

Minutes Of The

June 21, 2004

Broussard City Council Special Meeting

Regarding the Amended Budget for 2004/2005

And the Proposed Budget for 2005/2006

Present:

Mayor Charles Langlinais
Tina G. Denais, City Clerk
Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I
Councilman David Bonin, District II
Councilman Harold Johnson, District IV
Councilman Albert Romero, District VI
Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
Jason Lopez, Fire Chief

Absent:

Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III
Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Ted Broussard lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was said for Lois Broussard and the troops in Iraq.

Councilman Langlinais stated reason for the meeting is to discuss the following items:

- 1 - The Amended Budget of Operating Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005
- 2 - The Proposed Budget of Operating Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

Gene explained the information he gave the council regarding the amended budget for 2004/2005. Gene explained the information is the budget that was originally passed last year and what has been amended throughout the year as follows:

General Fund:

The revenues are the same except the occupational licenses went up. Beer taxes were cancelled,

but we did receive one more quarter. Gene explained each item in the revenues and expenditures for administration. Councilman Foco questioned insurance whether we will bid out? He stated he would like to see us bid it out, because he feels we might get better premiums elsewhere. Gene discussed the police department expenditures. Councilman Guilbeau questioned the narcotic investigation funds? He feels we need to budget putting an officer on, just for narcotic investigations. Gene stated the narcotic funding is just for the investigation, not for the officer. Gene discussed the fire department expenditures. Gene explained the street department budget. Gene stated he started separating the equipment rental and the equipment maintenance, which is basically a wash out. Councilman Guilbeau questioned the uniforms and supplies amount? How many employees have uniforms? Larry stated between him and Elmo you are looking at 21 people. Councilman Guilbeau stated he would like it broken out, between uniforms and supplies. Mayor Langlinois stated that in the other departments, it is not separated. Gene questioned if it is the wishes of the council to separate this? The council requested it be separated to avoid any future confusion. Gene explained the capital outlays. Chief Decou stated the vehicles he requested at last meeting would not be in till after July, so it will have to be budgeted next year instead. Councilman Guilbeau questioned the total amended budget? Gene stated each department has a total.

Utility Fund:

Gene explained the utility revenues. Gene stated in the salaries, he had forgot to add Elmer in the salary portion. That is the reason for the discrepancies. Gene explained that repairs and maintenance went from \$40,000 to \$150,000. We had a lot of repairs and we had a lot of hydrants replaced. He also explained the reason for the water treatment supplies went from \$70,000 to \$100,000 was when the new well with on line, we had to get the system right. Also the water lease went up, because we are also purchasing water from Youngsville. The sewer department the repairs and maintenance went from \$95,000 to \$100,000. The money given to the Broussard Environmental is not in the budget, because that is a loan to that entity. We will get that money back. The garbage department is a pass thru. Capital outlay went from \$314,100 to \$400,000 for water and sewer improvements. Gene stated the budget stayed pretty much the same. Gene stated as of 6/30/04 \$849,846.00 was loaned to BEESD. \$1,341,265.00 was loaned to them as April 30, 2005. As of 6/30/04 the city had \$5,598,117.00 in cash and \$5,502,096.00 as of April 30, 2005. The operation of the town has been in the black as of that point.

2005//2006 Budget:

Revenues: Gene stated that he is expecting no changes in the revenue. He is expecting for us to collect same revenue. We no longer get beer taxes and tobacco taxes from the state. He has projected \$0 for police department grants.

Expenditures: Regarding the Fire Department Budget, Chief Lopez stated that the fire truck should be in, the second week in July. Chief Lopez stated that we can pay for the truck now or can roll the funding into next year's budget and pay for it when it comes in. The fire department will put up \$50,000 and the \$28,911 will come from the town. They will finance \$50,000. Gene stated that he would prefer we pay it when it is delivered. The fire department contribution

changed to \$50,000 and the capital outlay for the fire department will be \$28,911. Gene stated that in all departments there are changes in the salaries, except for the police department.

General Government:

Everything is the same except the flood plain study that will be put in 2006 budget.

Police Department:

Councilman Guilbeau stated in reference to the salaries, we need to look at the police department, because of all the personnel that have left the police department compared to the city personnel. Councilman Guilbeau stated we might have to look at perhaps paying more to our officers. Mayor Langlinais stated we have a database of what all cities pay their officers. The council feels we need to do something to keep these officers. Councilman Bonin stated perhaps we need to set a pace. Mayor Langlinais stated on the street side we have hired construction workers at higher pay, but they have the benefits of being home every night. Gene stated this is what the Chief is asking for in his budget. Chief Decou stated the numbers in salaries was done with a pay scale change for the police department brackets. They have made some changes in steps in some in the officers. They have gotten about a 5% increase. Councilman Bonin questioned how many patrolman does he have? Chief Decou stated he has 9 patrolmen and one opening right now. Councilman Bonin stated regardless of the data, we need to look at our hometown. Gene stated that we also have to live within our means. Gene stated it is the council's decision on what to spend the money on. Mayor Langlinais stated generally there was 5% cost of living increase per year. Then he targeted the lower incomes and brought them up. Generally we gave them a cost of living increase. Over the couple of years, you have doubled the salaries. Councilman Guilbeau stated perhaps the patrolman 5% and the higher up 3% increase. Gene stated you are looking at a 10% increase total in the police department. Mayor Langlinais stated that the turnover is the younger guys. Chief Decou stated if they do that, it would cost about a \$400 per month increase in salaries for officers. Gene stated auto expenses did go up, due to the gas prices.

Fire Department:

No changes were done.

Highway and Streets:

Gene stated that at the next meeting he would break down the uniforms and supplies. Councilman Bonin questioned about the cleaning of the ditch behind the Duhon's for drainage maintenance, because the Cypress Bayou Project will get started next spring. Councilman Bonin questioned if it is started, is there enough money in the streets and drainage to do that project? Mayor Langlinais stated no, we don't have enough money to do that. Councilman Bonin stated that will be an enormous project.

Mayor Langlinais questioned Gene if he will factor in a 5% sliding scale for all employees?

Gene stated that the council will have to figure out what they want to do. Councilman Guilbeau stated we would have to consider that. Gene stated that there is no wage increase with the factor of the police department. Mayor Langlinais stated that is just for comment.

Capital Outlays:

Police Department = There capital outlay consist of 2 new patrol vehicles, and a replacement vehicle for the Chief and replacing the explorer that he will give to the Fire Department. It also consists of laptops and video cameras.

We also need to add in \$50,000 relocation of utilities for Ambassador Caffery for Capital Outlay, per the recommendation of our engineers.

Gene stated he has nothing in capital outlay for general government and street overlay. Mayor Langlinais stated we definitely need to put \$20,000 in general government for computers and also funding for a pipe cleaning truck in the streets.

Gene stated he wants to remind the council that anytime during the year, the budget can be amended.

Mayor Langlinais stated he will check with his supervisors and if anything else is needed.

Councilman Guilbeau stated we need to see about adding street overlay. Mayor Langlinais stated we need to see about Fairfield Road being overlaid.

Chief Lopez questioned about the firefighter salaries? What are the chances of putting on another firefighter? Mayor Langlinais requested that Chief Lopez come talk to him about that.

Ted stated he is confused about whether 3% or 7% increase is allocated to the police department? Councilman Guilbeau stated all officers would get 7%, except the higher paid officers.

At the next general meeting, Gene will have the figures and he will have all of the information for the council that is requested so that the revised proposed budget could be adopted.

Chief Decou questioned what does he want to do with his clerical? Mayor Langlinais and the council agreed that was up to him.

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 = Absent

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

At Large = Yea

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk