

Minutes Of The

June 13, 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 Kenny Higginbotham, District V
 Councilman Albert Romero, District VI
 Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
 Chief Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Jason Lopez, Fire Chief
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Don Landry, Attorney At Law
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Mr. Tom Sammons
 Mr. Lynn Guidry
 Mr. Robert Minyard
 Mr. Roy Brown

Absent: Councilman Harold Johnson, District IV

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Tina lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer for our boys that are still overseas and he hopes that the people in Florida do not get it bad from the hurricane and please keep Mr. Johnson in our prayers who was picked up yesterday with chest pains.

Adopt minutes of the May 23, 2006 City Council Meeting = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he wanted it added to the minutes that we will not be obligated to put the \$15,000 up that the BYYA requested from the city for a new bronco field if the City-Parish and the BYYA doesn't put up there share. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the May 23, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

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

At Large = Yea

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #06-297/Shenandoah Drive/Olivier Annexation = Councilman Foco explained that this annexation is only for the property, not for Shenandoah Drive itself. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Ordinance #06-297, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 95, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana being known as Shenandoah Drive/Anthony Olivier Annexation. Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduce Ordinance #06-295A/Providing for the Revocation and/or Suspension of Licenses for Businesses engaged in selling alcohol = Attorney Landry stated we revised this ordinance in case we are challenged in court with the current ordinance. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to introduce Ordinance #06-295A, which provides for the revocation and/or suspension of permits issued to businesses who are engaged in the manufacturing, blending, distilling, processing, importing, storing, using or selling of alcoholic beverages. Roll call:

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

Loul Street Park re: Improvements to Additional Acreage Purchased = Councilman Foco stated that this in Councilman Johnson's district and he was instrumental in developing this park, but he isn't here to discuss this. Councilman Foco stated that there were some concerns about the traffic going thru to this park. The park will be fenced in the back, so that they can't get thru on Ridgeview Drive. The clearing has already taken place and it almost completed. Mr. Roy Brown addressed the council. He hoped the park would not be one dimensional. He would like it to attractive and appealing to everyone. He addressed his concerns about the equipment in the park (like colorful swings and slides). He also advised that we need seating benches. The park currently has 3 pavilions and a gazebo. He is talking about individual benches. He suggested that perhaps bigger pavilions. Councilman Foco stated he donated the materials for the pavilions. Mayor Langlinais asked Mr. Brown if he is talking about basketball goals or walking trails. Mr. Brown stated we need to put some color into the park. Mr. Brown stated the slabs for the pavilions are to low and they need to be raised. He added that the walking track needs to elevated and perhaps some type of border put around it. Councilman Foco stated that his comments will be taken into consideration. Mr. Brown questioned if anything will be done regarding the draining of the Cypress Bayou Ditch, because he noticed the

ditch in his area is getting stopped up? Larry stated the problem is the ditch in the back is full for of debris. The decision on what improvements that will be made to the park will be tabled till Councilman Johnson returns.

Mr. Tom Sammons/Architect = Mr. Sammons and Mr. Lynn Guidry addressed the council and gave their presentation regarding the smart growth incentive for land use. Mayor Langlinais stated he asked them to give us some sort of proposal so that we can perhaps put it in the budget for zoning. Mr. Guidry stated they are currently writing a land use ordinance for the City of Scott. It has performance land use and smart growth land use in it. The presentation showed the growth in such areas as Johnston Street. Smart Growth is a win, win deal for everyone and basically it helps not to bring the utilities further and further out and this in turn benefits the taxpayers. It is basically getting smarter on how our cities are to grow. Mr. Sammons stated they can tackle the situation by going in with a master plan and looking at the city. They worked out the plan with the charrette process, which is basically working with everyone. Smart growth is planning, regulatory and development practices that promote a set of principles. The projects include linear projects, small town projects, neighborhood projects and university projects. Basically in Scott they held charrettes to get public input. They talked about different kinds of land use tools, which include zoning, performance land use, smart growth, and growth conflicts. Basically this allows you to set up a system that helps everyone when it comes to zoning. They thanked the council for the presentation and they are willing to assist the council if they do become interested in it. Mayor Langlinais stated that there can be buffer zones in some areas of performance base land use. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels this fair to the citizens that already have their land. And he asked the council to keep the idea of funding such a study on this matter for performance base land use. Sammons stated it is important that as the city grows and that the city isn't destroyed at the same time. Councilman Foco stated he liked the idea of smart growth, but he asked Mr. Sammons to incorporate common sense if the study is done. The estimated cost of the study is \$25,000. Councilman Higginbotham stated we discussed this years ago and basically when this completed we will be telling people what to do with their land. This will be a collision course. If we pay \$25,000 to do this study, we have to be prepared to do some sort of land use. Councilman Foco stated he like the idea of the buffer zones. He stated that he knows that this will not be a popular thing. Mayor Langlinais stated he also likes the buffer zones. Councilman Higginbotham stated if we are going to go with it, we will have to implement it and police it.

Duhon Property re: Sewage Easement = Councilman Foco asked Larry if he is familiar with this. Mel stated he went stake it out. There is a force main and gravity flow that they would like to moved. Councilman Bonin stated they are not asking for it to be done now. They would like it to be done in the future for the kids are able to build houses there. Councilman Foco stated he is not for paying to move sewage lines, because we will end up moving sewage lines all over town once this starts. Councilman Bonin stated they are willing to give the 5 foot up for 10 feet, if the sewage line is moved. The approximate price is \$18,000 to move the lines, which was estimated 3 months ago. Mayor Langlinais stated he spoke to Councilman Bonin and perhaps we can exchange some land. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if they are willing to share the expense? Councilman Bonin stated they didn't seem thrilled about that. The line was put in about 25 years ago. At that time they had no idea how

many grandkids they would have and they have given to the community. Mayor Langlinais stated maybe trade out something of equal value. Councilman Bonin will go back to them with those options and then report back to the council.

Mr. Robert Minyard re: Request for abandonment of 5 foot easement for Broussard Commons on Albertson Parkway and South Morgan = Mr. Minyard stated that there is 15 foot utility easement there off of Ridgeview Drive. They are asking to abandon 5 feet, which have no utilities in it. Mayor Langlinais stated in 2003 we extended the sewage line to the southwest corner of Morgan and at that time we found SLEMCO had a cable in there and used up the entire easement. At that time he went to Richard and asked for an extra 5 feet to put the sewage line in and he agreed, but we end up putting the sewage line in and we didn't need the easement after all. It is on Ridgeview Drive. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Rousseau to abandon the additional 5 foot of the utility easement off of Ridgeview Drive that was initially intended for the sewage line that was installed. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Absent

District II = Yea

District V = Yea

District III = Yea

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

Eola Road Pump Station = Mark stated that they are finishing up the Eola Road pump station.

Hogan Estates Subdivision = Councilman Bonin stated he spoke with Mark about the lots in Mr. Hogan's subdivision, that the lots need to be mowed, being they were graded. Councilman Bonin stated he met with Mr. Hogan one time, but they still weren't done. Mark stated he will contact Mr. Hogan.

Al's Report:

St. Nazaire Road Widening = Al stated at the last meeting he advised the council about the widening of St. Nazaire for Walmart. Al stated we are still waiting for the word from Walmart about this. Councilman Bonin asked if we will build that road. Mayor Langlinais stated he sent an e-mail to the representative of Walmart and asked him that we set a tentative meeting for mid July for they can come to the council with their attentions. Councilman Higginbotham asked what will be incorporated in the meeting; will their intended contribution be discussed in the meeting? Mayor Langlinais stated yes. We tentatively approved \$800,000 and then \$1.2 million for the road and \$100,000 for the engineering. Al stated the estimate later will probably exceed what was already quoted. Al added that other projects are also tied up into this.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Special Meeting on June 26, 2006 = Gene reminded the council about the meeting for the budget on June 26, 2006. Gene also stated that the sales tax revenues are also up.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Introduce Ordinance#06-299/Garber Road-Paul Cummings Property = Mayor Langlinois stated they intend to do an industrial park in the proposed area of annexation. The only services we have there is water. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to introduce Ordinance #06-299, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 95, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Garber Road/Paul Cummings Annexation. Roll call:

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

Load Limits = Attorney Landry stated that he sent the council information regarding load limits and he just ask that the council give him some idea of what they want. Councilman Foco stated that he like the load limit, not limiting to cane trucks and cement trucks.

Justice Department Correspondence = Councilman Higginbotham received correspondence from Don regarding information he received from the Justice Department. Attorney Landry stated that it is part of the process and he just submitted the annexations a little sooner, instead of sending quite a bit at one time.

Railroad = Councilman Bonin questioned Don about the correspondence from the railroad? Larry stated they said we could do the work and he asked them to send him a flag man, but he hasn't heard from them since. Don stated that he also sent them a letter and he is yet to receive anything back from them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief's Position = Chief Lopez stated since the last meeting he spoke to peers and family members regarding the appointed Fire Chief's position. He met with the Mayor and the council committee and he has changed him mind and has agreed to accept the appointment again as Fire Chief. Councilman Foco stated he and Keith met with Jason and they came up with compensation for the Chief between \$800-\$1,000 a month and also getting a fulltime Clerk//Class III, secretary for the Chief. Councilman Guilbeau stated he doesn't have a problem with the Clerk, but he can't see with paying a volunteer chief and if he isn't there if a house burns, then how do answer to the public. Councilman Rousseau stated he feels right now this is a basic solution for basic need of the fire department, because we know with the growth coming we will eventually have to go to fulltime chief and fulltime department and he wants to keep Jason. He feels this is one of the steps that we need to do for the future. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels we need to try the secretary position for six months to see if this is what we need.

He doesn't have anything against the Jason at all. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels that everyone feels we need to have a clerk there. Mayor Langlinais stated he made the appointment to solidify the department. Mayor Langlinais stated that he clearly feels we are moving towards a fulltime fire chief and then at least we can retain the current Chief even part time. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels if you hire someone on as a retainer as a fire chief, you hire someone who has contributed. Councilman Foco stated he just wants everyone to understand that the idea of paying the Chief came from him not from the committee. Councilman Higginbotham questioned who will the clerk be and will it be a shared clerk or a fulltime clerk? Mayor Langlinais stated it will be a fulltime clerk and the chief will be at the control of the Mayor and so will the secretary. Mayor Langlinais stated he did have some problems with the part timers in the past, so he did get some people to give them some direction. Mayor Langlinais stated it is whatever the council wants to do. Councilman Higginbotham stated he has no problem with appointing Jason Lopez again along with hiring him a fulltime clerk as a secretary. Mayor Langlinais stated he has no problem with this now and if in the future the money is there we can move it to fulltime chief.

Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Rousseau to go with the Mayor's suggestion to retain the Chief and pay him \$1,000 a month as a part time chief and hire a fulltime Clerk III with 40 hours a week. Roll call:

District I = Nay

District IV = Absent

District II = Yea

District V = Yea

District III = Yea

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

Chief Lopez stated they would like some input on who is hired.

Councilman Guilbeau stated his reason he voted nay is that he feels we should hire a fulltime chief instead of a part time chief.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou thanked the council for looking out for public safety.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

South Cruise Waterline = Councilman Higginbotham questioned Larry about the cost Larry for the south Cruise waterline? Larry stated he just wanted to prepare himself thinking that Councilman Higginbotham would bring this up tonight, because he knew one of the property owners in that area was going to contact him. Councilman Higginbotham stated that Mr. Charles Hebert contacted him, because he received a letter from Lafayette Parish School Board stating that he would have to pay an additional 2 per cent because of his being in the St. Martin Parish/Broussard City limits and he complained that he doesn't even have city services. The water line does not run to Mr. Hebert's business. He is the only business on Cruise Drive that is not in the city limits. Councilman Higginbotham will get the letter to Attorney Landry so they can see what Mr. Hebert's complaint is about regarding the 2 per cent tax.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Highway 182 Sidewalk = Councilman Guilbeau stated he spoke to Larry about the sidewalk from St. Des Porres to Arceneaux Park. This is being done for the safety of the kids, so we decided on the second route. The sidewalk will go from St. Des Porres down Highway 182 going into the back of the park on that easement of that gravel road and it will be about \$13,000 cheaper. That is what will be coming up soon. Larry stated the only people Councilman Guilbeau has to talk to is the Aubrey's and to BYYA about the kids coming in the back.

Overlay Project/North Morgan = Councilman Guilbeau stated the overlay project will be about \$100,000 under. He is requesting from Highway 90 at Morgan we put a turn lane from Highway 90 to the railroad tracks on North Morgan at a cost of about \$30,000 for the asphalt. The state will take care of the lights. It will be roughly about 300 feet from Highway 90 to the railroad tracks for the turn lane. Gene stated that will be in part of next years budget, because you can't carry over stuff. Councilman Guilbeau stated this is to help the traffic flow on Morgan. Chief Decou asked if they will put a turn signal coming from McDonald's, because that is part of the problem. They are shooting out of McDonalds and all of the people are going thru the light.

Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to approve the turn lane from Highway 90 to the railroad tracks for North Morgan from the remaining money in the overlay budget for an approximate cost of \$30,000 and to get this done as soon as possible.

Larry stated they will have to coordinate the striping with E.P. Breaux. Roll call:

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

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Garbage Pickup =Councilman Foco stated that he has gotten a lot of calls about the trash pickup. Councilman Foco stated we need to get the representative from Waste Management to contact us. We are paying for twice a week and we need it picked up twice a week. We have had some citizen's abuse our employees and they don't have to take that. Attorney Landry will contact a representative from Waste Management and have him attend the meeting.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau.....continued:

Backhoe for the Street Department = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he would like the council to approve a front end loader and backhoe for \$66,000 on state contract for the maintenance department, so that Larry can order it now, because he doesn't want him to wait like he had they had to with the vehicles. Larry stated normal delivery is 6 week delivery. The council will wait and approve it at the budget meeting and then it will be ordered.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Vehicle Decals = Councilman Bonin questioned Larry if all of the city vehicles have decals? Larry stated only thing that doesn't is the lawn mowers.

Mayor Langlinais:

La Neuville Roundabout = Mayor Langlinais asked Brian Guilbeau about the roundabout on La Neuville if he spoke to any of the property owners? Guilbeau stated he spoke to all landowners and it is a no by everyone. He appreciated everything they tried to do and he feels they will regret it down the road.

Speed Bumps = Mark Ste. Marie questioned about the process to lower the speed limit in a subdivision? Councilman Foco stated that you have to put in a request to meet with the committee about this and give the request to the chief. Mayor Langlinais stated he received information from Evangeline Specialties about the newly speed bumps. He will get info on this and send a mail out to the residence to get feedback

Thanks = Councilman Foco stated he appreciates the audience tonight. He appreciates people coming to listen when major decisions are made.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

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

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY CLERK