

Minutes Of The

July 12, 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 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
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Jason Lopez, Fire Chief
 Dean Tekell,
 Tony Trammel
 Hugh Thompson, Citizen
 Jess Spieher, Developer

Absent: Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Councilman Guilbeau lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was said for the troops in.

Adopt minutes of the June 21, 2005 Special City Council Meeting and the June 28, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the June 21st and the June 28, 2005 Regular and Special City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of bills for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District =
 Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to approve the following

bills be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: The LaBorde Law Firm for \$2,317.98 and PSC Supply, Inc. for \$1,825.51 for total bills of \$4,143.89. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #05-288 for Bonds = Councilman Higginbotham requested that Gene explain the ordinance to them prior to it being adopted? Attorney Landry stated it is only being introduced tonight. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Johnson to introduce Ordinance #05-288, which authorizes the issuance of not to exceed Seven Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,200,000) of Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2005, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana and providing financing for sewer improvements and other matters with respect therein; prescribing for the terms and conditions of such Bonds and providing for the payment thereof; authorizing an agreement with the Paying Agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution for the Purchase of Fire Truck and Financing for Fire Truck = Chief Lopez stated the fire truck is ready to be picked up. Chief Lopez explained that originally it was supposed to be financed thru Hancock Bank. Attorney Landry explained that the fire department will contribute money to the purchase of the fire truck and the city will own the truck, so he recommend that the council agree to do the financing and the fire department will re-pay the city for the payment of the funds. Chief Lopez stated the \$78,911.00 would have been put initially, \$28,911.00 from the city and \$50,000 from the city. The Fire Department will pay the city annually \$50,000 each October till it is paid. Total cost of the truck is \$129,210.000. Councilman Foco commended the fire department for saving the money and coming to the city for financing. Attorney Landry explained to Gene about the financing situation, being he just entered the meeting. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Romero to adopt a resolution authorizing the funding for the fire truck and authorizing the Mayor to sign the intergovernmental agreement with the Fire Department so they can re-pay the city in October 2006 and October 2007 at a payment of \$50,000 each time until it is paid out. Roll call:

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

Mr. Dean Tekell and Mr. Tony Trammel re: La Neuville Road = Mr. Tekell and Mr. Trammel approached the council regarding La Neuville Road. Discussion was held about a proposed roundabout for the intersection of Bonin Road and La Neuville Road. There is

presently a roundabout at Ridge Road and Rue DeBlair. Councilman Bonin questioned about the accident rate there? Mr. Trammel stated this is a modern roundabout. Trammel stated the accident rate there are minor crashes only. He stated previously it took 8 – 10 minutes to get thru that location and now it is only 3 seconds. Trammel stated they did some traffic analysis at this location and other locations, mainly in the highly developed areas like Broussard and Youngsville. The top roundabout locations are East Broussard and Kaliste Saloom Road and Bonin and La Neuville Road. They are also trying to secure money from DOTD for these roundabouts in the future. There are three quadrants of this location that are within the city limits of Broussard. Councilman Higginbotham stated he has no problem with the roundabouts, but feels we have sent a lot of tax money to the parish and we haven't gotten any projects done here within the city limits. Trammel stated he is not here to defend that. They have a tax structure in place. 73% of LCG funds are spent outside of the city of Lafayette. Councilman Foco stated he understands we have to contribute to the jail and the airport, but they would like something back for what is being paid. 75% of all taxpayers in Lafayette Parish paid no property taxes 5 years ago, according to Trammel. Trammel stated La Neuville is a 3.2 million dollar project. He continued to say the people in Broussard do drive on streets outside of the city limits of Broussard. Trammel added 27,000 linear footage is on La Neuville Road. 27% is within the city limits of Broussard. LCG would pay for everything, including inspections and design; therefore the only thing they are asking the city to pay for is a portion of construction costs. Councilman Foco asked when was the last project done in Broussard? Trammel gave no answer to that question. Councilman Higginbotham stated he has to represent his constituents, that he has to answer to, about not getting any help from back the parish. The council's decision on this were as follows: Councilman Romero stated he agrees we want our share back; Councilman Higginbotham stated he still feels we need to get our share back from the parish also. Trammel added that this project is 3.2 million dollars and the City of Broussard's share is of the cost for construction is 27%, which is \$600,000. Councilman Johnson stated he still hasn't seen any project in Broussard yet as long as he has been on this council, so he can't approve the proposal they are requesting. Councilman Foco stated he has no problem helping with the roundabout, but he won't approve their proposal. Councilman Bonin stated he feels we bit off more than we could chew, crossing the Youngsville Highway. He feels we need some sort of compromise, but not what the parish is asking. Councilman Guilbeau stated we have given the parish over one million dollars in tax money and we haven't seen anything yet, so he is not for the proposal. Trammel stated this is where the one million dollars will be going. Mayor Langlinais requested that the council pass a resolution authorizing \$200,000 be given to the parish, because his biggest fear is they will re-build La Neuville from Bonin Road going west, leaving out the Broussard portion and he doesn't want to get in that position. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Foco to amend the budget to add an additional \$100,000 La Neuville Road Re-Construction from Highway 89 to Bonin Road, giving a total in the budget of \$200,000 for the re-construction. Roll call:

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

Councilman Guilbeau moved and Councilman Foco to also adopt a resolution entering into a Intergovernmental Agreement with Lafayette City- Parish Consolidated Government to pay

\$200,000 towards the re-construction of La Neuville instead of \$600,000 with the condition that a roundabout will be put in place. Roll call:

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

Mr. Trammel stated he would report that back to the parish about the council's decision.

Mr. Hugh Thompson re: Request for Variance for Construction of Building for Motorhome at 107 Headland Circle = Mr. Thompson addressed the council regarding a variance he needs which would allow him to build a motor-home cover for his motor-home. The lot to the left him is owned by Dwayne Pitre and he has no objections to the variance, as long as the roof does not drain onto his property. The lot in the back is not in the subdivision. The roof would be 1 foot from the adjacent property owner, which is tract B. He would like to build one foot from the adjacent property owner on the side and from the adjacent owner in the back. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Guilbeau to grant Mr. Hugh Thompson a variance at 107 Headland Circle for the construction of a motor-home cover. Roll call:

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

Quality Builders/Jess Spiehler re: Variance Request for Construction in Village South Subdivision, Phase I = Mr. Spiehler was not at the meeting to address the council in reference to this request.

Bryan Aguillard re: Variance Request for Construction of home at 201 Dustin Circle (Proposed construction of home on city sewage line) = This problem has been resolved by the property owner. No variance was needed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

Mark stated that he had nothing to report on.

Walter's Report:

Walter stated that he had nothing to report.

Al's Report:

Al stated that he had nothing to report.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

Tina explained to Gene that the council would like him to explain the Bond Ordinance at the next meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Introduce Ordinance #05-289/Exotic Dance Employment Ordinance = Attorney Landry stated he will change Section 2, Item B at the request of Chief Decou stating that they will present themselves to the Chief and he we will take the pictures. Councilman Bonin questioned what about prior criminal convictions? Attorney Landry stated that is in the ordinance. Councilman Higginbotham questioned about violations? Chief Decou explained the violation according to the ordinance for the dancer and the business owner. Councilman Bonin stated he feels the fine should be stiffer than \$50. Attorney Landry stated it could be changed. The council agreed to change the fine to \$250. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Johnson to introduce ordinance #05-289, which requires all employees and entertainers commonly known as "Exotic Dancers" to obtain a certificate of qualifications from the Chief of Police of the City of Broussard prior to employment within the city limits of Broussard. Roll call:

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fulltime Personnel = Chief Lopez stated it is working great with 2 daytime fulltime personnel. They both work at different stations.

PIAL And Flow Testing of Hydrants = Chief Lopez stated he has been doing flow testing at some hydrants and some of the hydrants have come up. He feels we have done a good job with the water improvements. Larry stated the big flow increase is caused by some of the projects we did that we looped the lines. Chief Lopez stated he feels we will be ready for PIAL this year. Councilman Foco questioned if the new guy will help with PIAL? Chief Lopez stated yes. He also feels that by adding the new truck we are also adding some efficiency. Councilman Johnson questioned on how would that affect the homeowners? Chief Lopez stated if we drop the rating to a 3, the homeowner would see some reduction in their homeowners insurance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

National Night Out Proclamation = Chief Decou requested that the council proclaim August 2, 2005 as National Night Out in Broussard. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Johnson to proclaim August 2, 2005 as National Night Out with the City Limits

of Broussard. Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
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At Large = Yea	

Narcotics Officer Position = Chief Decou informed the council that he will be hiring Josh Colette as the new narcotics office. The legislation did pass, so he now has the authority to hire and fire, therefore it not necessary for him to go before the council for approval.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District V: Councilman Higginbotham:

LaFlamme Road Drainage = Councilman Higginbotham stated at the last meeting the council agreed to let Mr. Lester LeBouef close in 60 feet of ditch, but he has laid more than 60 feet. Larry stated he laid 64 feet. Larry stated he would have a horseshoe road. The council only agreed to one driveway for only one building at 60 feet. Councilman Higginbotham stated that he saw two sets of culverts; one that is partially covered and the other that is not covered. Larry stated he would go meet with Mr. LeBouef about this.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Firework Display = Councilman Foco commended everyone about the fireworks display. He stated he saw the display in Biloxi, MS and Daytona, FL and the one in Broussard was definitely on top.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Ditches Cleaned = Councilman Bonin he stated he knows the Mayor doesn't want to hear this, but the citizens in his district were watching the hurricane and they want to know when the ditches will be cleaned out. No comment from the Mayor.

ADJOURN:

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

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk