

Minutes Of The

October 25, 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
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Carl Meche, Lafayette Parish Sales Tax Office
 Residents of Cajun Estates Subdivision

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Elmer lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Langlinais asked everyone to say a silent prayer for the troops in Iraq and Ms. Marie Larrivierre.

Adopt minutes of the October 11, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting =

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the October 11, 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:

Cajun Estates re: Preliminary Annexation = Cathy Martin addressed the city council

as the spokesperson for Cajun Estates. She stated that there was a fire in Cajun Estates and there were no hydrants in that area, so there was phenomenal damage to the home and at that time the resident of that subdivision took notice. After that they had a subdivision meeting and they currently have 71 petitions for annexations. They feel this would give them a peace of mind that if they are annexed then maybe next time a life could be saved with hydrants in that area. Bob LaFosse also addressed the council. Mayor Langlinais stated he knows a lot of residents there were born as Broussard residents. Mayor Langlinais stated in 92 or 93 we had a meeting at that time with the homeowners of Cajun Estates to annex the subdivision. From the get go then it was basically negotiations. Mayor Langlinais stated Bob was shocked when he told him Broussard does not have property taxes. At that time in 92 or 93 the city walked away, because negotiations fell thru. Mayor Langlinais stated that it is ashamed that things like that have to happen for you to open your eyes. Ms. Martin stated that there has been a lot of turnaround in neighbors in the last couple of years with a lot of younger residents. Adam Mouton stated that there are some residents there who also own a lot of property already in town. Councilman Higginbotham stated he would like to get prices on the cost of bringing them water and how much will they contribute to that project? Larry already got an estimate of \$350,000 for running water to the entire subdivision from Highway 92. Walter stated that we could always charge the residents a front footage assessment. Councilman Foco stated he spoke to Mr. LaFosse on the phone and he can sympathize with them, but he can't spend that money taking them in, when citizens already in the city limits don't have water or sewage. He would like to entertain the idea of them getting the water from Lafayette Water District North. Lafayette Water District cannot put hydrants, because of their bond rating. LaFosse stated without the hydrants, if the council would agree to service the people, North Water District would consider digging a well for this area. Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't have a problem with that, but it is up to the council. LaFosse stated their bond only allows them to put certain size lines and no hydrants. Mayor Langlinais questioned the council if they would entertain the idea of running the line from Highway 92 to Fairfield on Marteau Road along with installing hydrants, because of the new development on Highway 92. Councilman Foco stated he would take it and support that idea. Mrs. Martin questioned about why they don't have access to the ladder truck being they live out of the City limits? Chief Decou stated is because PIAL won't allow the truck to be out of the city limits for the city rating. Mayor Langlinais questioned the council if they have any discussion on if they would require annexation or would they entertain the idea of just running the line along Marteau Road? Attorney Landry stated we would have to get the City of Lafayette permission being it is their water. Mayor Langlinais stated we eventually we were considering a connection from Highway 92 to Fairfield in the future, but due to the increased development coming on Highway 92 we could probably move that project along sooner. Elmer stated we can't mix the two wells together, because Corne Road onto Highway 92 is our water well water from Highway 90 and Fairfield is Lafayette water. Councilman Higginbotham stated to bring it to Marteau sounds like the best solution to the problem. Councilman Bonin questioned who will run the line? Mayor Langlinais stated Lafayette Water District will furnish the water. Mayor Langlinais stated we will look at the maps and come up with a solution for these residents. Councilman Foco stated worst case scenario we could just put a hydrant down Marteau at the coulee. Mayor Langlinais asked the residents to come back to the next meeting on November 8th after this situation is studied for some of the problems can be answered. Councilman Foco questioned if perhaps the residents could pay for the line and the hydrants and

then have it decided to us? LaFosse stated he will check into it on the North Water District section. Research will be done on this item and it will be brought back up at the next meeting.

Carl Meche w/Lafayette Parish Sales Tax Office = Carl Meche addressed the council in reference to them adopting the following resolutions: Resolution # 10-05-94 which would authorize the extension of the due date for filing sales tax returns if the 20th falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday; Resolution #10-02-1496m authorizes a 60 day extension to file for businesses with Cameron and Calcasieu parishes as a result of Hurricane Rita and Resolution #10-05-1497, authorizes the Director of Sales Tax to grant a 60 day extension in the event of any future natural disaster or catastrophic event. Meche stated that school board has approved all of the resolutions. Gene recommended the council approve the resolutions. Attorney Landry will prepare the resolutions for adoption at the November 8th meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

Water and Sewer for Nursing Home = Mark stated that the bids for the Nursing Home for water and sewer were opened. Alternate A for water and sewer is \$394,981.00 and Alternate B for a larger water line down Albertson Parkway to the Nursing Home and with a deeper wet well is \$481,476.00. Mark recommended the council go with the Alternate Bid for the betterment. The city would have to pay the difference. Councilman Rousseau questioned if we go with Alternate B, if will that be sufficient enough for Albertson Parkway? Mark stated yes. The engineer's estimate was higher than that for the project. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to approve the low bid from Stelly Construction for Alternate B for \$481,476.00 for the water and sewer along Albertson Parkway. Roll call:

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

Councilman Foco abstained from voting because he owns the property next to the Nursing Home.

Other Bids = Mark stated that the Automatic Meter Bids will be put out for bid Thursday, as well as the Overlay Bids and the Pump Station for BEESD. Bid Opening for all of these bids will be on Monday, November 21, 2005.

Hulin Road Drainage Project = Mark stated that Mr. Hayes on Hulin Road will provide us with an easement.

Al's Report:

Sewer Infrastructure Loan = Al stated in 1978 Rural Development awarded the city \$780,000 for sewer infrastructure improvements. We are in the process of doing a preliminary report and doing a lift station on St Nazairre and force main to the new sewer pond. Al stated

that we have to provide them the report for approval. After approved they will approve us to get the specs and bids and getting a bonding attorney involved. Gerard Labat with/RDA recommended that we get the plans and specs started before the engineering report is started. If we plan to do the project, PENSCO can get started on the plans and specs and the plans and specs will be done when Rural Development approves it. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels the only problem will be getting the approval for the route. Al stated this will be a large lift station. Gene asked what kind of money for engineering, so this can be budgeted? Al stated his estimate is around \$70,000 - \$80,000. Mayor Langlinais stated he is trying to move dirt in May 2006. This is a 40 year loan for 4%. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to authorize PENSCO to start preparing the specs and/or plans for this project and amend the budget up to \$80,000 for engineering fees. Roll call:

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

Gene will contact the bonding attorney on about this project.

Walter's Report:

Walter had already left the meeting.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene stated he didn't complete the report in time for the meeting, due to the bank statements arriving late.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry had nothing to report on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou had nothing to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Ordinance Regarding Regulation of Times for Garbage = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Attorney Landry when will the ordinance regarding the regulating the times for garbage pick-up go into effect? Attorney Landry stated that it will go into effect next month and

it will go into effect within 30 days.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Utility Service Change = Councilman Bonin questioned Attorney Landry about the resolution the council adopted requesting the Public Service Commissioner to allow the citizens of Broussard to change from Entergy to SLEMCO for electrical service? Mayor Langlinais stated that Oscar Reed is handling this, not Attorney Landry.

Halfway House on Louisa Street = Councilman Bonin stated that residents from his district have complained about a Halfway House on Louisa and Morgan Street. Councilman Foco stated that he did talk to Ted about this and the homeowner is there 24 hours a day, so it's not like no one is there.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Storm Water Retention Ordinance = Councilman Rousseau questioned Attorney Landry if he knows the status on this? Attorney Landry stated that it will be introduced at the meeting on November 8th.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Hurricane Clean-Up = Councilman Foco commended Larry on how well the clean up after the hurricane has done. Larry stated that there will only be one more time for pickup and that will be tomorrow.

Cajun Estates Residence = Councilman Foco thanked Ms. Martin for coming forward to the council and asking for help for the residents of Cajun Estates. He stated that they will do what they can to help and he commended her on how good her presentation was. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels the way she handled this they will get some results. Ms. Martin stated she certainly appreciates that.

Thanks to Mr. Meche = Councilman Foco thanked Mr. Meche for his approach on sales tax, which he feels is very good common sense.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Hurricane Debris = Councilman Higginbotham stated that there is still some Hurricane Debris on North Girouard Road. Larry stated that they will take care of that tomorrow.

Mayor Langlinais:

Grant for Park Extension = Mayor Langlinais stated that they have reached an agreement with the estate that owns the property next to Ida Park and he will be coming back to

the council with the conditions.

ADJOURN:

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