

Minutes Of The

March 28, 2006

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
 Chief Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Don Landry, Attorney At Law
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
 Mr. Charles Wayne Landry w/Lake Peigneur Preservation Association
 Mr. Glenn Capdeon w/Magnolia Trace LLC
 Mr. Lester LeBouef, business owner
 Mr. Dwight Manuel re: Regal Street Lift Station
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Councilman Johnson lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was said for the troops still in Iraq.

Adopt minutes of the March 14, 2006 City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the March 14, 2006 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:

Mr. Charles Wayne Landry re: Lake Peigneur Preservation Association (Chicot

Aquifer) = Mr. Landry addressed the council. Mr. Landry stated that this pertains to anyone using water in the Chicot Aquifer. Mr. Landry explained how the gas is being stored in the salt dome caplets in Lake Peigneur. They use about ½ billions gallons of water in a year. There are 2 fresh water aquifers. Hopefully the pipes never deter ate there. They did a lot of research. None of this natural gas is used in the state. They continually are expanding and pumping out of the aquifer. Landry stated we need to start paying attention, because we may need to have some sort of water laws. They have resolutions against expansion of the dome from other municipalities. Senator Craig Romero is also against this. He wants to make the council aware of what is going on and stated they need as much help as they can. Landry added they also have safety concerns with the storing. Councilman Higginbotham questioned who is monitoring the process? Landry stated they have a permit and a rental lease with the State. Landry will send a synopsis to Tina to give out to the council. Mr. Landry stated Mr. Mike Richard, the owner of Live Oak Gardens also did some research on this on how harmful it could be in the future. Landry stated he will forward the information to Tina and request the council adopt the resolution in support of this.

Mr. Glenn Capedon w/Magnolia Trace, LLC re: Water for Magnolia Trace Subdivision off of Marteau Road = Mr. Capedon addressed the council. He addressed the council in reference to some property behind Le Triomphe that he is in the process of developing. They are requesting water and sewage. Mayor Langlinois stated we have no sewage in that area. Councilman Foco stated that there are some places in the city limits that have no sewage at all. Councilman Foco stated they went thru the same thing with Le Triomphe and he probably is better off contacting the Lafayette Water District North. They are also not within the city limits. Mayor Langlinois requested we let our engineers examine this first to see if we could provide service. The line on Highway 92 is being fed from an alternate system. Mr. Capedon requested if he could sit down with the engineers about this. Mayor Langlinois stated he still would have to come back to the council for approval after it is discussed with the engineers. Councilman Foco stated they have never sold water to anyone outside of the city limits. Jerry stated everything would have to be incorporated in between that property. Mayor Langlinois stated the council's feeling is to take care of the citizens within the city limits right now. Mayor Langlinois stated Lafayette Water District North supplies water to non city limits. He is not very comfortable with selling water with out existing source anyway. Councilman Foco stated Le Triomphe did make a deal with St. Martin Parish, so he might try contacting them. Mayor Langlinois stated that Mr. Capedon can feel free to contact Mr. Grooms about this.

Mr. Lester LeBouef re: Variance Request for Driveway = Mr. LeBouef addressed the council with Mr. Rodney Naylor. He is requesting a variance for a driveway to be put in for 18 wheelers. The plat submitted is for his existing development on La Flamme Road for the existing building and for the other 4 lots. The building in lot 1 is within the city limits. He is asking approval for what is in the city limits. The drainage analysis has already been approved by Grooms Engineering, LLC. The width of the driveways was not approved. This is to prevent the trucks from taking the left lane. Councilman Foco stated on Ida Road there is a 75 foot opening. The widest he found was 60 foot of culverts. Councilman Foco asked how much culverts he is asking for. Naylor stated 88 feet per driveway. They will put the drain boxes. Mr. Naylor gave the letter of approval that he received from Mark with Grooms Engineering for

the drainage study. Mayor Langlinais stated he is assuming the drainage study will pipe water into the detention pond. Mr. Naylor stated yes. Councilman Foco stated they are at a standstill with this, because they did deny culverts with others. Mayor Langlinais questioned the acreage itself, what portion of the development will drain into the ditch? Naylor stated 50 feet maximum. The ditch is piped to handle the overflow. Mayor Langlinais stated the question is if they properly designed the ditch. Naylor stated there is a 6 or 7 foot elevation difference. The detention pond will 150 X 125. This is for a 10 year storm plan. Our guidelines are for 5 years. Mayor Langlinais stated it appears they are complying with what the ordinance says.

Councilman Higginbotham questioned Larry if they could get in there to clean the ditches if they clog up? Larry stated the majority part of that ditch is not in the city limits. Councilman Bonin questioned if the driveway he is doing is within the city limits? LeBouef stated 400 feet is in the city limits and 400 feet is not in the city limits and he does plan on incorporating all of it into the City of Broussard. A variance would be granted for only the part that is within the city limits.

Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to grant a variance for drainage for Mr. LeBouef can enlarge the driveway to 88 feet, which is the only the part which is inside the city limits of Broussard. Roll call:

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

Councilman Higginbotham stated they have to be prepared if this opens a can a worms for other businesses. Mr. LeBouef stated he previously came to the council and they did request he get an engineer to do the study and he did do that and it was approved. Attorney Landry stated this is a little different from just closing in ditches for the look, because this is a safety issue also for extending the driveways. Attorney Landry asked that Mr. Naylor send him something for the wording for the resolution.

Mr. Dwight Manuel re: Regal Drive Lift Station = Mr. Manuel addressed the council. He is developing South Hampton Estates on North Eola Road He is coming here tonight for the betterment of the lift station on North Eola for the city. He is asking the city to pay for the betterment of the lift station that he will be putting in for South Hampton Estates, which is cost the city would be \$13,204.76. This would be betterment for the city. Hopefully they can start closing on the lots this week. Mayor Langlinais stated when Mr. Manuel came 2 years ago, we were holding off on re-doing the Regal Drive lift station. The intent was at first to convert the Regal Drive lift station to the Eola Road lift station. Mr. Manuel will upgrade his so it would take care of Regal Drive. This will also be a temporary fix is for the apartments across the street. Councilman Rousseau moved Councilman Johnson second to approve the betterment of the lift station on Eola Road for \$13,204.76, which Mr. Manuel will be doing for South Hampton Estates. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #176-06/Supporting the Development of Providence on the Bayou

Apartment off of Eola Road = The developers addressed the council about this property which is directly across the street from Dwight's lift station, which is across the street from Broussard Estates. They are asking to submit to the state their plans and they have agreed to participate in a sewer lift station development. We will pay for force main to the old pond and their lift station will take care of any other development in the area. Right now we have (2) 8-inch force mains in that area. Their force main will take care of the apartments, Mr. Manuel's development and anything else in the area. This property will be a gated community with (2) complexes with 88 units in each one of them. Attorney Landry stated the resolution is asking for support from the council in order for them to get points from the city to help them with acquiring this money from the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency. The resolution doesn't commit the city to do anything.

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt resolution #176-06, which supports the development of Providence on the Bayou Apartments a multifamily development generally located east of North Eola, in the City of Broussard, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana and providing an effective date, to be signed by the Mayor Pro Tem. 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 #177-06/Supporting the Development of Shenandoah Apartments off of Shenandoah Drive = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt resolution #177-06, which supports the development of Providence at Shenandoah Apartments a multifamily development generally located west of Shenandoah Drive, in the City of Broussard, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana and providing an effective date, to be signed by the Mayor Pro Tem. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

La Neuville Re-Construction = Jerry gave the council a handout about the La Neuville re-construction. Jerry explained to the council about the pro-rata costs. The map shows the jurisdictions of Lafayette Consolidated Government from Vivian Drive eastward to the vicinity of La 89. Based on their analysis of the information, it appears that the pro-rata percentage for Lafayette Consolidated Government is 55% and the pro-rata percentage for Broussard is 45%.

Lift Stations = Councilman Foco stated that they met about the sewer lift stations prior to the meeting. The Eola Road lift station is in terrible shape and we need to go forward with that. Eola takes in about 2/3 of our sewer. Mayor Langlinois stated he instructed them to start the plans for a substitute lift station and we will pay for it in next years' budget. Jerry stated it

has been in bad shape for about 6 years now.

AI's Report:

AI stated that he had nothing to report on.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene explained the monthly report. Gene stated the sales tax collections for February was a record for us. We have already received what we budgeted for this year. He anticipates we will receive 6 million this year. Gene stated even with the overlay we should still be in the black. Gene stated however we only budgeted 24,000 for sales tax collections expense and we will go be over that.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated he had nothing to report on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present from the fire department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou had nothing to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Thanks to Larry = Councilman Rousseau thanked Larry for taking for care of that issue he took care of for him.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Overlay = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Larry, where is H & S at right now on the overlay? Larry stated he thinks they finished patching today. They had a couple of breakdowns and probably won't be back in for a couple of days. Councilman Higginbotham questioned Larry how many roads we have to re-construct? Larry stated 4. Councilman Guilbeau questioned when will be doing La Neuville? Councilman Foco stated probably last, because we will try and do something with the roundabout if city parish pays us, then we may be able to do more streets? Larry stated he will come to the council if we have excess remaining money to do more streets. Mayor Langlinois explained where he and Councilman Foco are going on the roundabout; they are stunned that our councilman on the city parish council would make that statement. He wrote a letter to the four property owners and three of the property owners in that corner live in

Broussard city limits and the intent was any reimbursement we would get would go on their share towards the roundabout. Mayor Langlinais stated he did write a letter about eight days ago to the four property around there with a little questionnaire and he did get a response from the Gauthiers and from Kaizer Hernandez's granddaughter, Brenda and she said she wants it to be done, but they do want to get paid. So he told her she would have a hard time talking to the council into spending money to improve her property value without some kind of negotiation, so she did calm down. She asked what else they would do and he told her we would leave it as a four-way stop sign, but she stated she can't get out her driveway. Mayor Langlinais continued to say, it looks like we got three of the four corners for the roundabout that are cooperative. Mayor Langlinais stated he forwarded their response to President Joey Durel and Councilman Randy Menard, because he wants Councilman Menard to be aware of this. Councilman Guilbeau stated just like LaFlame we figured in the complete road, but we will only do what's in the city limits, so if we have extra tonnage left, we can move it to some other roads and it won't cost us anymore. Mayor Langlinais stated we will be improving their access and accessibility, so why should we pay them premium price? He will try to get them to come to us for the next meeting with a plan. Councilman Guilbeau stated they need to move quick or we will be spending the money somewhere else. The council agreed on that. Mayor Langlinais stated he will follow up with a letter to the Parish Council about this.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Serving the Council Parish Road Improvements = Councilman Foco stated he wanted to reiterate like he said a couple of meetings ago, that he has a pleasure serving with the council. Councilman Johnson brought it to his attention and he blew up when he read the article. Councilman Foco went on to explain that we have one of our representatives on the council made a statement that we are holding him hostage for this Ambassador Caffery west and east issue. He doesn't think anyone in this room has held anyone hostage, meaning he won't do anything in his district, because of something someone did him. And another councilman said he has a problem with spending money anywhere, but his district, so what is he doing on the Parish Council? It is very childish. We have citizens sending money and we get nothing. Councilman Foco stated people are asking him why do we send money to the Parish and we get nothing? He has informed them that they to ask their parish councilman. Councilman Foco stated he was very upset with the article in the paper, stating we are prosperous and holding them hostage. Councilman Foco stated we are not holding anyone hostage; we just want what we paid for. Councilman Guilbeau added that if it wouldn't be for us La Neuville wouldn't have even been thought of. Councilman Foco stated he feels everything is going in the right direction and we all have one common goal and that is making Broussard a better place. Councilman Bonin stated he noticed in Lafayette today inside the city limits they had a lot of streets repaved, but not outside of the city limits. Mayor Langlinais stated a couple of weeks ago at the Chamber Meeting, the road conditions were discussed. Mayor Langlinais stated Joey said he saw the article about Broussard budgeting \$1.3 million in overlay and he looked at their budget and they budgeted only \$400,000, which is unbelievable. Councilman Guilbeau commented about the roads we do that we have to stop at because the remaining part of the road is not within the city limits. Councilman Foco stated just like Moulin Road the parish was suppose to do three years ago and it still isn't done? He asked Larry if he knew when Moulin Road was going to be done. Larry

stated he thought it would have been done already, because they received a DOTTIE location ticket on it a couple of weeks ago, but nothing has happened. They also have a contract with H & S Construction.

Mayor Langlinais:

Ambassador Caffery = Mayor Langlinais stated he is final negotiation with Joey for a monies for Caffery for west and east. He is thinking they would match and they would match our money and we should have an agreement within 30 days and the project would probably be put out for bid December of this year.

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk