

Minutes Of The

May 24, 2005

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: 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
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Jason Lopez, Fire Chief
 Dr. David Thibodeaux, Lafayette Parish School Board
 Jess Spiehler, III – developer
 Louis Anzalone --- developer
 Tommy Angelle, Utility Service Company

Absent: Mayor Charles Langlinais
 Attorney Don Landry
 Al Reaux, City Engineer

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Councilman Romero lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer.

Amending the Agenda = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham to amend the agenda and add Utility Service Company in New Business. Roll call:

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

Adopt minutes of the May 10, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the May 10, 2005 City Council Meeting.

Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
District II= Yea	District V = Yea

District III= Yea
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

NEW BUSINESS:

Tommy Angelle with Utility Tank Service Company = Mr. Angelle addressed the council and introduced Mark and Bill also with Utility Tank Services. He wanted to point out the original proposal was not the same total scope of work. Their proposal was for more work. Mr. Angelle requested that we compare the proposals apples for apples. This was a request for proposals not actual bids. It is a professional service. He also pointed out he represents Utility Tank Services and he lives locally in Carencro. They also have several other towns in this area on their system. He just wanted to clear this up. The council will keep this in consideration for the budget.

Dr. David Thibodeaux/Lafayette Parish School Board = Dr. Thibodeaux addressed the council. He addressed the council regarding the school facilities conditions in the parish and this area. He stated that the total estimated amount of renovations to be done is \$139.6 million for Lafayette Parish Schools. He talked about the temporary classrooms in Lafayette Parish. The last high school built in Lafayette Parish was in 1969, which was Carencro High School. The Youngsville—Broussard areas is the fastest growing area in Lafayette Parish. The total estimated renovations for Katherine Drexel, Broussard Middle and Comeaux High School is \$16 million dollars. The Chamber's estimate is \$22 million dollars. Discussion was held between Councilman Guilbeau and Dr. Thibodeaux regarding the money being spent on busing kids to the Broussard area and the bus transportation system. Dr. Thibodeaux stated he checked into getting federal money to help out; but they can't get any federal dollars to help. They can't get federal or state funding, so eventually it will have to come from the taxpayers. Thibodeaux stated other parishes are getting more money from the state from the MFP, which is based on the local wealth in the parish and also how you tax yourself in the parish in local effort. There are 40 other parishes in the state that tax themselves higher for their schools. We, as Lafayette Parish have lower taxes. Thibodeaux stated the voters have to know exactly how the money will be spent, before they vote on a tax. Councilman Guilbeau stated if the tax would be dedicated only to new schools, perhaps there wouldn't be a problem passing the tax. Councilman Foco stated his property tax has doubled since it was 10 years ago, so where does all of the money go for the school board. He also feels if it would be dedicated only to the school construction or renovations it would be past. Thibodeaux stated we also need another elementary school and high school in this area. He feels it needs to be a parish wide approach. The public needs to get into this, also the elected officials. Councilman Bonin stated last winter he made a pretty extensive tour of the schools in our state. He visited a lot of schools that were older than our schools and were in better condition than our schools; evidently there is also a problem with the upkeep also. Thibodeaux stated that something would have to be done sooner or later at which time it will take some serious money.

Lafayette Parish School Board Sales Tax Division re: Approval of Yearly Contract Auditing = Councilman Bonin and Councilman Foco stated they don't remember this ever being voted on in the past. Gene explained what this matter entails. Moved by Councilman Rousseau

and second by Councilman Guilbeau to approve the contract auditing proposals from the three firms of Acadian Professional Services, Broussard Partners & Associates and Gary W. Lambert & Co for the sales and use tax auditing for the Lafayette Parish School Board Sales Tax Division. Roll call:

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

Jess Spiehler, III re: Variance Requests for Seven Lots in Village South Subdivision Phase I = Mr. Spiehler addressed the council regarding this. The subdivision was original set-up with zero lot lines with side easements of five feet. The wall on the property lines would be a firewall. Councilman Foco stated he doesn't know how we would grant these variances, being Mr. Spiehler doesn't own the property yet. Gene stated a variance could not be granted right now being he doesn't own the property. The council advised him to come back after he purchases the property to receive these variances, because no problem is foreseen in granting the variances.

Louis Anzalone re: Variance Request for Development of Chevron Station and Carwash on Albertson Parkway = Mr. Anzalone addressed the council. Anzalone explained to the council what he is doing and where the variance is needed. Councilman Bonin questioned about future easements or perhaps widening of the road in the future? Anzalone explained there is enough room to widen the road. Councilman Higginbotham questioned the placement of the gas tanks? The underground tanks will be towards Albertson Parkway. Councilman Foco stated he thinks the planning commission needs to review this first. He knows he has to go thru the State Fire Marshal first and he just wants to know if the council feels comfortable with the development first. He is asking for two variances for one bay car wash and the automatic car wash. Councilman Foco stated it's not obstructing anything. He is only trying to accomplish the two variances. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Rousseau to grant the following variances to Louis Anzalone for the construction of the Chevron Station and the Carwash Albertson Parkway; Automatic Carwash Variance from 20 feet to 13.8 feet and for the hand bays carwash from 20 feet to 10.4 feet. Roll call:

District I = Nay	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 = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to approve the following bills be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: C. B. Talley for \$250.00; The LaBorde Law Firm for \$1,640.00 and Sea Shells, Incorporated for \$999.60, totaling \$2,889.60 Roll call:

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

At Large = Yea

Councilman Foco also advised the council that there will be a bill coming up next month from Mr. Boese that will be quite sizeable.

Introduce Ordinance #05-287 re: 2004/2005 Amended Budget and 2005/2006

Proposed Budget = Councilman Foco stated that the council would like to have a hearing and/or special meeting about the proposed budget prior to the night of adoption. Councilman Foco will discuss this with the Mayor when he gets back in town. Councilman Guilbeau also recommended that Gene give them a list of the amendments that were made to the current budget. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Johnson to introduce Ordinance #05-287 which amends the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005 and adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006. Roll call:

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt 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 = Yea
 District II= Yea
 District III= Yea
 At Large = Yea

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

Adopt Ordinance #05-286/N. Girouard & Thomas Delahoussaye Annexation =

Councilman Guilbeau asked why is just one resident being annexed? Jerry stated he is the only one requesting to be annexed. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt 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 N. Girouard Road/Thomas Delahoussaye Annexation. Roll call:

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

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Water Tank Proposals = Jerry present to the council before the meeting a synopsis of the proposals for the water tank. This is a revised proposal. Utility Service Company has no increase after 2020. This increase would be a 5% increase per year in a 3-year cycle. Phoenix Tank would have a 15% increase on a five year cycle. The increase reflects the maximum increase. Councilman Foco stated this is only for discussion. The council will take this under advisement for the next budget. The representative from Phoenix stated they would paint the tank, before we even pay for it. And when they come in to do a re-paint they do it all at one time the inside and the outside, instead of shutting it down twice. If we sign the contract they do the tank as soon as the contract is signed. Councilman Foco stated we definitely need to look into this in our budget.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene gave the council the monthly report. Gene stated that there is nothing out of the ordinary. Councilman Bonin questioned where did they amend the budget this year? Gene stated he can him the numbers from the last year. Gene stated he would give him that at the meeting. Councilman Guilbeau asked him where we were we over or under. Gene stated he would provide that at the meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry was not present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

New Truck = Chief Lopez addressed the council. The delivery date on the new truck will be the second week in July. We may have to roll the funds into next year's budget. This is the rescue unit. They have been very busy lately. They are working on securing the loan for about \$50,000 that will be paid off in two years. Consolidated Government gives them \$80,000 each year and in the near future they will be looking at replacing a new truck.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Hiring of a replacement officer = Chief Decou stated he has another officer leaving to go into the oilfield. Chief Decou requested that the council hire Brannon Williams. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Rousseau to hire Brannon Williams as a uniformed police officer for the City of Broussard effective June 3, 2005 at a salary of \$1,775 per month. Roll call:

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

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

Early Morning Pick-Up of Dumpster = Councilman Guilbeau stated that the dumpster at Shop Rite is still being picking up too early and on Avenue C also. Councilman Foco stated he will contact the hauler of the dumpster and let them know that if they don't abide by the time we will be forced to adopt the ordinance regarding the times of pick-up.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Railroad Conditions = Councilman Bonin questioned if a letter was sent to the railroad about the condition of the crossings? We will have to check with Attorney Landry about this at the next meeting.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Storm Water Retention = Councilman Rousseau requested that we adopt the storm water retention plan ordinance, so he would like it to be place on the next agenda. Jerry stated Mark and Ian Trahan are working on some points in the ordinance regarding this.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Councilman Johnson stated that he had nothing to bring up.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Commending the Broussard Police Department = Councilman Higginbotham stated that recently himself and his neighbors were the victims of mail fraud and credit card theft from their mailboxes in there area. Councilman Higginbotham stated that Officer Rickey Martin cracked this case and this was these individuals second offense. Councilman Higginbotham thanked Chief Decou and Rickey Martin for this.

Sugar Mill Industrial Park Road Condition = Councilman Higginbotham stated that the road was in bad condition on the frontage road. He called DOTD Monday and the road was overlaid on Wednesday. He called them back to thank them.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Verbal Abuse = Councilman Foco stated that Larry, Mel and Elmer got involved in two different instances where they were verbally abused by a citizen and these employees went over and above to satisfy this citizen. Councilman Foco stated that our employees should not have to take the hollering and screaming from citizens. These individuals handled it very well and they did what was right for the city. He also explained the instance where someone accused our

employees of letting a construction crew take water from a hydrant, but not was not so, because there was a meter on the hydrant. This other instance Larry had to bring an officer with him to do some work near a citizen's property. He commended these people of doing their jobs well. Larry, Mel and Elmo thanked Councilman Foco. Chief Decou stated he feels the water matter has been cleared up. Elmo stated LUS will patrol in the area with people watering lawns at the wrong time and first they will give notices, but after the second time they will give citations. We will be getting some complaints on this, so he just wanted the council to be aware of this.

District II/Councilman Bonin....continued:

Cypress Bayou = Councilman Bonin stated he and Councilman Foco attended a meeting with Lafayette regarding Cypress Bayou cleaning. The parish has the funding and the engineering. The only thing that will hold it back is if any individuals do not sign the easements. Chief Decou questioned about the road condition of Fairfield; if it will be overlaid after Cypress Bayou is done? The council will look at this road to be overlaid in the next budget. Councilman Bonin stated the project start next spring.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham....continued:

Sand Bag Location = Councilman Higginbotham stated that someone was loading up on sand at the sandbag location after hours, and they are not from Broussard. Chief Decou stated the gates are never locked. Larry stated you could drive around the gates, so it is pointless to lock them. Larry stated he could measure to put up a hurricane fence and get the price to the council. The council decided against this, because it would cost than what the sand is worth.

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