

Minutes Of The

November 22, 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  
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
 Cindy Ross, Clerk

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Tina lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was said for Marie Larriviere and Raymond Pesson.

**Adopt minutes of the November 8, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting and November 3, 2005 Special Meeting** = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the November 8, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting November 3, 2005. Roll call:

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

Moved Councilman Rousseau and second Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the November 3, 2005 Special 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 purchase of property for extension of Loul Street Park from the Girouard's** = Mayor Langlinais stated that this agreement is for the approval to purchase the property adjacent to Loul Street Park which is 3 acres. The grant we received from the State is for \$17,000 and the agreement purchase is offering price a price of \$25,000. Councilman Foco questioned if Mr. Reed tried to negotiate for \$20,000? Mayor Langlinais stated evidently the property owner talked to a real estate agent and felt it was worth more than that. Therefore, it was moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham to authorize Oscar Reed to move forward and get an appraisal to see if the property appraises for \$25,000 and then it will be brought back to the council for approval. Roll call:

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

Gene stated that when it comes back to the council at that time we will need to amend the budget for the extra cost of the property over the grant and the attorney fees.

#### **Accepting of the following bids:**

**Automatic Meter Reading System** = Mark stated that these bids were opened bids yesterday. The base is with a handheld and the alternate is with the laptop. Mark stated they may want to inquire on the particulars of these systems, because the price ranges were so close. Mayor Langlinais stated it appears Badger is the low bidder. Mark stated they are the low bidder on the base, but not on the alternate. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if there is a limit for the amount of meters that can be purchased? Mark stated it is for 50 meters. Mayor Langlinais recommended we go with Badger and buy the first 50 meters and buy the others later. Councilman Guilbeau questioned which is better the laptop or the handheld? Cindy stated the laptop is. Councilman Foco stated he can't support the extra amount for the laptop and the software. Councilman Rousseau stated he thought the last time when the representative was here, we would go with the handheld and try it first, before we buy the computer. The handheld would still read it automatic, however the meter reader just wouldn't have to open the lids and read the meters. Gene stated eventually with these types of system you won't have a meter reader. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Rousseau to accept the automatic meter system bid from the low bidder Badger Meter, Inc. for \$12,750.00 for the 50 meters and the handheld. Roll call:

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

**On-Call Roadway Patching Overlay and Reconstruction** = Mark stated H & S Construction was the low bid on patching overlay and reconstruction also including La Neuville as the alternate. Councilman Guilbeau complimented Larry and Mel on giving us an excellent estimate on the estimated cost of these bids. Councilman Bonin asked if Louisa Street will be widened when it is over-laid? Larry stated no. Councilman Bonin stated it doesn't look like it is

20 feet wide. Larry stated that as the years go by the grass grows onto the road, but it will be brought back to what it was, meaning the original 20 feet. It was questioned how will the roads be overlaid? Mark stated he guess in the order they were suggested. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels they should do all the streets in one area first and then move to the next area. Mark stated if you have 20 – 25% patching then you go to overlay instead. Councilman Guilbeau stated City Parish Government stated they needed over \$709,000 to overlay La Neuville and the estimated cost of this bid is \$170,008.00. Mayor Langlinais stated he met with the area mayors and Joey Durel about this. Alternate 1 is for reconstruction and widening 2 feet of La Neuville from Highway 89 to Vivian Drive. Mark stated 55% of that road is in Broussard. Mayor Langlinais stated that Tom Carroll broke down their estimate for a little over \$200,000 for the overlay and \$435,000 for a roundabout and the remainder was for right of ways and cleaning of the ditches along the way. Mayor Langlinais stated our estimate of the roundabout was \$43,000. \$95,000 is for overlay of La Neuville which is in Broussard and \$77,000 is for the other portion that is in parish. Mayor Langlinais stated he suggested to them that we pay for the cost of it and send them the bill and we do the roundabout. Councilman Higginbotham stated part of that roundabout will not be in our city limits. Mayor Langlinais stated lets approve the base and the alternate and we can set up a committee and they can meet with Mark Mouton and Randy Menard and work out the roundabout issue. Mayor Langlinais stated he will tell H & S to stay away from the stop sign. Don stated his recommendation is that we vote on the contract right now. Councilman Foco recommended we approve the contract and overlay La Neuville and work out with the parish for the roundabout and if they don't won't to pay for it, and then we will just do the overlay and tell the citizens that the parish refused to pay for the overlay. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Rousseau to accept the on-call roadway patching overlay and reconstruction bid from the low bidder H & S Construction Company, Inc. for \$985,579.50 for the base and \$170,008.00 for the alternate which is for La Neuville and amend the budget to reflect that. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II = Yea

District V = Yea

District III = Yea

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

Attorney Landry stated he spoke to Mark Mouton and he stated he was out of town when this came up to a vote by the Parish Council. He also stated that he would put it back on the agenda and he would contact Councilman Foco about this. Mayor Langlinais stated he wants Mark and Larry to re-fine this estimate for the roundabout. John stated those prices are based on the H & S bid, therefore it would still be the same.

**Sewage Transfer Pumping System for BESED/City of Broussard** = Mark stated that this bid was opened yesterday. Gene stated the system is still owned by the City and only the pond is for the BESED, therefore only BESED approves this bid.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **Mark's Report:**

**Water and Sewer for Nursing Home** = Mark stated that the nursing home is under

construction for the water and sewer and it should all be in within 2 to 3 weeks. It is also ahead of schedule.

**Hulin Road Drainage** = Mark stated that he is waiting to hear from Mr. Hayes with the easement for Hulin Road. Mayor Langlinais stated he spoke to Mr. Hayes and he wanted the ditches cleaned and Mayor Langlinais stated that would not be a problem if it is in our right of way.

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

**Ambassador Caffery** = Mayor Langlinais questioned Al if he got a copy of a map for the re-routing of Ambassador. Al stated no. Mayor Langlinais gave him one.

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

**Monthly Report** = Gene gave all of the councilmen the monthly report for October 2005. Gene stated that the street expenditures went up, because of the Hurricane cleanup and we are in the process of getting reimbursed from FEMA. Gene stated that when we get the total amount we will have to amend the budget after we get the total amount. The sales tax revenues are still running high and we already are a half a million ahead of schedule. Councilman Guilbeau stated he would like to make a motion that we take the excess amount of the sales tax and put it in a special account for future road overlay. Gene explained that it is already in a special account which is in the sales tax fund. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to accept the monthly report for October 2005. Roll call:

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

**Future Revenues** = Mayor Langlinais stated Stine Home Improvement would start construction next year off of Highway 89. He also heard today that 84 Lumber has secured a piece of property off of Highway 90. He did meet with the bowling alley group and they are securing another piece of property off of South Girouard Road. Mayor Langlinais added that the developer of the bowling alley will probably be coming to the council to request for the opening of South Girouard from Highway 182 to Albertson Parkway. Councilman Higginbotham stated landowners in that area will not be happy, because he has already spoken to them. Councilman Guilbeau questioned how soon will these developments be coming here? Mayor Langlinais stated within the next 12 months. Mayor Langlinais stated we are looking at significant more growth. Councilman Foco questioned if we will furnish sewage to the Stine location. Mayor stated they had planned to get an economic grant or they might come to the city for connection on Albertson Parkway. Councilman Bonin questioned if those Economic Development grants will come easy that easy with the state financial situation? Mayor Langlinais that is mostly federal monies, so that won't be affected.

### **Al's Report.....continued:**

**Sewage Transfer Station** = Al stated the force main will be on St. Nazairre Road across from the Billeaud Companies and it will go the sewage pond. We have surveyed permission and it will be along the property lines.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**Intergovernmental Agreement with Fire Department** = Councilman Rousseau questioned Attorney Landry, if the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Fire Department for the purchase of the new fire truck has been signed yet? Attorney Landry stated that agreement was sent this week and should be signed this week.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one was present.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

No one was present.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Trash Dumpsters** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he would like to address the situation with the trash dumpsters behind city hall. Mayor Langlinais stated he will bring that up.

**District IV/Councilman Johnson:**

Councilman Johnson stated that he would also like to address the situation with the trash dumpsters behind city hall.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

Councilman Foco stated that he would like to address the situation with the trash dumpsters behind city hall.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Contractors Property Damage** = Councilman Bonin questioned Larry if when they do work around town, do they go out of easements onto private property? Councilman Bonin stated that Stelly Construction damaged 2 property owners property and laid their pipe on private property. Larry stated no we don't do this. Councilman Bonin questioned if they do damage the property, who is liable? Don stated we could be named, but it would be Stelly Construction who

is liable. Mayor Langlinais stated they were fusing the property. Councilman Bonin suggested whatever work we do contract, we instruct these contractors to stay within the easements. Mayor Langlinais stated he did talk to the contractor and he stated he would fix the property and remove the pipe. Councilman Bonin stated he is worried about this again in the future. Don stated they know they are not supposed to do it, but they will do it.

### **District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Budget amendment for overlay** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he would like Gene to make it clear on how much we amended the budget for the on-call roadway patching overlay and reconstruction? Gene it was amended for the base for \$985,579.50 and \$170,008.00 for the alternate. Councilman Guilbeau stated being City-Parish Government has denied our \$200,000, can we can throw that amount into that. Gene stated we can amend the budget to take the \$200,000 out. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he would like to make a motion that we amend the budget and remove the \$200,000 that was allocated to the Parish. The motion dies, due to no second. Councilman Guilbeau stated then what happens if the Mayor wants to cut them a check for \$200,000 tomorrow, then he can do that. Councilman Higginbotham explained that if we leave that money there then we can use that money to negotiate with city-parish for the roundabout issue.

### **MAYOR LANGLINAIIS:**

**Dumpsters behind City Hall** = Mayor Langlinais stated that he had some calls about the dumpsters behind the City Hall. The hauler had the clean up contract in Vermillion parish, that's why they were late with picking them up. We are trying to dress up the area. We got some estimates on a wooden fence and a chain link fence and perhaps a bar code reader for utility customers only. Councilman Foco stated perhaps they could only come between 7 – 4 and get permission from City Hall. Mayor Langlinais stated perhaps we could put a chain link fence with lattice work and perhaps extend the wooden fence. Attorney Landry questioned if perhaps there is a better place to put them? Councilman Foco stated he is in favor of the dumpsters, because if there wouldn't be a dumpster, the trash would be in the ditches. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he likes the idea of a wooden fence with the bar code. Mayor Langlinais stated that is not cost effective, because it would cost \$20,000. Mayor Langlinais stated that we can extend the wooden fence on the west line. Councilman Foco stated he would rather see a chain link fence with slats. Mayor Langlinais stated he is concerned because the majority of residents use the dumpsters on the weekend. Councilman Foco stated he likes what was done with the barricades when the dumpsters were full. Councilman Foco stated that he feels a metal fence for the site would be appropriate and when the dumpsters are full, close the gates. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels if we plan on keeping the dumpsters there put metal fence, but if we don't then put other kind of fencing. Councilman Foco suggested we buy gasoline in big bulk and hire someone to dispense the gas and watch the dumpster. Councilman Guilbeau stated he is not for that, because who will be there to pump 24 hours a day? Councilman Foco stated the only thing we have to do is put a log book there. Mayor Langlinais stated we checked into the price of buying gas by the bulk and buying it on Fuelman as we are doing now and Fuelman was cheaper. Mayor Langlinais questioned Tina if she got the results? Tina stated yes

Mayor Langlinais fueled up and it cost \$2.47 per gallon and Fuelman charged us \$1.94 per gallon. That was a cost savings of \$.55 per gallon with Fuelman. Some of the council agreed, that everyone needs to use Fuelman. Mayor Langlinais stated then he will put a memo out that everyone has to use Fuelman. Larry stated to put a fuel tank on site an environmental study has to be done. Gene will get the estimated costs of fuel each month.

**Meeting on December 7, 2005 for South Morgan** = Councilman Bonin questioned what time is the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> for South Morgan? Mayor Langlinais stated that it is for 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

**Adjourn the meeting** = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham 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