

**Minutes Of The**

**August 23, 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  
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor  
 Walter Comeaux, Engineer  
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police  
 Senator Mike Michot  
 Rep. Ernie Alexander

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Senator Mike Michot lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adopt minutes of the August 9, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting =**

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of the August 9, 2005 Regular 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 Higginbotham to approve the following bill be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: Comet Services for \$880.00. Roll call:

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

District V = Yea  
 District VI = Yea

**Adopt Ordinance #05-289/Exotic Dancers** = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Foco to adopt 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, Louisiana. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Proclamation Recognizing September 2005 as Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma Awareness Month** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt a proclamation recognizing September 2005 as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month in the City 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	

**Senator Mike Michot re: Presentation of \$17,920 RDA Grant for Purchase of Land & Equipment for the Park** = Senator Michot and Rep. Alexander approached the council. Senator Michot stated this grant is provided from Rural Development. It is for \$17,920 for purchase of land and equipment for Ida Benoit Crochet Park. Mayor Langlinais stated he has tentatively reached an agreement with the adjacent property owner to the park to purchase 3 acres of land for \$17,920 to enlarge the park. Senator Michot and Rep. Alexander stated they are honored to represent Broussard, which is one of the fastest growing communities in the area. The council thanked Senator Michot and Representative Alexander for all of their help.

#### **ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

##### **Mark’s Report:**

**Nursing Home** = Mark stated the City secured a grant to provide water and sewer for the nursing home on Albertson Parkway and we should be putting it out for bid soon.

##### **Al’s Report:**

**Levees** = Mayor Langlinais stated he did receive a report on the levees today and Al stated he also received the same report.

##### **Walter’s Report:**

**Cruise Drive** = Walter stated that Tina reminded him about the letter regarding the cost of Cruise Drive to be billed to St. Martin Parish. Walter stated he will get that letter to her.

**Morgan and Fairfield Roundabout** = Walter stated he got some good feedback from the people he talked to about the proposed roundabout at Morgan and Fairfield. Councilman Rousseau stated he also got good feedback from the residents of his district. Councilman Foco stated he was in that area and noticed how much traffic is now traveled on that road. Councilman Foco stated he feels the only problem will be during sugar cane season. Walter informed the council about the roundabout he put in Youngsville which accommodates the large trucks. He requested the council visit that roundabout. Councilman Guilbeau questioned what was the cost of that roundabout? Walter stated he did the project all in one, but the majority cost is in the curbing.

**La Neuville** = Mayor Langlinais stated he sent Dean Tekell a letter and told him to get with Tony Trammel informing him that if nothing is done in 30 days to La Neuville, then we will put up a two way stop sign and let the traffic free flow on La Neuville. He is awaiting a response.

**Hulin Road Drainage** = Councilman Rousseau questioned Mark about the Hulin Road drainage project? Mark stated they need an easement to get the water out and that property owner wants to redesign the project for us. Mayor Langlinais instructed Mark and Jerry to get back together with the property owner on this to see what they can work out.

**Sewer Pond** = Mel stated the board road people are coming in. We need an additional 40 feet for a turn lane at the access road. He sent a request to Trey Girouard. We will give them till the end of the week to respond.

#### **Al's Report:**

Al stated that he had nothing to report on.

#### **AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

**New Bonds** = Gene stated that he received an e-mail from the bonding attorney that the bonds have been sold. The papers will be signed on August 30, 2005. Once we get the bonds completed, Gene stated we will come back to amend the budget on the old bonds.

**Monthly Report** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned the monthly report, because he thought we approved \$200,000 for La Neuville? Gene stated he will double-check on that. Gene also stated that we are ahead on the Sales Tax Collections for the month of July 2005. Councilman Rousseau moved and Councilman Guilbeau second to approve the monthly financial report for July 2005. Roll call:

District I = Yea  
 District II = Yea  
 District III = Yea

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

At Large = Yea

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Landry was not present.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one from the Fire Department was present.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Exotic Dancer Ordinance** = Chief Decou stated in reference to the exotic dancer ordinance he will send it to the bar owner, once everything is final. Mayor Langlinais stated it was approved tonight; therefore it will go into effect in 30 days.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Overlay of Roads** = Councilman Guilbeau gave each of the councilmen and the mayor a list of the roads along with the cost estimate Larry prepared earlier this year for roads that need to be overlaid. The list covers every district. Councilman Guilbeau visited with the Mayor about the list of the roads that were in his district and each other councilman's district as well. Mayor Langlinais spoke with Gene about this and he did say we have 5 million in the surplus that could be used. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he did speak to the Mayor about transferring perhaps 1 million of that amount to be used for the roads that need to be overlaid. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he knows this list was from the beginning of the year and the prices will probably not be the same. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he feels this need to be addressed, because the longer we wait, the worse it will be and then these roads will have to reconstruct instead of just being overlaid. Councilman Guilbeau questioned the council about their feelings on this? Larry stated the prices will go up, because of the fuel cost has gone up since March when this list was done. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels needs to be prioritized by the condition of the road and how much traffic is on that road. Councilman Rousseau questioned Gene that if our tax revenues are up, could we use our excess revenues instead of transferring the funds? Gene stated we could use funds that are available now. Gene stated he budgeted conservatively and hopefully we could use the excess revenues. Gene stated we might get a better price if a majority of the roads are done, instead of just a few at a time. Councilman Rousseau stated perhaps we could do a couple of roads each month. Councilman Guilbeau stated if we do that way, we will be re-constructing a lot of roads instead of just overlaying them. The project will definitely have to be bidded out. Mayor Langlinais stated he will probably come up with a committee to make a final decision on what roads need to be done. Mayor Langlinais asked the council to be thinking about how much they want to spend on this and what road they want done.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Cypress Bayou Drainage Project** = Mayor Langlinais questioned Councilman Bonin about the Cypress Bayou drainage project? Councilman Bonin stated he the last he heard was that the money was there. Mayor Langlinais asked him to check into this, because it is holding up the work on Fairfield.

**Complaint about no dumpsters** = Councilman Bonin questioned the letter that was received from Tom Shirley about contractors without dumpsters and he feels that and ordinance should be adopted requiring the contractors to have a dumpster? Walter stated in Lafayette that is a requirement. Mayor Langlinais questioned the council if they want to amend the ordinance for garbage requiring this or how do they plan on doing this. The council agreed to handle this thru the permitting process that all new permits for construction are required to have dumpsters at the job site. Mayor Langlinais stated he will handle this with Sarah tomorrow.

**Railroad Crossing** = Councilman Bonin questioned about letter to the railroad about the crossings? Tina stated Attorney Landry sent the letter, but he didn't get a response yet.

**Recognition of Alaina Hebert** = Councilman Bonin stated that he would like to recognize Byron and Mel Hebert's daughter, Alaina for her achievements in winnings the USA Trampoline Championship in Houston 3 weeks ago. She is also headed to Europe for International Competition before the Olympics. She is definitely ahead in the run for the Olympics. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt a proclamation recognizing Alaina Hebert for outstanding achievements. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II = Yea

District V = Yea

District III = Yea

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

**District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Question regarding a quorum** = Councilman Rousseau questioned of the dinner on August 30<sup>th</sup>, dinner would be alright if all of the council is there, because this would mean a quorum would be present. Mayor Langlinais stated as long as no business is discussed.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Grass Cutting Crew** = Councilman Foco thanked Larry and his grass cutting crew for doing such a good job. He also thanked Larry and his crew for repairing St. Etienne Road.

**District IV/Councilman Johnson:**

**Compliments about the City** = Councilman Foco stated that he spoke to a former resident who came in for a visit and she was amazed how the city was clean and good things were being done.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Storm Water Retention Ordinance** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned the status of the Storm Water Retention Ordinance? Mayor Langlinais stated that Attorney Landry's paralegal is working on this.

**Street Overlay Project** = Councilman Higginbotham stated he doesn't feel a committee needs to be formed; he just feels it needs to be done. Mayor Langlinais stated he would just like the committee to review the list of streets and prioritize it and then come back to the council with their recommendations. Mayor Langlinais asked Councilman Higginbotham to chair the committee and Councilman Guilbeau could also be on the committee. Councilman Higginbotham stated that he feels Councilman Guilbeau needs to chair this committee because he has been working on this project for a long time. Mayor Langlinais stated okay Councilman Guilbeau will chair the committee along with Councilman Foco and Councilman Higginbotham on the committee.

**ADJOURN:**

**Adjourn the meeting** = 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

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S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

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S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk