

Minutes Of The

April 12, 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
 Tommy Angelle, Representative from Utility Tank Service
 Jeff George, Representative from Utility Tank Service

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Roy Brown lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer and Mayor Langlinais asked everyone to keep the troops and Lois Broussard in their prayers.

Adopt minutes of the March 22, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the March 22, 2005 City Council Meeting subject to the following revision: Councilman Guilbeau stated that it needed to be clarified in the minutes that the people charged for the new meters would be only the new water connections (new services not existing) and the residents who already have water service, their meters will be changed out at no cost to them.

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:

Amend agenda for Utility Services for tank maintenance, Tommy Angelle = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Johnson to amend the agenda for the representatives from Utility Tank Service. Roll call:

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

Approval of bills for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District = Councilman Bonin questioned how much more legal fees are we looking at? Mayor Langlinais stated it depends if we have to expropriate another section; we maybe looking at about \$25,000. Mayor Langlinais stated we would be updating the pond status at the next meeting for the BEESD, which will be next week. All the right of ways has been acquired from pond to pond, not at the discharge point. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to approve the following bills be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: Grooms Engineering, LLC for \$5,450.00; Lafayette Winwater for \$116,031.80 and The LaBorde Law Firm for \$748.33, totaling \$122,230.13. Roll call:

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

Walter Comeaux re: Letter of Credit for Sugar Trace South Subdivision = Walter addressed the council regarding the letter of credit for Sugar Trace South Subdivision. The sewage force main has been started. Walter stated essentially sewage service won't be needed in that subdivision for about 4 months. He is proposing to post a letter of credit to the town and stating they will have enough money to approve the project will be completed, like that they are able to sell lots. Walter stated that this has always been done in Lafayette; but he doesn't think it has ever been done in Broussard. Walter stated he would like to schedule the final acceptance, with the exception of the pumps. The lift station is located on Fairfield near the Coulee. He asked the council how do they want them to proceed if a letter of credit is needed? Councilman Rousseau stated he feels this would be good to do. Walter stated it would a letter of credit for about \$70 or \$80,000 and the city would hold it and when the work is finished it needs to be given back to the developer. Attorney Landry stated our obligation is to complete the project. Walter stated the formula Lafayette uses is the remaining cost of the project and 25%. Councilman Bonin questioned if the Billeaud Companies don't complete their part, then they are giving us the money (letter of credit) to complete the project? Walter stated yes. Walter stated he would like to do a final inspection next week and if there is anything else it can be tacked on to the letter of credit. Larry Champagne stated that we don't have any documentation about where the town ends and where they start. Walter stated that it could be put in writing. Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't see a need for a letter of credit. Gene recommended that it be done. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Johnson to accept the letter of credit from the Billeaud Companies for Sugar Trace South Subdivision. Roll call:

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

District V = Yea
 District VI = Yea

Utility Services Tank Service = Tommy Angelle introduced himself to the council. Angelle stated about a year and a half ago he was looking for a company to do work on their water tank in Carencro when he was Mayor. They hired Utility Services Tank Service and he went to work for them after his term as Mayor, because he was very satisfied with the work they did. A representative from Utility Services Tank Company introduced himself to the council, Jeff George. He explained that years ago they came up with a maintenance service for water tanks to help communities. They determine an annual fee on a water tank service. They spread the cost over 2 – 4 years. This concept works very well. It takes the cap off of our people. So many times maintenance on the water tank is not worried about. Once we accept their program, they cover the maintenance on the tank and the only thing they don't cover is an act of God. One year they do a visual inspection and the next year it is drained, cleaned and disinfected. They provide for emergency service. It is all part of the fee. They budget to renovate the exteriors of the tank every eight years. The interior is done every 10 years, blasted and coated. It will save money over a period of years, because it is preventative maintenance. Their employees get paid to climb the tank and even change the light bulbs on the tank. Closest service center here is in Memphis, but their crews are all over the south. They also cover graffiti writing on the tank. Certain graffiti's are covered as an emergency. Once the tank is placed under the contract, it is perpetual. The city has the right to cancel if they wish to. They have about 5500 water tanks under contract right now. Councilman Foco asked if they are doing the job in Youngsville? He stated yes and it is finished. Jerry stated that these two companies are the ones we have received quotes from. At the last meeting the representative from Phoenix was here. Jerry stated currently we do the maintenance on the water tank as it is needed, but we don't have a maintenance program. Jerry stated it is spread it out for a 15-year period. Councilman Foco stated didn't know this was coming up. Mayor Langlinais stated he just wants Gene and the council to look at this and if we do want to do the maintenance program the price is negotiable. These are proposals. Councilman Rousseau questioned how did we do this in 1996? Jerry stated in 1996 the paint was starting to be bad and so was the inside and that is when it was done. A representative stated if it goes beyond the point you will have to take the old paint off and put the new paint on. With the maintenance program this would be done on a scheduled basis. Jerry stated this it takes a lot of worries off of them, worrying if it needs to be painted or not and what does the inside look like. Mr. George stated when it is bidded out, the contractor gave us a one year guarantee and by putting it in the contract, and if it fails in three years it is their responsibility to paint it again. It is very important that they do a good job at first and all the time. Councilman Rousseau stated he feels that at the last meeting it was decided by the council that they would like to look into it and perhaps Jerry can give them a comparison for each proposal. This is only for one tank, not the new tank, which is only 6 years old. The representative stated they couldn't put the new tank under contract, because the way the maintenance program is. They would have to look at the inside and the outside tank and then come up with a fee and after that they could do a contract. The older tank will need work before the new tank. Mayor Langlinais stated he did try to negotiate the price for both tanks. The report done by Phoenix on the inspection is what the proposals were based on. Mayor

Langlinais recommended Gene look at the numbers Jerry came up with and then give the council a recommendation and the council will decide if they want to consider the maintenance agreement. The council and Gene will take this under advisement. Gene questioned when is the tank due to be painted again? The representative stated this is in the proposed contract. The price stays the same for three years and then the price fee is according to the CPI increase.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Jerry stated that he had nothing to report on.

Water Tank Service = Councilman Foco questioned if the quotes were comparative? Jerry stated he believes there was a about a \$45,000 difference. Mayor Langlinais recommended that he get with Youngsville and see what their price was.

Al's Report:

Al stated that he had nothing to report on.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Letter of credit = Attorney Landry questioned if we have a definite place were we are starting with our project and is that where they are going to meet with them? Attorney Landry stated he feels we need something in writing of where they will meet. Is it the same spot at where we previously decided to start? Larry stated we need to start at the same place or the price will be different. Mayor Langlinais stated he instructed Walter to get copies of the construction plans with the sewage to him. They are bringing their sewage to the old Sugar Trace across from Broussard Middle. They are bringing their sewage to the north boundary of the old Sugar Trace. It was agreed upon, but not in writing, that is why Larry recommended we accept the letter of credit. Councilman Bonin questioned with all of hookups we are talking about, it is his understanding another subdivision will be across Fairfield and will these lines be able to handle this? Mayor Langlinais stated that this is in a different phase that was approved. Mayor Langlinais stated he had several conversations with Boyd Anderson in reference to putting a lift station on his property off of Morgan Street. He agreed to if we provide him with the plans, he would look at this option. Don stated he just wants to know if the line they are running is at the same location, we are starting and if it is we also need to write a letter and a provide a plat with that. Mayor Langlinais stated yes it is.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Exotic Dance Clubs = Chief Decou stated that he met with the Sheriff about the dance clubs that the dancers have to apply for permits to dance in the city. The dancers would be charged a fee to dance and they have to go into the police station and give information about themselves and this gives a database of all those involved in that type activity. He feels if we have a permit fee, it might discourage them to dance. At the local club here in town they have great turnover there. Chief Decou stated an incident occurred in Scott with a dancer and a cook from the club. Councilman Rousseau questioned if we can't draft an ordinance to do this? Don stated sure we can, but the council can be ready to be challenged on this ordinance. Councilman Foco questioned if we can tag on to the Parish? Chief Decou stated the Parish has steep regulations. Chief Decou stated he feels the city is one step further in control of this. Don stated he doesn't want to discourage the city from adopting an ordinance. Elmer stated he feels the people who have the permits will stay working where they have the permits and the ones who don't have the permits will migrate to where they don't need the permits. Chief Decou asked if the council has an interest in it, before he gets more information on it. Mayor Langlinois recommended that Attorney Landry get more information on this and then get back with the Chief. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how much calls do they have over there a month? Chief Decou stated at least once a week. The council asked for numbers on the how calls are there?

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Open ditch issue = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he feels when it is said a subdivision is open, they would stay open ditch. He still doesn't understand why we closing them in? Mayor Langlinois stated it would be explained at the next meeting. Barry Bleckner will come speak to the council at the next meeting about the open ditch issue and he will also do a presentation on this.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Open ditch issue = Councilman Foco stated we didn't want to get very technical; we just wanted to pass an ordinance to leave open ditch. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels we could have looked at these lots on a one on one basis, perhaps by variance. Mayor Langlinois stated he feels we need to go thru this at the next meeting when the presentation is given. Councilman Higginbotham added that he is talking about the initial design when it comes to the planning commission.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Commend Fire Department and Police Department = Councilman Rousseau stated he wanted to commend the fire department and the police department about an emergency in his subdivision. It was brought to his attention.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Trash on Side of Streets = Councilman Bonin stated that he noticed we have been getting a few more people using the side of roads as dumps again. Councilman Bonin recommend we use some free advertisement in the Broussard newspapers. It is really an eyesore.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Time of Dumpster Pick-Ups = Councilman Guilbeau question if the hauler that picks up the dumpster at Shop Rite was contacted about the recommended time of pick-up? Attorney Landry stated he did send a letter to the haulers about the time. Mayor Langlinais stated he did meet with a representative from Waste Management in reference to the CPI cost and he did bring this to their attention. Councilman Bonin added in the old part of town they pick up early. The council has no problem with the commercial part of town being picked up early.

Complaint about poisoning along fence line = Councilman Guilbeau stated a resident complained to him about their neighbor who is poisoning along her fence and it is messing up her fence. What could be done about this? Attorney Landry stated that is a civil matter.

At Large/Councilman Foco.....continued

Four Wheelers in the back of Deer Meadow = Councilman Foco stated that he received complaints from the residents of Deer Meadow about people riding four wheelers in their backyard? Chief Decou recommended they call him when it is occurring. The also added that the landowners need to post signs if they are not allowed there.

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

Cameras on Albertson Parkway = Councilman Guilbeau questioned who put up the cameras on Albertsons Parkway? Mayor Langlinais stated we did, to control the trucks on that road.

Police Department/Chief Decou.....continued:

Crossover Highway 90 near new theatre = Chief Decou questioned why does the state continue to put crossovers on Highway 90 and cause more access points; which will cause more accidents in reference to the crossover that has just been installed near the new theatre? Mayor Langlinais stated it is a state issue and they had to meet a certain criteria. Chief Decou questioned if anyone has any insight about I-49? Chief Decou stated every time an overpass is

built in Iberia Parish, the fatalities come closer to Broussard. Chief Decou stated he is concerned about the people who travel on Highway 90. Al recommended that Chief Decou address his concerns when there is an I-49 public hearing. Chief Decou stated basically you have a driveway going onto a roadway with 40,000 cars a day. Councilman Higginbotham stated this is a good issue for us; how can we monitor what happens on Highway 90 even if it is the city limits? Al stated the state owns the right of way and the property where the driveway goes onto. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels they need to contact us, when something is done like this in the future.

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

After Hours Emergency Number = Councilman Guilbeau stated that when you call city hall after hours the emergency number that is given continues to ring and no one answers.

Mayor

Langlinais stated he thought Cindy and Lisa were answering that cell after hours. Tina stated no they are not. Mayor Langlinais instructed Tina to put the cell number for Hayward Adams for the emergency number.

NEW BUSINESS.....continued

Jess Spiller re: request for variance = Mr. Spiller stated that he just purchased some property off of West Monroe Street and he will be building some townhouse there. He is getting ready to draw up his plans. He asked the council if they would consider 3-foot setback instead of 5-foot side setback on the side of the properties, so he could build individual units instead of putting them all together? Spiller stated he would like to know before he starts designing them, because if the council doesn't go with that, then he would connect the buildings. Councilman Guilbeau stated he is totally against it. Councilman Guilbeau questioned how much overhang will he have? Spiller stated the overhang would be one foot, so it would only be 4 foot instead of 5 foot. The council suggested he put the units together, instead of any variance being granted. Spiller stated that's all he wanted to know, before he proceeds.

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

