

Minutes Of The

September 13, 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
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Walter Comeaux, Engineer
 Brannon Decou, Chief of Police

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Roy Brown lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was said for the following: victims of Hurricane Katrina, Al Reaux for sympathy of the loss of his brother and the troops in Iraq.

Adopt minutes of the August 23, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the August 23, 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 Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham to approve the following bills be paid for the Broussard Environmental Enhancement Sewage District Board: Grooms Engineering for \$8,575.00, The LaBorde Law Firm for \$864.50 and Comet Services for \$3,200.00 for a total of \$12,639.50. Roll call:

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

At Large = Yea

Anna Mae Clay Property at 209 and 211 Gustave = Mayor Langlinais stated tonight is the hearing for the Clay Property located at 209 and 211 Gustave Street. Attorney Landry stated tonight the property needs to show just cause tonight why the property shouldn't be condemned. It was inspected by Mr. Raymond Hollier. Mayor Langlinais stated in the past we probably went thru 20 condemnations. We can clean it and put a lien on the property for when it is sold. The property questioned if the city could clean the property. Mayor Langlinais recommended they hire someone themselves. We can condemn it tonight and get it cleaned after that. Attorney Landry stated they would have to pay all attorney fees also. Mayor Langlinais stated he figured it would cost about \$3,000 - \$4,000 to clean. The owner questioned how much time can they give him to find someone to clean it. The owner stated they needed 30 days. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to table the condemnation for 30 days for the property owner could have time to hire someone to clean the property. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution # 166-05/Regarding Financial Assistance from the State of LA under the FY '05-'06 Rural Development Grant Program = Mayor Langlinais asked the council to come up with some ideas for this potential grant. He was asked for additional playground equipment for Ida Crochet Park by several citizens Mayor Langlinais stated you can ask for the sizing of the pipe for the Cypress Bayou Channel passing under Fairfield. Councilman Bonin stated that he spoke to Tom Carroll yesterday and he requested that the Mayor and the Engineer contact him about this. Councilman Johnson questioned Walter about the cost of the box culvert at Fairfield and what area will it help? Walter stated it could be expensive; you could spend up to \$50,000. The box culvert will replace the bridge and it will help a lot of areas in town. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt resolution #166-05 authorizing the Mayor to sign an application requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the FY 2005—2006 Rural Development Grant Program for re-construction of Fairfield Road and for the repairs/replacement for the coulee crossing under Fairfield. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance # 05-290/Amendment to Ordinance #124 regarding Building Setbacks = Mayor Langlinais stated with this ordinance we are not telling people they can't sell the property, this is for future widening. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if this will coincide with Consolidated Government? Mayor Langlinais stated yes everyone will coincide together only on Ambassador Caffery. This shouldn't impact much development. Walter stated if they do single parking it will be 33 feet. Mayor Langlinais stated he would like to have the setback amendment prior to the final approval of Ambassador Caffery. Walter stated we could

also require common access. Mayor Langlinais stated that the state has already done that. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Ordinance #05-290 which provides for the amendment of ordinance #124 of the ordinances of the City of Broussard, Louisiana to changed section II A, which states that properties adjacent to any street shall have a front building setback of not less than 20 feet, provided however that all properties adjacent to Ambassador Caffery Parkway (proposed) shall have a front building setback of not less than 50 feet. 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:

Mark's Report:

Water and Sewer on Albertson Parkway = Mark stated that the plans were sent off to the Health Department and they were approved. Bids are to be opened on the 17th of next month for the water and sewer on Albertson Parkway for the nursing home. Mayor Langlinais stated it is bid for an 8 inch line, but he feels the council needs to consider upping the line to a 12 inch. We will have a price on the 8 inch line and a 12 inch as alternate.

Hulin Road Drainage = Mark stated that he met with Mr. Hayes and he is talking with him about the drainage project there and they are still trying to work something out. Mayor Langlinais requested he call him when he meets with him.

Walter's Report:

Fairfield Roundabout = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Walter if got a price on the roundabout? Walter stated he can't give a price on this one, because he can't do this one. Councilman Guilbeau stated he just wants a price on what was did in Youngsville. Walter stated not a problem he can get that. Councilman Bonin questioned about the drainage ditches in the area? Walter stated he will get with Dean Tekell, because he is not satisfied with what he came up. He wants to get some feedback, because he has sketched a 100 foot roundabout.

Al's Report:

Mr. Reaux was not present.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Bond Money = Gene stated we did receive the bond money. He needs the council to make a motion to transfer the funds to Broussard Environmental Enhancement District. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to transfer the \$3,000,000.00 to Broussard Environmental Enhancement District. Roll call:

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

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Wainwright on Heart D Farm Road = Mayor Langlinais stated that the gentleman off of Heart D Farm Road has contacted another one of our councilman. Attorney Landry stated he talked to him yesterday. Mayor Langlinais asked him to relate to Mr. Wainwright that he just keeps bothering the councilman.

Abandonment of Baker Hughes Sewer Plant = Mayor Langlinais questioned Attorney Landry what is the status of this? Attorney Landry stated that there are some ongoing negotiations with this. Attorney Landry stated Bob Boese has been negotiating with their attorney in Houston. He will contact Bob tomorrow for an update.

Garbage Collection Times = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Attorney Landry in reference to the proposed garbage collection ordinance, who will be fined? Don stated the driver will be the violator. Councilman Guilbeau asked that Tina put this on the agenda for the next meeting. He also asked Tina to look up the stop time. This ordinance will also apply to residential and commercial. Attorney Landry stated the first ordinance he did included building contractors, but the council asked him to take this out. Councilman Foco stated it excluded the commercial area. Attorney Landry stated it states commercial and residential in the new ordinance. Mayor Langlinais stated we could grant a variance on a case by case basis. Mayor Langlinais stated we could introduce it at next meeting and the changes could be made then.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Exotic Dancer Ordinance = Chief Decou stated that the ordinance required him to send a certified letter to the establishments. The owner of the local establishment did call him complaining about the ordinance and he referred the call to Attorney Landry. He just wanted the council to know that he fulfilled the direction of the ordinance on our part.

Generator Purchase = Chief Decou stated first he wants to thank the city workers for the help of the last storm. He feels right now we have about 300 people living here in town. We haven't had any problems with any of those people. He also thanked the sewer department for the use of their generator. At this time he is requesting that the council authorize the purchase of a generator for the police department. Councilman Foco stated that a former tenant of his had some generators to sell and he will check with him, to see if he has any left. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Bonin to amend the budget for the police

department for \$18,000 for the purchase of a new generator. Roll call:

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At Large = Yea	

Mayor Langlinais questioned Elmer if he needs another generator for the city. Elmer stated we have two and he is fine. Larry stated we he use one at the maintenance shop for the diesel tanks and we could use it elsewhere also. Therefore, the above motion was amended and moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Romero to allow for the purchase of 2 generators up to \$36,000 (\$18,000 each) one for the police department and one for maintenance.

Roll call:

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Road Overlays = Mayor Langlinais stated we have a new list of the road overlays. Mayor Langlinais stated in reference to La Neuville the parish will widen the road north of Bonin Road. Tekell recommended we don't widen the road, we just re-construct it. The parish will scale down the road to our section. Chief Decou stated that it is very dangerous going down that road with an emergency vehicle as it is. Mayor Langlinais stated he was considering taking down the stop signs down at La Neuville. There is much more traffic count east and west. Councilman Johnson stated he doesn't agree with taking down the stop signs. Mayor Langlinais stated we will be taking traffic counts, though. Councilman Bonin suggested we put a red light up. Mayor Langlinais stated that is more expensive. The point was the parish is coming forward with the intergovernmental agreement for the \$200,000 for the roundabout. Apparently they got the message. Councilman Guilbeau thanked Larry and Lonnie who went back and took some calculation on the streets. The committee met and the roads that need to be done were prioritized. He feels we need to take the money out the bank and put the bids out now. His suggestion is to let Jerry put out it for bid. Gene stated the budget will be amended when the bids are accepted. Mayor Langlinais that this will be a one year contract and he feels we should add the La Neuville in order to get a better price. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to authorize Grooms Engineering to start preparing the bids for the overlay project of the following streets: West Fairfield, Burgess Drive, North Eola Road, Heart D Farm Road, Lafferty Drive, St. Etienne Road, Rue Napoleon, Freemin Road, Peartree Circle, Regal Drive, Bluffwood Drive, Balboa Drive, LaFlamme Road, Geology Circle, Coach House Drive, St. Nazairre Road, Ida Road, Louisa Street, Marguerite Street, Yvonne Street, Eleanor Street, Lafayette Street, South St. Pierre Street, Mary Street, Clara Street, Ducote Street, South St. Jean Street, Moulin Road and La Neuville Road. Roll call:

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

District III = Yea
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Storm Water Ordinance = Councilman Higginbotham questioned why was Bob Boese consulted on this ordinance? Attorney Landry stated his input will be limited. He is working on another ordinance for the city that will coincide with this. Attorney Landry stated they are adopting the guidelines, he doesn't know what else they want them to do. Councilman Rousseau stated that Bob is working on a sewer ordinance that he feels we might want to run together with this ordinance. Mayor Langlinais instructed Councilman Higginbotham to get the storm water ordinance together to introduce at the next meeting. Attorney Landry stated his ordinance stated they are adopting the guidelines. Councilman Foco stated we need to look at guidelines and get it done.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Pothole = Councilman Johnson informed Larry that there is a pothole and the corner of Alley I and St. Des Porres.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Hurricane Thanks = Councilman Foco thanked the Police Department for help with displace of the evacuees. Councilman Foco also commended Billeaud's and Country Station for keeping their gas prices the same. Chief Decou stated Chops did a cookout, Tons and Morvant's brought them some food to the evacuees.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Communications Emergency = Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we are geared up as a city for communications emergency as the hurricane that just happened? Chief Decou stated their towers failed for radio use. The only phone use they had was the Nextel. Chief Decou stated we are already using the Nextel which is a great help. The city employee section is also okay. Chief Decou stated he does know that Nextel did donate hundreds and hundreds of phones down there.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Thanks to local bus drivers = Councilman Guilbeau sent special thanks to the bus drivers that went to New Orleans to pick up evacuees. This was spear headed by Acadian Ambulance.

District II/Councilman Rousseau:

Emergency Action Plan = Councilman Rousseau questioned if we have an emergency

action plan? Larry stated ya'll saw it work for Lillie. Mayor Langlinais stated that Civil Defense really has that taken care of that. Chief Decou stated that he does have a plan. Councilman Rousseau stated it goes city, parish and then state. Chief Decou stated that Civil Defense is real on top of things and he does attend all of their meetings.

Storm Water Retention = Councilman Rousseau stated he didn't get anything back on this proposed ordinance. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels the 7 years need to be changed. Councilman Higginbotham stated Ian was going to go with the parish guidelines. There were a couple of changes that needed to be made. Attorney Landry stated he sent a letter out that the committee made some changes and then the ordinance could be introduced. Councilman Rousseau stated that some engineering changes were made. Mayor Langlinais stated he will contact Ian about this.

District II/ Councilman Bonin:

Moulin Road = Councilman Bonin questioned about the parish portion of Moulin Road, did we hear anything about them doing their portion of Moulin Road? Councilman Bonin stated that last time he talked to Randy Menard he said it was in the budget. Mayor Langlinais asked him to contact Randy again.

Commended Councilman Guilbeau = Councilman Bonin stated that he just wanted to commend Councilman Guilbeau for going to New Orleans to pick up evacuees.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Romero 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