

Minutes Of The

December 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 Johnnie Foco, At Large  
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer  
 Al Reaux, City Engineer  
 Don Landry, City Attorney  
 Chief Brannon Decou, Chief of Police  
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman

Absent: Councilman Albert Romero, District VI

Mayor Langlinais called the meeting to order and Councilman Guilbeau lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was said for the troops in Iraq.

Mayor Langlinais stated from this date forward except for the special TIF meetings, he will ask Councilman Foco to chair the meetings, starting tonight.

**Adopt minutes of the November 22, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting =**  
 Councilman Guilbeau questioned the minutes about the estimated cost of LA Neuville from Tom Carroll. Councilman Guilbeau questioned how he is coming up with the amount of \$435,000 for the roundabout? Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't have an answer for that, which is why he asked Jerry to come up with the estimate. Councilman Guilbeau stated that on the letter from Parish Government it has a different amount. Councilman Foco stated that he and the Mayor and Councilman Higginbotham did meet with the Parish to negotiate their help with this. No corrections were to be made to the minutes, therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the November 22, 2005 City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

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

At Large = Yea

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Ordinance #05-291/Drainage Regulations** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that there is some language in the ordinance regarding the liability for contractors on page 15 that he would like AI to explain. AI stated the way it is stated on the paper is that the engineer who designed the project would be liable for 10 years. The way it is written is if the engineer certifies the contractor's work, he is liable for his work for 10 years, whereas a contractor is only liable for 1 year. AI stated they cannot get insurance for that. Attorney Landry recommended we run it by the engineer's who developed it, which are Walter and Ian. AI stated that an engineer is only representing the owner to the best of his ability. Councilman Foco recommended we table this till the first meeting in January. Therefore, it was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to table Ordinance #05-291 which authorizes to provide for the drainage regulations in the corporate limits of the City of Broussard, Louisiana until the first meeting in January 2006. Roll call:

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Introduce Ordinance #05-293, Purchase of Darrell Philip Girouard Property =** Councilman Foco questioned if we received an appraisal on this? Don stated yes Oscar did, but the paperwork will have to be changed also, due to Mr. Girouard's death. Councilman Bonin questioned how much is the agreement for? Attorney Landry stated it is for \$25,000 and the property appraised for \$25,000 or more. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if the property floods? Mayor Langlinais stated it hasn't flooded there in about 2 years. Larry stated the present park drains to that area and it is low there. It was moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham to introduce Ordinance #05-293, which authorizes the purchase of property, located in section 28, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, from Darrell Philip Girouard, through his agents and attorneys in fact, and authorizing the Mayor to sign whatever documents are necessary to transfer said property to the City of Broussard, Louisiana and generally do whatever necessary to accomplish the transfer. Roll call:

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

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

#### **Jerry's Report:**

**Holiday Wishes** = Jerry wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

**Al's Report:**

**Ambassador Caffery** = Al stated that he is still working on the utilities along Ambassador Caffery. The cost shouldn't change much.

**Sewage Lift Station** = Al stated that the majority of survey work done for lift station has been done.

**La Neuville Road** = Mayor Langlinais stated he and Councilman Foco met with the Parish officials. They were supposed to meet again tomorrow, but he delayed that meeting, because he didn't have the numbers on the roundabout. The first cost was \$240,000 and that has been reduced to \$120,000. They talked about re-constructing La Neuville all the way to Vivian Drive and they would credit us, and pay our share on the roundabout. The numbers are not firm yet, because we are still negotiating with them. Councilman Foco stated he knows we are going forward in Broussard, but he stated he feels that when we incorporate a piece of property and we take the roads also. We need to take all of the property along with the road or don't take the property at all. Jerry stated the only thing is if you get a commercial facility coming into town and they need to get in quickly we try to accommodate them. Jerry stated it's hard to tell someone that we will not take them in without everyone coming in. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels that there has to be some control board on it. After lengthy discussion it would have to be looked at on a case by case basis. Jerry stated in reference to the roundabout, it depends on what you put into it, meaning the design of it.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

Gene was not present.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Landry had nothing to present, except he spoke to Councilman Romero prior to meeting and he had a minor surgery, that is why he is not present for the meeting.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one was present.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Seasons Greetings** = Chief Decou wished the council Happy Holidays.

**Holiday Traffic Detail** = Chief stated that they did the holiday traffic detail thru the city which was a multi-agency deal. They wrote 182 tickets. And they had 4 days of media coverage. They wanted it to be an educational program deal. Councilman Bonin asked if they stopped any sugarcane trucks. Chief Decou stated they wrote 182 tickets, also did a narcotic arrest and put 2

commercial drivers out of business. They are trying to do something to make our highways safe for the holidays. Councilman Rousseau stated he had to clarify to some people who think it was only for the money that it was done and he justified it was only for a safety issue.

**Dancer Permits** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned about the permitting situation at the gentleman's club, how is that working out? Chief Decou stated they did a check last week and everything was okay.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

### **District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Drainage Ordinance** = Councilman Higginbotham requested that Al get with Ian about that situation regarding the drainage regulations ordinance.

**Thanks for the Parade** = Councilman Higginbotham thanked everyone who put on the parade Sunday.

### **District IV/Councilman Johnson:**

**Complaint on Village Square Drive** = Councilman Johnson questioned Chief Decou if he spoke to Ms. Patin on Village Square? Chief Decou stated he didn't see any problems with the construction workers parking, but Ms. Patin did say that the city was putting up no parking signs per her request.

**Season Greetings** = Councilman Johnson thanked everyone who participated in putting on the parade and he wished a Merry Christmas to all. He also complimented the police department on a job well done for the parade.

### **District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Thanks for the Parade** = Councilman Rousseau stated a lot of people complimented on the parade and he wanted to commend the committee for putting it on.

### **District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**TIF Zones** = Councilman Bonin questioned if the TIF Zones are for the new road or is it for existing roads, because he would hope that Morgan Street would be left out. Mayor Langlinais stated we need to include Morgan Street. Councilman Bonin stated everyone is telling him that they don't want a 3 lane down Morgan Street. Mayor Langlinais stated he instructed Dean to report back to the council for the next TIF meeting. Councilman Foco stated that sooner or later we will have to buy one side or the other or build some other alteriors. Councilman Bonin stated he is still for protecting the old integrity of the town. Councilman Higginbotham stated he thinks one thing is to get the light fixed first.

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Thanks for the Parade** = Councilman Guilbeau wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He feels the kids wanted the toys instead of the candy for the parade, so maybe next time we can get just throws instead. The council agreed that the throws do better than the candy.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Parade Thanks** = Councilman Foco complimented the Larry, Mel and everyone else that helped with the parade.

**La Neuville** = Councilman Foco stated that we are trying to negotiate with the Parish, before having to make the people realize who is paying for what regarding the re-construction of La Neuville. Councilman Foco stated that at the meeting President Durel did tell him that the city (Lafayette) puts up 70% of the taxes and less work is done in the city.

**Mayor Langlinais:**

**Sales Tax** = Mayor Langlinais stated that the Sales Tax has gone up also.

**Fence at East Madison and Polk Street** = Mayor Langlinais stated that we looked at the price of a fence to be put around the dumpster site and it is a lot cheaper and lasts longer for about \$3500 for a metal fence with a locked gate. Larry stated the price he got was \$7900, but Councilman Foco showed him a cheaper way for \$3500 and a wooden fence was \$8200 and a chain link with card entry was \$20,000. Mayor Langlinais questioned if they want to consider an electronic gate right now? The council agreed not right now. Therefore we will go with the metal fence for \$3,500 per the council.

**Waterline on Albertson Parkway** = Mayor Langlinais stated that Larry has the estimated cost to run the waterline on Albertson Parkway from The 5 Star Business Complex to the Nursing Home for \$84,961.03, which covers the existing labor and materials contract. Larry requested the council vote on this tonight, because the pipe cost will increase January 1<sup>st</sup>. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Bonin to amend the budget for \$84,961.03 to run a 12” Waterline from the Nursing Home to The 5 Star Business Complex. Roll call:

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

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

**Ditch Enclosure Request on Estates Lane** = Larry stated that Rickey Albert on Estates Lane is asking to pipe the remaining extra 10 feet of his ditch, because his entire yard is already piped, except for the extra 10 feet that he additionally purchased. Al read the letter from the

engineer and he feels that there won't be some adverse effect on that. Councilman Foco stated he would like it to be left as is, until they come up with a drainage study. The council denied Mr. Albert's request.

**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 = Absent

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**S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR**

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**S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk**