

Minutes Of The

April 26, 2005

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles E. Langlinais
 Tina G. Denais, City Clerk
 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
 Don Landry, City Attorney
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Walter Comeaux, Engineer
 Louis Anzalone, Developer
 Barry Bleichner, Engineer
 Ian Trahan, Trahan Engineering
 Several Residents of Broussard

Absent: Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Walter Comeaux lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer. Councilman Foco asked everyone to remember Lois, who only has 13 days left in Houston.

Adopt minutes of the April 12, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the April 12, 2005 City Council Meeting. Roll call:

District I = Absent	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 the bill from Teche Construction Company for \$55,960.00 is incorrect.

That bill should not have been submitted for payment, because it was calculated wrong; therefore it was re-submitted in the amount of \$41,400.00 instead. Moved by Councilman Rousseau

and second by Councilman Romero to approve the following bills be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: Grooms Engineering, LLC for \$4,910.00; Teche Construction Company, Inc. for \$43,200.00 and M. J. Broussard, Incorporated for \$12,480.00. Roll call:

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

Mel stated the pipeline is about 65% complete. Councilman Rousseau questioned about the bill for the unloading of the sewage pipe? Larry stated that we are not equipped to unload 12-inch sewage drainpipe and it our responsibility to unload the pipe.

Louis Anzalone re: Request for Variance on Albertson Parkway for construction of a convenience store and a car wash = Anzalone addressed the council. He is building a convenience store and a car wash on Albertson Parkway near the intersection of Highway 89. Anzalone stated the open bay of the car encroaches into the 20-foot setback. Instead he is requesting the council allow him to have only a 10-foot setback. Anzalone offered to put pipe along the ditch to enable to put a turn lane in and out of Oak Hollow Drive. Councilman Foco asked for a better site plan. Anzalone stated he wanted to get the variances and then he would get a professional site plan. The corner of the open bay car wash is the problem. Councilman Higginbotham stated they have never given a 10-foot variance. The council requested he provide a better site plan and then come back to the council for the variance.

Bids for Electronic Meter Reading System = Mayor Langlinais stated we bided this out and there is still some confusion on which meter works together. Next time this is bided out we will break the specs out a little further. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Higginbotham to reject all of the bids for the electronic meter reading system and re-bid at a later date. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

Water Tank Maintenance = Mark stated at the last meeting, Jerry gave them the tank maintenance reports. Gene did the review on this. This is an updated comparison. Gene stated the only issue is if the council wants to do a maintenance plan. Gene stated it locks in the cost and the tank will be inspected every 2 years. Right now we are doing it every three or four

years. Mayor Langlinais stated he would further negotiate the price with both parties, based on apples to apples. Gene stated he doesn't see too much difference in both proposals. Mark stated Youngsville entered into a contract with Utility Services and their price is in between our price. Their tank also was in worst shape than our tank and their tank was smaller. Councilman Higginbotham stated he would like to know how much we have spent on that tank maintenance, so far? Mayor Langlinais stated he would be coming back to the council with new prices in 30 days.

Walter's Report:

Moulin Road Re-Construction = Walter stated the Moulin Road project has begun today. He doesn't know when the tearing up of the road will take place. It shouldn't take that long to complete the project.

Al's Report:

Baker Hughes Project = Al stated that there is \$76,000 remaining for the Baker Hughes Project. The state has verbally approved us to spend the rest of the money on a waterline to the sewage treatment plant and to add in some additional culverts along the side road. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Foco to approve spending of the remaining monies of the Baker Hughes Project for the Roll call:

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District III = Yea	District VI = Yea
At Large = Yea	

Utilities on Corne Road = Councilman Higginbotham questioned how will be the utilities at Corne Road be done, meaning who pay the cost for Ambassador Caffery? Al stated the state would bear a majority of the cost.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene stated that the police department spent a little more money, but they do have some grant money to cover that. Our sales tax revenue has gone down slightly. Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Rousseau to accept Gene's monthly report for March 2005. Roll call:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Introduce Ordinance# 05-285/Rotocraft Leasing Company Annexation =

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Ordinance #05-285, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 95, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Rotocraft Leasing Company, LLC Annexation. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #05-286/North Girouard/Thomas Delahoussaye Annexation =

Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Foco to introduce Ordinance #05-286, which provides for annexation of certain property located in section 95, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the North Girouard Road/Thomas Delahoussaye Annexation. Roll call:

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Exotic Dancers Ordinance = Chief Decou provided Attorney Landry with an ordinance in reference to exotic dance ordinance from East Baton Rouge. Attorney Landry sent the council copies, but he isn't ready to do anything about this yet. Chief Decou stated it looks like something they could adopt here and enforce also. This is for the permitting for the exotic dancers. Attorney Landry stated his intent is to amend the current ordinance to include this. Chief Decou stated it goes into the background check and being able to deny some people employment if they have some of the convictions stated in the ordinance. Chief Decou gave the council information about the amount of calls at that establishment and the types of calls since 2003. We are still in appeals court in reference to the current charges presently against them. We have no idea when this will be resolved. The council will take this ordinance under advisement.

Replacement Officer = Chief Decou stated that he had another officer quit and he questioned if the council could approve for him to hire someone, but he doesn't know who yet. The council and the Attorney advised Chief Decou that a name is needed. The Chief stated he was only trying to avoid waiting 2 weeks for a replacement. Unfortunately it can't be done that way.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Rescue Truck = Chief Decou stated that the rescue truck is being built and they should take delivery before the end of the budget year. They are also working on the financing.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

Cruise Drive = Councilman Higginbotham stated he got some calls in reference to the re-constructing of Cruise. Walter has worked up some numbers for him and he also has spoken to St. Martin Parish President Guy Cormier and he working on St. Martin Parish paying half of the re-construction.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Use of Loul Street Park = Councilman Johnson questioned what is the procedure if someone wants to reserve the park on Loul Street owned by the city? Tina stated they have received a lot of calls about having gathering in the park and the biggest issue is a lot of people want music played during the gathering and being it is city property; is alcohol allowed in the park? Chief Decou highlighted on what is being done in Arceneaux Park. At the next meeting Attorney Landry will bring some guidelines on this.

NEW BUSINESS....continued:

Barry Bleichner, Engineer RE: Presentation Regarding Storm Water Retention = Mark stated he contacted Barry Bleichner to do a presentation on the system that is being put in Holiday Estates off of Louisa Street. Mayor Langlinais stated this presentation is in reference to the closing in of the ditches. Mayor Langlinais stated the council has been addressing this issue several times over the past year. Ian Trahan, owner of Trahan Engineering did the presentation. Trahan explained what storm-water detention is. It is temporary storage of storm-water. Storm-water retention is designed to eliminate subsequent surface discharge. Storm-water detention is used to utilize the slow down and the initial runoff from storms to allow for a gradual release of water. Storm-water detention is required if your local municipality requires it. The developers and landowners are responsible for the adverse effects of their development. Everyone is affected by this requirement. The types of storm-water detention are dry ponds, wet ponds, rock ponds, roadside ditches, oversized pipe, and shallow swales. Question from a citizen, what is a five-year rain? Trahan stated that 7.25 inches in 24 hours is a five-year rain. Trahan added before pipe is put in a citizen or developer, would have to get a survey done, which would take about half day about \$65.00 per hour and the engineer's time also, so it would be about \$1,000 to start off with to see if someone could close in their ditch. Discussion was held on this issue with a lot of questions from the audience. Walter stated all design examples show drainage going into the ditch. Trahan stated his design example did not look at any existing culvert elevations versus the roadway elevations. Trahan stated surveys are expensive, because they have to stamp these surveys and if something goes wrong, they could be sued, which could be very costly. Councilman Rousseau stated this is the thing they have been faced with. It is only fair that the citizens understand their point of view. Councilman Rousseau added every case is different. Attorney Landry stated that the days of just closing in the ditches are gone. Mayor Langlinais stated there were issues previously about closing in ditches after driveways were put in. He would argue it might be possible when someone would call him. It has to be studied on a case-

by-case basis. Councilman Foco thanked Mr. Trahan for the presentation and he feels the citizens will have to understand that some places can be done and some places can't be done. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels the new subdivisions will benefit from this but not the existing subdivisions. Present the city ordinance only provides for one driveway per lot, per Attorney Landry.

ADJOURN:

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

District I = Absent

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