing Home** = Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Resolution #156-05, which grants the authority to Mayor Charles Langlinais to sign and submit all necessary documents in connection with the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for the Water and Sewer Extension on Albertson Parkway. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Resolution #157-05, Authorizing City Officials/Employees to sign payment request forms** = Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Resolution #157-05, which authorizes city officials/employees to sign the request for payment forms for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for the Water and Sewer Extension on Albertson Parkway. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Resolution #158-05, Appointing Mayor Langlinais as the Compliance Officer and Adopt Section 504 Policy Statement** = Moved by Councilman Foco and second by

Councilman Rousseau to adopt Resolution #158-05, which appoints Mayor Charles Langlinais as accessibility compliance officer and adopts a Section 504 Policy Statement and also adopt a complaint procedure for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for the Water and Sewer Extension on Albertson Parkway. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Resolution #159-05, Adopt a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and appoint Mayor Langlinais as Antidisplacement/Relocation Officer Relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program** = Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Resolution #159—05, which adopts a residential antidisplacement and relocation plan and appointing Mayor Charles Langlinais as the antidisplacement/relocation officer relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for the Water and Sewer Extension on Albertson Parkway. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Resolution #160-05, Adopting Procurement Procedures relative to the LCDBG Grant** = Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Resolution #160-05, which adopts procurement procedures relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for the Water and Sewer extension on Albertson Parkway. Roll call:

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**Declare Old Furniture As Junk** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to declare the following old furniture as salvage and put it out for bids: Credenza with hutch, 7 drawer desk, (2) wooden carts on wheels, (2) mobile carts, light colored desk with credenza, large table, paper bin sorter holder, (2) 2—shelves, 5—shelve unit, (2) metal printer stands, computer desk on wheels, wooden desk. Roll call:

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

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Ordinance #05-284, Authorizing the sale of the city property located at 423 East Main Street** = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt 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 in Broussard, Louisiana. Roll call:

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

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **Mark's Report:**

**Painting of Elevated Water Tank #1** = Mark gave the council some correspondence on the painting of the elevated water tank #1. Mark stated that we have been having it inspected. We have Phoenix Tank Services who would like to do a maintenance contract for the 15 years. Mark stated the inside may not look bad, but the inside is probably worst. Mayor Langlinais stated he is asking the council to consider this and he would like them to give him some feedback. Mark stated previous options were that the contracts would end after 10 years, now those agreements have changed and the City is the only party that can cancel the contract. Mark stated that there is a state law that allows the city to enter into this contract as a maintenance contract and it doesn't have to be bided out. Gene asked about the clause that stated we could keep the contract going. The representative from Phoenix stated yes it can continue on, but the cost would be limited to going up to 15% after 5 years and after 10 years get a paint job inside and out. This price is based on the inspection that was done, on the inside and outside of the tank. It will be there problem to maintain it after the contract is awarded to them. This price is less than the previous contract price and it is for 15 years. Mark stated also from the two proposals the maximum increase was used. The representative from Phoenix also gave the council a packet of what their proposal involves. Councilman Higginbotham asked how are we maintaining it now? Mark stated they inspect the inside and outside of the tank. Mark added you have to paint it in a mix match cycle, the inside and then the outside the next 5 years. This is just for elevated water tank #1. They do the maintenance ever 2 years. Phoenix has been in business for over 60 years. The council will review this proposal and make a decision in the future.

**Hulin Road Drainage** = Mark stated that he finished the preliminaries on the Hulin Road drainage. Mark stated that inlets would probably have to be put in by Terry Hayes' property. Mark and Larry will go talk to Mr. Hayes about this.

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

Al stated that he had nothing to report on.

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

Gene stated that the Sales Tax went a little bit down this month. We are safe because we are over projection. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Johnson

to accept the monthly report for February 2005. Roll call:

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| 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 from the Fire Department.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Hiring of a police officer** = Chief Decou stated that he has another officer that left his department to go work in the private sector, therefore he needs to hire a replacement. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to hire Tim Robin as a uniform police officer for the Broussard Police Department, effective \_\_\_\_\_ at a salary of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.

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#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

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

**Time of Dumpster Pickup** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that the dumpster at Shop Rite is still being picked up at 4:00 a.m. He thought Attorney Landry was going to send a letter out to the haulers to request they change their times of pickup or the city would have to pass an ordinance to that effect. Mayor Langlinois instructed Tina to check with Attorney Landry about this and then report back to Councilman Guilbeau and Councilman Bonin.

**Price Change for New Water Connections** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that there was an article in the "Broussard Independent Newspaper" about water connection fees going up to \$550. He added that the article states till June 30 it is \$550 and after May 1 it is \$550, which doesn't make sense. Is this for all Broussard residents, because the residents are inquiring because they are thinking that they will be charged to change out their meters? Mayor Langlinois stated that the article was worded wrong. This is only for new water connections, not for existing customers. Councilman Guilbeau stated that the council should be informed when something like this happens. Mayor Langlinois questioned Tina, why didn't she send a letter to the council. Tina stated that she didn't know these notices were sent out. Mayor Langlinois

stated that's right Cindy sent them out. Councilman Foco questioned if we received other proposals for the installation? Elmo stated he doesn't know. Mayor Langlinais stated that Larry and Cindy handled that. The council requested that when anything like this is changed, that they be notified.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Trash on the side of road** = Councilman Bonin questioned if the letters were sent out to the individuals that have trash on the side of the road? Mayor Langlinais stated apparently they were.

**Parking Lot in front of the Police Department** = Councilman Bonin stated that he thought we were going to get the part-time workers to clean the parking lot of the police station. Mayor Langlinais stated he thought Larry took care of this. Councilman Guilbeau stated perhaps we could talk to the grass cutter about this that cuts the grass there? Mayor Langlinais stated that is not in his contract.

**District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Sewage Force Main on Morgan Street** = Councilman Rousseau asked where are we with the Morgan Street Force Main Project? Mayor Langlinais stated he has 3 out of 4 servitudes and we should be starting soon. Councilman Rousseau questioned, are we still doing 2 pipes as we talked about at the last meeting? Mark stated he wasn't here at the last meeting. Mayor Langlinais stated we decided to go with one larger pipe.

**Moulin Road Re-Construction** = Councilman Rousseau questioned where are we with the Moulin Road re-construction project? Mayor Langlinais stated he signed the amended contract yesterday morning and the project should start in about 2 –3 weeks. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how much of that road is for the parish? Councilman Rousseau stated approximately 300 feet.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Rate Increase on Water Connection** = Councilman Foco stated that he was in city hall when this came about and spoke to Cindy and made a comment that we should waive a fee for the people in town now that weren't on the city water. With all fairness we did waive the installation fee for a grace period for the people that are in the city limits that have not connected yet. Mayor Langlinais stated the corrected article was in The Advertiser Sunday.

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau: continued.....**

**Street Overlay** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that Larry did a breakdown of the streets in town that need to be overlaid and re-constructed and he gave all of the council that information. Councilman Guilbeau asked the council to study this for the next budget. He also questioned what about La Neuville? Mayor Langlinais stated he believes the parish will pay for

the entire road. Chief Decou stated he spoke to Joey Dural about this and he said it was in the plans. Mayor Langlinais stated he would have to speak to Randy Menard and Marc Mouton about this for further information.

**At Large/Councilman Foco: continued.....**

**Morgan Street Sewer Force Main** = Councilman Foco questioned about the Morgan Street Sewer Force Main Project; do we need any plans? Mark stated they are not doing plans and Al stated they are not doing the plans. The sewer line will be put in the existing right of way. Mayor Langlinais stated he might not have assigned the plans yet.

**Water Connection Increase** = Councilman Foco stated he just wanted to reiterate what Councilman Guilbeau said about please let them know about any changes that are occurring, such as the water connection increase.

**District IV/Councilman Johnson:**

**Water Connection Increase** = Councilman Johnson stated he also just wants to reiterate what Councilman Guilbeau and Councilman Foco said about please let them know about any changes that are occurring, such as the water connection increase.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Culverts in Ditch on Magnolia Ridge** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that property owner in Magnolia Ridge, put a driveway in and also put a pipe in for his sidewalk and also put another 20 feet of pipe for a driveway that he can't use to get to the backyard. His entire yard is almost covered. Mayor Langlinais stated we could change the ordinance to amend it to say that they have only one driveway per lot. Councilman Bonin stated he has the same problem with some of the old residents of Huval Holiday Subdivision complaining also about the newer residents being allowed to pipe their entire ditches. Mayor Langlinais instructed Councilman Higginbotham to contact Attorney Landry to amend the ordinance to have only one driveway per resident. Councilman Higginbotham stated he would like to see it go a step further and if is developed open ditch, it remain open ditch. Mayor Langlinais stated that is exactly what we are doing, same as what Joey is doing now. Councilman Higginbotham stated Mel is there everyday, sometimes four and fives times a day. That is a monster that was created, because it was first designed open ditch. Councilman Rousseau stated he feels when they come to the planning commission and it is open ditch, it stays open ditch. Councilman Higginbotham stated there is no moratorium on this. Mark stated closing in the ditch only cost  $\frac{1}{4}$  of what it used to cost, because now residents can put corrugated pipe in. Councilman Foco stated he feels that it shouldn't be changed; if it is designed open ditch it should stay open ditch. Councilman Rousseau stated, we need to get Don to amend the moratorium to state if they have a corner lot they can have 2 driveways, otherwise they can only have one driveway. Councilman Guilbeau stated that we need to charge the contractor if we have to keep going back to check the grade then they won't do it wrong. Mayor Langlinais stated that might discourage residential development. Councilman Bonin stated if we don't police it, then the old part of town will be a

swamp. Councilman Rousseau stated he doesn't see an issue with going back to a contractor or a developer and charging for re-inspection of the pipe. Mayor Langlinais stated there are other options: the developer can dig a big pond and the homeowners maintain it. Mayor Langlinais stated he still recommends that Councilman Higginbotham contact Attorney Landry and have the ordinance amended regarding only being allowed 1 driveway and charge for the inspection of pipe grade and charge for re-inspections also. Councilman Higginbotham stated that even if it is inspected, one year from now it will be silted with mud again.

**ADJOURN:**

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