

Minutes Of The

September 27, 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
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Ted Broussard, Assistant Chief of Police

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was said for the victims of Hurricane Rita.

Adopt minutes of the September 13, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting =

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the September 13, 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:

Introduce Ordinance #05-291/Regulating the hours of Collection for Solid Waste =

Mayor Langlinais asked Councilman Guilbeau if he is comfortable with the ordinance that is to be introduced. Councilman Guilbeau stated just the time of the hours need to inputted.

Councilman Guilbeau stated that the current hours are 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to introduce Ordinance #05-291, which regulates the hours of collection for solid waste both residential and commercial from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. within the city limits of Broussard. Roll call:

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

District III= Yea
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

Intergovernmental Agreement between Lafayette Consolidated Government and the City of Broussard for Assistance with various maintenance items = Mayor Langlinais stated that this was forwarded to him by Tom Carroll and he has no problem with it, but he added that we already do the work. Councilman Foco stated most of the time we do the majority of the work. Mayor Langlinais stated we did this on some specific projects. Councilman Foco stated he remembers we did this several years ago and they were going to provide the machinery and labor, but that didn't happen. The council requested that Attorney Landry review this: Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Higginbotham to authorize Don to review this Intergovernmental Agreement and report back to the council. Roll call:

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

Councilman Guilbeau questioned about what was in the newspaper today about the contract with Lafayette regarding La Neuville? Mayor Langlinais stated he did sign the contract with the roundabout for \$200,000. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if that is just for the roundabout or for the entire project? Mayor Langlinais that is for the entire project; \$100,000 for the roundabout and \$100,000 for the overlay. Councilman Guilbeau questioned when will they start? Mayor Langlinais stated they probably will be bidding this out within 6 months and we should be doing our overlay bids in a couple of weeks.

Declaring the following City Vehicles Salvage = Councilman Guilbeau questioned if we are just going to store them at the dirt-pit? Mayor Langlinais stated that we usually bid them out to the highest bidder, which usually are city employees. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he feels we should donate them to other governmental agencies south of us that were stricken by Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Katrina. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Johnson to declare the following city vehicles salvage and offer those to any governmental agency down south be first choice to bid:

- ST—5 1991 Ford Pickup.....VIN # 2FTHF25M2MCA42466
- ST—6 1979 Ford Pickup.....VIN #F82BVDJ5451
- ST—8 1990 Ford Pickup.....VIN #2FTJW35M7LCA36038
- ST—10 1981 Gradall#81642
- ST—19 1989 Ford Pickup.....VIN #1FTHF25H8KNA10342
- SW—31992 Chevy S-10.....VIN # 1GCCS14Z2N8186588
- SW—41989 Chevy Van.....VIN # 1GCDM15ZOKB142374
- B—2 1999 Ford Crown Vic.....VIN # 2FAFP71W3XX113783
- B—14 1999 Ford Crown Vic.....VIN # 2FAFP71W5XX113784
- B—17 1999 Ford Crown Vic.....VIN # 2FAFP71W5XX178179

Roll call:

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

At Large = Yea

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Electronic Water Meters = Jerry stated the bid law states you can't come back and start any sort of mechanics on the bids, because Badger Meters wants to amend their bid even though they were the lowest bidders. Mayor Langlinais stated that he had inquired with Cindy about why we included the 2 inch in the bid, that's why it was changed. The low bidder was Badger Meters Incorporated for \$30,150. Jerry stated based on what was received, Mark did recommend Badger Meters. Jerry stated they were included, because he was under the understanding we would start doing the bids for 2 inch meters. Councilman Foco stated he doesn't understand where the electronic meter situation started? Mayor Langlinais stated that Elmer came to him with this idea, to get accurate readings on the meters at the time the cost of the meters and the installation were going up. We were losing about \$70 for a ¾ inch meter. We were charging less than what a meter cost. We went up July 1st. Councilman Foco stated we don't have ever change the meters and we don't have a maintenance program. We should be changing the meters. Larry stated the cost of a meter is \$35 and it is \$25 to re-furbish them. Councilman Foco stated that what happens if the in the future the software changes? Larry stated they are looking at for the future. Mayor Langlinais stated that you can take existing badger meters and put the electronic devices on them. Gene stated that is still changing the meters. Jerry stated that the council has to reject the bids and re-bid it or award the bid. Larry explained why it was changed. Councilman Foco questioned how long it takes to change the meters? Larry stated about 5 minutes. Councilman Foco stated that is why he is not voting for this. Larry stated we won't change the meters all at once, this would be in about a total of 10 – 12 years. Mayor Langlinais stated his thought was to use this in the new subdivisions. Larry stated the cost is in the software. Mayor Langlinais stated we have 3 days of re-reads every month. Mayor Langlinais explained with the automatic system, it will show up on the computer meter errors or malfunction meters while you are getting the meters. The representative from Badger Meters stated that it is a radio mounted to the meter. The meter reader will drive around and the reading will be loaded to thru the system in the laptop computer that it will be in the vehicle. This won't eliminate a leak, but it will detect any leaks customers have. You will have more accurate readings. The starter package is \$30,150. Cities currently using this system are Rayne, Lewisburg, Lafourche Parish, Gonzales, Hammond and Mandeville. Training takes about 2 days. It is typically 100 meters with radios and laptops. The radios run off of batteries. Councilman Bonin questioned if the radios on the meters are submerged in a flood then what happens? She stated in Houma they survived Hurricane Katrina. Gene questioned about the analysis they do. She stated no, they collect the data and input it. Gene stated if we are losing \$100,000 a year then this system pays for itself. She stated the first place to save the money is by changing the meters. Councilman Bonin questioned if we have it will it take one to drive and one to input the data, because several times he has seen one drive the golf cart and one read the meter. Larry stated that is only in hazardous areas. Councilman Bonin stated that he doesn't consider his area hazardous. It will pickup the route as it is set-up. She stated that you won't have to go down each street. Councilman Foco stated he tried to see the comparison, but he

doesn't see a savings. Mayor Langlinais stated that it was never his intent to change old meters, but to change to electronic meters. Councilman Foco questioned if we go with badger are we are married to Badger? Mayor Langlinais stated that we have a one year extendable contract. There is a warranty for the up-grades. Mayor Langlinais questioned if someone's meter can be read from the office? Badger representative stated theoretically yes, even thru the power-lines later. Councilman Foco questioned if they buy this, we will only be able to use badger meters? The representative stated they can be retrofitted with some other meters. Badger has a special glass on the meters, which is almost fog free. Mayor Langlinais stated that are a lot of the meter boxes that are under water. Councilman Rousseau stated he understands Councilman Foco and Larry's concern. Councilman Foco questioned if we can do with the handheld instead of the laptop? She stated that it won't be cost effective. Mayor Langlinais stated that we are now encouraging residential development. 10 years from now we will only have about 20% not with electronic meters. Gene questioned why the cost of the laptop so high? She stated because it is a special computer with special programming. Gene questioned if we can purchase just the handheld with the meters? She stated yes. Mayor Langlinais questioned if they are willing to extend their contract for 60 days, till all the questions are answered? She stated she thinks it can be done, but she will check with Badger Meters. Mel recommended when a developer is developing a subdivision, tell the developer that he has to install these Badger Meters. Jerry stated be cautious about one thing it will only be about \$12,000 without the computer. Councilman Foco stated he would like to see the new subdivisions with a handheld and see how it works first. She stated the handhelds come loaded with the software. Councilman Foco recommended a test pilot be done first, before the laptop is purchased. Councilman Foco questioned Jerry if can buy 100 meters with the handheld? She stated that we can't do that. Mayor Langlinais recommended we put this off and Jerry to get with Attorney Landry on this and come back to the council at the next meeting with an answer. Councilman Foco stated you can up the bid 25%. Gene stated we need to look at the future. Mayor Langlinais instructed Jerry to get with Don with the bids and see if we have the option to buy 500 meters. Jerry stated he has never had a bid like this in 37 years. Mayor Langlinais asked the rep from Badger to have someone here are the next meeting and we will have the opinion from Don and Jerry, because he wants to see if the price is the same for the next 3 years. Mayor Langlinais stated it should have been put in the bid the same as the other bidders. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Foco to table this matter until the next meeting after it has been review by Jerry and Don. Roll call:

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

Transfer Pumping Station = Jerry stated that the bids for the transfer pumping station for the new pond will go out in about 2 months.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Chiarulli stated that we are way ahead of schedule. Sales Tax Revenues have gone up, more than projected. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Rousseau to accept the monthly report for August 2005. 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:

Attorney Landry was not present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Vehicle Replacement = Ted stated that the Police Department had an unfortunate mishap when a unit was stolen and wrecked during a recent call. The unit needs to get replaced. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we don't have some ramifications from the police who stole the unit? The car has no collision insurance. Councilman Foco stated he feels restitution should be paid. Gene stated the age of the vehicle it might only be worth \$3,000. Ted stated this was one of the older units. Councilman Higginbotham he feels these individuals should have to pay some sort of restitution to the city. Ted stated that a complete unit is \$25,000 and also a laptop is needed for the car. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to amend the budget for a new equipped police unit up to \$25,000 and a laptop computer for the car also estimated at \$7,000, total estimate \$32,000, contingent on Attorney Landry seeing about getting some our damaged costs back from the individuals who stole the vehicle. Roll call:

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

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mayor Langlinais:

Hurricane Cleanup = Mayor Langlinais stated that he received a call from Civil Defense that Lafayette is in the disaster area. They will reimburse us for pickup for the first 34 days. It will be brought to Albertson Parkway and shredding there. It is will only be roadside pickup. Councilman Higginbotham questioned about a tree that fell on Albertson Parkway which is on Mr. Newberry's property. He granted Slemco a five foot utility easement and he wants to know who will dispose of the tree. Mayor Langlinais stated the tree is on his property so it is his responsibility. After it is shredded it will be removed. Councilman Guilbeau questioned who is doing the work? Larry stated Trees Unlimited is doing the hangers over the road. Teche Construction is doing the manual pickup and he is \$1.00 under of what is being

charged in New Orleans. Mayor Langlinais stated gave them the verbal approval on Sunday. FEMA does not reimburse municipalities for using their own employees and their own equipment. We are doing the exact same thing that was being done in New Orleans. FEMA pays by the cubic yard. Clean-up started this morning.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Road Overlay = Councilman Johnson stated that in the newspaper Lafayette Street to Loul Street was left out. Tina stated she left it out accidentally, but was on the list.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Thanks = Councilman Foco thanked everyone all city employees, personnel, Fire Department, and Police Department for their help with the Hurricane. He also made a comment about the local stores Shop Rite, Country Station and Billeaud's that kept their gas prices the same, but there was one store that did not keep their price and that was very dishonest.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Thanks = Councilman Rousseau also commented on how well of a job that was done for the Hurricane. He also stated that regarding the sandbags that were given out some people came from Lafayette because there were no available locations close to them in Lafayette Parish. Mayor Langlinais stated we distributed 40,000 bags. Next time we will have alternate bags locations and other bag locations for the senior citizens.

Hulin Road Project = Jerry stated some information was put together and they are trying to set-up a meeting with Mr. Hayes.

Storm Water Retention = Councilman Rousseau stated that there are some delays on the storm water retention plan. Ian is waiting for info from Walter and Kenny talked to Walter and he will get the info to Ian. Councilman Higginbotham stated the document Walter sent him was a fax document.

Attorney's Present = Councilman Rousseau questioned why Don is not here at the second meeting. Is it because we don't pay him? Rousseau stated he would like to see him here at the second meeting, because of the contract problem we had tonight. Councilman Foco stated if the agenda warrants him being here, he doesn't see a problem. Mayor Langlinais will request he attend the second meeting also.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Entergy Service = Councilman Bonin stated that he spoke to quite a few people who are dissatisfied with the service they are getting from Entergy. The people deserve better. Mayor Langlinais stated the only thing we can do is set-up our own electrical company and expropriate Entergy to go with Slemco. The point is we have a franchise contract with them. Only the

Public Service Commission can allow regulation and de-regulation. Councilman Higginbotham stated this has been an ongoing problem and we have terrible service with them. Gene stated you have to approach the Public Service Commission with this complaint. Councilman Bonin stated we are here to take care of this, and we need to take care of it. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels this is something that you can't win. Therefore Councilman Bonin and Councilman Higginbotham second to adopt a Resolution requesting Entergy to do a better job with servicing their customers in Broussard and if they can't he would like to have the customers released to SLEMCO.

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk