

Minutes Of The

April 25, 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
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Chief Brannon Decou
 Roy Brown, Citizen

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Councilman Rousseau lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Foco thanked God for the rain.

Adopt minutes of the April 11, 2006 City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of the April 11, 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	

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Jerry stated he didn't have anything to report on.

Al's Report:

Al didn't have anything to report on.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene stated the sales tax revenues are still doing well. We will be about 1.8 million over. In the general fund we have a substantial increase in the occupational license because of the growth. Gene stated that he will put in the Hurricane expense and the check we received from FEMA will be a washout for it. We will be about 2 million in the black at the end of budget year.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Intergovernmental Agreement for Cypress Bayou Cleaning = Attorney Landry stated that he spoke with Tom Carroll about the intergovernmental agreement for drainage cleaning. The council wanted it to start from Highway 90 going up, not the way it was stated in the intergovernmental agreement that is why it hasn't been approved yet. Attorney Landry he will get with Jerry to get the specifics on what the council wants and he will then get with Mr. Carroll. Attorney Landry stated they will also be hearing from Mr. Carroll about the grant the parish was waiting on for the drainage. Councilman Higginbotham stated he would like to give detail specifics of where we want Cypress Bayou cleaned. He is talking about from Jason Moresi's all the way going up. Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't think we talked about the east leg of Cypress Bayou at the last meeting. Attorney Landry stated he and Jerry will try to set up a meeting with Tom Carroll about this. The resolution was not authorized to be signed by the Mayor approving the intergovernmental agreement.

Agenda Procedure = Councilman Johnson questioned if they need to put something under council business, do they have to amend the agenda? Attorney Landry stated he would like the council to get with Tina prior to the agenda being made and then they can specify what they are bringing up, because like that we can notify the public about this. Attorney Landry stated like this everyone will be prepared and like that we will be abiding by the sunshine law.

Baker Hughes Treatment Plant = Councilman Rousseau asked Attorney Landry if he received the correspondence from the Mayor regarding the Baker Hughes sewer plant, being transferred to Baker Hughes? Mayor Langlinais stated that first the Attorney General said we couldn't do that. But the Attorney General said that tentatively if our Attorney writes an opinion stating that they we can turn the permit over them to maintain, and then it can be done. Attorney Landry stated he will get with Bob Boese regarding this, because he is the handling this.

New Alcohol Ordinance = Councilman Higginbotham stated that a constituent of his contacted him regarding the new alcohol ordinance that was adopted. He is questioning the dispensing of the alcohol what it means to him? Attorney Landry requested that Councilman Higginbotham refer his constituent to him.

Railroad Agreement = Councilman Bonin asked about the status about the fixing of the railroad tracks? Mayor Langlinais stated that he received a letter from the railroad saying we can fix them; therefore he contacted Attorney Landry about this. Attorney Landry stated he informed the railroad that we want someone from the railroad to come supervise us fixing it. Larry stated he told Mr. Brashear with the railroad to send us a letter stating that we are not liable for any improvements that we do to the crossings. Attorney Landry is still working on this.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou stated that he didn't have anything to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Shenandoah Drive Annexation = Councilman Higginbotham questioned the correspondence he received from Attorney Landry regarding the annexation of Shenandoah Drive? He has a problem annexing just the road. Mayor Langlinais clarified that it is not Shenandoah Drive; it is property on that road that belongs to Mr. Anthony Olivier.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Duhon Property = Councilman Bonin stated he spoke to the Duhon's and they would like a copy of the map showing where the easement is on their property. Tina showed a map that she received from courthouse. Tina requested that Councilman Bonin come by tomorrow and she will give him a copy of the map. In the meantime, Mayor Langlinais requested that Larry and his crew go mark out the easement.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Overlay Project = Councilman Guilbeau questioned where are we on the overlay project? Mel stated that La Neuville is done and then they we will do Coach House Manor. Mel stated we have 2 streets that need to be re-constructed and just a couple of more streets to do. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if we will change the bridge out on Fairfield? Larry stated we will cut cement all the way to the bridge. And then we will wait for the Parish to come in.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Overlay Project = Councilman Foco requested that in reference to overlay people have

to be patient. We are trying to help with the roundabout and all.

Mayor Langlinais:

Letter Regarding Tax Proposal = Mayor Langlinais stated in reference to the tax proposal he sent out, he hasn't no response from the other mayors in the area. Councilman Higginbotham stated that in reference to the tax proposal; he thinks Mr. Viator was in your corner with the article he read. Councilman Foco stated he would like to know how much is commercial and how much is residential for the assessment. The article was misleading because it stated that the voters of Lafayette are funding the improvements for outside of the city of Lafayette. Mayor Langlinais stated one thing he got out of the article is that 30% of the sales tax to the retailers is paid by people not living in the City of Lafayette.

Flood Zone Maps = Mayor Langlinais stated that the new FEMA flood zone maps will be released at the end of May. There will be a lot more areas in the flood zone. Mayor Langlinais stated that Paul Mayers sat on the LINC committee and that the software will be given to us. He requested that the council tell their residents in their district not to panic if your area is to be in a flood zone. It is to let you citizens know that you have safety. We will do some sort of scenarios. There are 3 crossings on highway 90 that are impacting the drainage: the crossings at Moresi's the crossing at Blanchets and the crossing at Le Triomphe. We will have a meeting about this in June. Because this is a FEMA map this will open the doors for Highway 90 drainage. Don't be surprised about having to put more money in the budget for drainage.

Electronic Meters = Councilman Guilbeau Elmo about the water meters? Mayor Langlinais stated that Gene clarified that is was maintenance item and it didn't need to be approved by the council.

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