

**Minutes Of The**

**June 28, 2005**

**Broussard City Council Meeting**

Present: Mayor Charles 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  
 Walter Comeaux, Engineer  
 Don Landry, City Attorney  
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor  
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police  
 Ted Broussard, Assistant Chief of Police  
 Jason Lopez, Fire Chief  
 Several city employees  
 Mr. & Mrs. Willis Lewis, Residents  
 Mr. Lester LeBouef, Business Owner

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Attorney Landry lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was said for the troops in Iraq and for the family of Francis Bourque.

**Adopt minutes of the June 14, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting** = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the June 14, 2005 City Council Meeting. 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:**

**Approval of bills for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District =**  
 Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to approve the following bills to be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: Lafayette Winwater for \$1,646.07, H & S Construction Company, Inc. for \$584.00, Grooms Engineering, LLC for \$11,700.00 and C. B. Talley for \$300.00, for total bills \$14,230.07. Roll call:

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

**Mr. John Wainwright** = Mr. Wainwright was not present.

**Victoria and Willis Lewis re: Variance request for 100 McNary Street** = Mr. Lewis is requesting a variance for 100 McNary Street. He purchased the property from a previous owner and he is unable to put his trailer there, because of the size of the trailer. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to grant a variance to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lewis the variance for 100 McNary Street to allow his trailer to put the trailer there. Roll call:

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

**Mr. Lester LeBouef re: Request for Driveway Permit Variance** = Mr. LeBouef addressed the council, because he is only allowed to put a forty foot driveway and he is requesting a 89 foot driveway to allow the large trucks coming in. Councilman Bonin questioned if they would put a catch basin? Mr. LeBouef stated yes if he is granted the variance, but he stated he doesn't think he needs one, because he is under the understanding that one is needed every 100 feet. Councilman Bonin stated it is every 50 feet. Mr. LeBouef stated he is concerned that when the 18-wheelers have to swing in, if they miss the driveway the 18-wheelers could cause a spill. He is has a total of 6 driveways and he has 800 feet of frontage and 400 of that will be closed in. Mr. LeBouef stated that they do have a retention pond in the rear of the property. He just wants 80 feet of culverts for the trucks. Councilman Rousseau questioned if the retention pond that he developed was studied by an engineer? Mr. LeBouef stated that the project is not that far along for that. Mayor Langlinais questioned how long before he needs an answer on this? Councilman Higginbotham questioned Larry about the culverts in that area, the size of them? Mayor Langlinais stated that Mr. LeBouef originally got the permit from the parish. Mayor Langlinais recommended that an engineer look at this first, because of how much area he will be closing in. Mr. LeBouef stated the break in the property is about 100 feet. His driveways right now are 21 feet and then they open up. Councilman Foco questioned Larry in Ida Park the width of the culverts? Larry stated he believes they are close to 60 feet. Councilman Foco stated he would be comfortable with was done in Ida Park if it is 60 feet. Mayor Langlinais stated he wants to point out that is an old road and it is substandard and it was designed to have a 60-foot driveway and the road is narrow without shoulders. Councilman Foco stated Fairfield is basically the same and he has a 30-foot driveway and he gets large 18-

wheelers in all of the time. Mr. LeBouef stated he doesn't want to close in the entire ditch; he just wants adequate space to get the 18-wheelers in. Councilman Foco stated he wouldn't have a problem with 60-feet, as the other businesses have, but not 80-feet. Councilman Higginbotham stated his concern is the storm water retention. Mayor Langlinais stated we don't have the size of the pipe for that property from an engineer. Mayor Langlinais perhaps we could grant a variance for 80-feet with stipulations. Mark recommended that the council have some engineering study done on this, before this amount of pipe is put in. Councilman Foco stated by piping in the ditch he is taking in everyone else's' water. Mark stated that they are looking at those culverts right now. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels there are too many questions right now. Councilman Foco moved and Councilman Johnson second to allow Mr. LeBouef to get a variance to close in 60-feet of ditch for only one driveway at 525 LaFlamme Road, with the condition he come back to the council with a plan for the remaining driveways for our engineers can review it. Roll call:

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

Councilman Guilbeau questioned if he will put a catch basin in, because if he doesn't won't it cause a problem for Larry and his crew when it needs to be cleaned out? The council agreed that he is only putting in 60 feet of pipe right now, so the catch basin won't be needed.

**Water for Mr. LeBouef** = Councilman Higginbotham stated at the last meeting we talked about providing water to Mr. LeBouef's buildings. Mr. LeBouef informed Councilman Higginbotham that he would share in some of the cost. Mayor Langlinais recommended that the council split the difference and lay pipe to mid-point. Councilman Higginbotham would like Larry to measure it first and get back to the council with a cost. Mr. LeBouef stated he has a well right now, but he would like city water for other situations as for fire protection.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Resolution #164-05/Appointing an Inspector to provide inspection services for the LCDBG Program for the Water and Sewer for the Nursing Home** = No one made a motion to adopt this resolution, therefore it has died on the table. Attorney Landry requested that the inspection service go back to the engineering firm and let them handle it. Mayor Langlinais stated that the only thing is the engineering firm won't get paid, because it is not segregated in the way the project was set-up. Attorney Landry stated that we could re-advertise for more applicants then. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Bonin to see if Grooms Engineering can get the funding for the inspection service and if not we would have to re-advertise for the inspector service position. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Ordinance #05-287/Approving Amended Budget for July 1, 2004 thru June**

**30, 2005 and approve the proposed budget for July 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2006 =** Gene stated that all of the changes the council spoke about have been incorporated in the new budget he distributed tonight. Gene stated that the only other thing is that in the utility fund in sewage was changed to \$475,000 as of this year. Next year's budget is \$400,000.

**La Neuville Overlay:** Mayor Langlinais stated 2 years ago he met with Tony Trammel in reference to rebuilding La Neuville. First they originally wanted to eliminate the stop signs, then they wanted to put a red light and then they wanted to put a round about. The council at that time approved \$100,000 for the funding. They have changed the budget to \$3.5 million dollars and they are asking for \$709,500 for the overlay and widening of the road (\$522,000 for the construction of what is in the city limits of Broussard and \$187,500 for the round-about). Councilman Johnson stated our biggest mistake was crossing the Youngsville Highway and incorporating this roadway. The council originally approved \$100,000. Mayor Langlinais addressed the issue about how much we give in property taxes for roads and how much has been done with that money in the city limits of Broussard. Councilman Foco stated he feels we need to talk to our Parish Council Members about the money the citizens pay the parish in taxes and what we don't get back. We want something back for our money. Councilman Foco stated he feels we need to meet with the parish. Mayor Langlinais recommended the council pass a resolution authorizing the \$100,000 for LaNeuville re-construction as previously done in the past. The council authorized Gene to put \$100,000 for the roundabout and the overlay of La Neuville in the budget. Attorney Landry stated that the council also needs to let it be known that our \$100,000 needs to be used for only our portion in the city limits. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to approve the funding for \$100,000 for the reconstruction of La Neuville only, not for a round-about, but for 4 way stop signs and only for the portion of the roadway that is within the corporate limits of Broussard. Roll call:

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

**REVISION: Capital Outlay/Highway and Street = \$100,000 to Lafayette Parish Government for overlay of La Neuville Road.**

Mayor Langlinais and the council went thru the following budget requests and amendments to the proposed budget as follows:

**Street Department:**

Larry stated that he is in need of a 4-wheel drive vehicle to work at the new sewer pond, also a patching vehicle. Councilman Guilbeau reaffirmed so that is a ¾ ton truck, four-wheel drive for Mel at the new sewer pond. And Mr. Champagne stated he could get a used dump truck for \$6,000 and a tractor and bush-hog to replace the 1978 tractor. Larry stated the old tractor could be used at the current pond and the smaller tractor would be used to cut in town.

**REVISION: Capital Outlay for Highway and Streets is \$62,000 for equipment.**

Mayor Langlinais questioned Larry if he got a price for a tool to clean out pipe? Larry stated he

doesn't have that yet; but an attachment to what we have now would be about \$5,000 - \$6,000. The only problem is the jars have to be set straight.

Regarding manpower, Larry stated he is looking at hiring another 3-man crew, because of the new sewage pond project. We have to do the clearing and the burning. Councilman Bonin questioned if we hire a 3-man crew; will we have enough manpower to clean ditches? Larry stated yes, if he hires them.

**REVISION: Highway and Streets Salaries = Changed from \$410,000 to \$485,000 for the hiring of 3 additional personnel.**

Gene will factor in the cost change for the insurance and benefits. .

#### **Administration and Water Department:**

Cindy stated that we are in need of another meter reader, because of the new subdivisions. There is also a lot of Dottie tickets to be done. Right now we have three-meter readers with over 800 meters each to read. Mayor Langlinais questioned about the electronic meters? Mayor Langlinais stated essentially we are putting in a regular meter and then the tops can be changed out to make them electronic. Mayor Langlinais also stated because of the cost of this, it would have to be bidded out. Mark stated we also would have to look at the way we bid this out.

Councilman Guilbeau questioned if these meters wouldn't be faster? Mayor Langlinais stated we still would need to bid it out. If we would have it electronically the city could be done in one day, but the cost would be about \$500,000 for the entire meter package. Also Mayor Langlinais stated Tina requested that the part-time clerk, be put full-time, that would be about \$8,000 extra.

**REVISION: Water Department Salaries = Changed from \$190,000 to \$215,000 for hiring one additional meter reader.**

Gene will factor in the cost change for the insurance and benefits.

**REVISION: Administrative Salaries = Changed from \$125,600 to \$133,600 for putting the part-time clerk to a full-time position.**

#### **Sewer Department:**

Jonathan stated some lift stations need to be re-furbished. The council agreed this would be done later. He stated that are also in need another laborer in the sewer department.

**REVISION: Sewer Department Salaries = Changed from \$120,000 to \$140,000 for hiring one laborer.**

Gene will factor in the cost change for the insurance and benefits.

Elmo stated that we also have an aerator at the sewage pond that needs to be replaced for approximately \$25,000.

**REVISION: Sewer Department Repairs and Maintenance = Changed from \$100,000 to \$125,000 for replacement of an aerator.**

Elmer stated that he still didn't receive one vehicle that was budgeted in the water department for approximately \$20,000. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he also needs a ¾ ton truck in the sewer department for about \$20,000 and a ½ ton in the water department for about \$17,000.

**REVISION: Capital Outlay Water and Sewer Equipment = Two vehicles in sewer**

**department for \$40,000 and one vehicle in water department for \$17,000, total \$57,000**

Elmer stated that he could also use a 16-foot trailer. The council agreed they would wait on that.

**Administration:**

Mayor Langlinais asked Tina if there was anything needed in capital outlay for administration. Tina stated that the \$20,000 for computer equipment is already in the budget, so no changes are needed.

**Employee Pay Raises:**

Mayor Langlinais questioned the council if any departments, besides the police department will be getting pay raises, since none are factored into the budget? No one wanted to give an amount.

**Fire Department:**

Chief Lopez stated that he would like to put on an additional fireman at another station at 40 hours a week. This would be an additional \$25,000. Also these two firefighters will be fulltime personnel.

**REVISION: Fire Department Salaries = Changed from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for a hiring an additional firefighter. Both firefighters will be fulltime.**

Gene will factor in the cost change for insurance and benefits.

**Pay Raises:**

Councilman Foco and Councilman Johnson requested that we go back to the fulltime employees and give all fulltime city employees a 3% cost of living increase except the police officers.

**REVISIONS: Administrative Salaries, Highway & Streets Salaries, Fire Salaries, Water Salaries, Sewer Salaries = 3% Cost of Living Increase for all employees.**

Gene will factor in the cost change for insurance and benefits.

Chief Decou questioned if that includes his salary and the Mayor? The council agreed yes it does.

**REVISION: Mayor and Chief's Salary = 3% Cost of Living Increase.**

Gene will factor in the cost change for insurance and benefits.

Tina questioned the council about the proposals for the Elevated Water Tank Maintenance Program. The council agreed to leave it alone at this time.

**Police Department:**

Chief Decou stated he only added \$10,000 in the budget from what was discussed at the last meeting in reference to changing his pay scale and taking care of his raise. Councilman

Higginbotham questioned Chief Decou about the hiring of a narcotic officer? Chief Decou stated he doesn't have one in the budget. Councilman Guilbeau requested we look into getting a narcotic officer. There was a question on how does Lafayette Metro Narcotics work? Chief Decou stated that they work Lafayette first. Councilman Higginbotham stated he knows this officer would have other duties besides that. Chief Decou stated definitely if someone were hired, he would do more than just that. He would definitely be a multi-fasted person. Gene stated police officers are more expensive, in the insurance area. Attorney Landry stated the liability area is higher. The new number would be \$22,000 for a salary. Gene stated it would \$30,000 - \$40,000, because of the insurance and the benefits. The council agreed that we definitely need to hire a narcotics officer.

**REVISION: Police Salaries = Narcotics officer hired so salaries change from \$595,000 to \$620,000.**

Gene will factor in the cost change for the insurance and benefits.

Councilman Guilbeau questioned where do the fines go? Gene stated they go into the general fund. Gene stated that is the law.

Mayor Langlinois stated that he had proposed a budget with an \$80,000 in black and now we spent \$314,000 over that and no money is really in capital outlay for road improvements. Councilman Higginbotham stated that we could incorporate that in the bond issue? Mayor Langlinois stated will have to be done later.

Therefore with all of the revisions listed above it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and seconded by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Ordinance #05-287, which approves the amended operating budget for revenues and expenditures for July 1, 2004 thru June 30, 2005 and also approved the proposed operating budget for revenues and expenditures for July 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2006. Roll call:

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

Mayor Langlinois thanked his employees for coming to the meeting. Councilman Guilbeau stated it is good when everyone works together.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

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

**Broussard Environmental Enhancement** = Mark stated on page 2 item 4 was estimated for \$608,000. He just wants the council to know that it has been authorized to put out for bid.

##### **Walter's Report:**

**Cruise Drive** = Walter stated that Cruise Drive is done and he is waiting for a call from

the contractor for the final inspection. The drainage out there is working better.

**Al's Report:**

Al stated that he had nothing to discuss.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

**Bond Issue** = Gene stated the Bonding Commission approved the bonds, so this will be on the next agenda to be approved and then we should have the money by August.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Landry stated he didn't have anything to report on.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Fire Truck** = Chief Lopez stated that the truck is almost finished and it should be here within the next 12 days.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Hiring of a Replacement Officer** = Chief Decou stated he needs to hire another replacement officer. At the recommendation of Chief Decou, it was moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Rousseau to hire Bancroft Rose as a uniformed patrol officer for the Broussard Police Department effective June 30, 2005 at a salary of \$1,899 per month.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Times of Waste Collection** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he just received the revised copy from Attorney Landry, therefore he requested that the council wait till the next meeting to act on this.

**District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Drainage Ordinance** = Councilman Rousseau stated he just received the copy of the drainage ordinance that Mark and Ian Trahan were working on. He would like the council to review it and get back with him on it.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Drainage regarding culverts** = Councilman Foco stated regarding the letter they received from a citizen regarding not being allowed to close in the ditch, he feels there is only

one simple solution; it is designed open ditch then it stays open ditch. If we have an ordinance in place, we wouldn't have this problem. Mark stated the ordinance that was submitted to Councilman Rousseau it written that way.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Narcotic Investigation Officer** = Councilman Higginbotham stated he is in total support of a narcotics officer. He added that he did this for 5 years and he knows how hard it was and this individual has his total support.

**Mayor Langlinais:**

**Complaints regarding Broussard City Bar** = Mayor Langlinais stated that he met with the owner, the proprietor, the ABC Board and the Chief regarding the problems that are occurring because of that establishment. The owner will redo the lease and the tenant will have to put infrared cameras for problems caused there and at the barbershop. Mayor Langlinais will talk to the owner of the barbershop to let him know what is going on.

**ADJOURN:**

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