

Minutes Of The

June 26, 2006

Broussard City Council Special 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  
Jason Lopez, Fire Chief  
Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor  
Don Landry, City Attorney  
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer  
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
Mark Ste. Marie, Resident

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 oversea. Councilman Foco stated that our prayers were answered because Councilman Johnson is back here tonight with us.

The reason for this meeting is to discuss the following items:

- 1 - The Amended Budget of Operating Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006
  
- 2 - The Proposed Budget of Operating Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007.

Gene stated he gave everyone a preliminary booklet on the budget. Some other information has come to him at this time and he will state the changes as follows.

**AMENDED BUDGET for Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 thru June 30, 2006:**

**Page 4 Revenues:**

Franchise Taxes have changed from \$275,000 to \$280,000.

Occupational Licenses changed from \$580,000 to \$600,000

Insurance Licenses changed from \$150,000 to \$180,000

Intergovernmental police seizure we got \$76,000 which has to be spent according to special police guidelines.

Cruise Drive overlay from St. Martin Parish we expected to receive reimbursement.

Ida Park improvements we received \$18,000 from the state grant for Rural Development.

**Page 4 Expenditures:****General Government**

Advertising has changed from \$12,000 to \$14,000

Professional Fees has changed \$70,000 to \$80,000

Office Expense has changed from \$35,000 to \$40,000

Building Inspection Expense for Building Inspectors will be classified and expected expenditure will be \$40,000

Councilman Guilbeau questioned, because Tina has \$96,000 in Professional Fees? Gene changed that she probably has it coded different than he does.

**POLICE**

No changes

**FIRE**

No changes

**HIGHWAYS & STREETS**

No changes.

**CAPITAL OUTLAYS:**

Police department spent \$24,000 for radios and police cars.

Chief Decou stated that was paid for from grant funds. Gene stated it still has to be classified in capital outlay.

Chief Decou asked Gene when we get to next year's proposed budget please change the capital outlay figure from \$82,000 to \$90,500.

Capital outlay for Arceneaux Park lights for \$15,000 has been added.  
Capital outlay for sidewalk to Arceneaux Park for \$38,000 has been added.

Gene stated that concludes the changes for the current amended budget.

*Now on to the proposed budget.* Gene stated that there is nothing in the budget for raises except in the police department and not much in capital outlay.

Councilman Guilbeau questioned how much is in the budget for drainage improvements?  
Gene stated nothing.

Councilman Higginbotham questioned about the Cypress Bayou Agreement. Councilman Bonin stated it will stop at the crossing at the northwest of "Heart D Farm Road, assuming it will stop at the coulee draining Holiday Gardens. *Mayor Langlinais stated in the Intergovernmental Agreement, we can state what the intention of the \$500,000 is to be used for and we can amend the Intergovernmental Agreement to state where we want it stopped for improvements.* Councilman Bonin stated the minor problems are near Maxie's Mobile Valley. Mayor Langlinais stated the time to do it is tomorrow night, when the agreement is discussed. Councilman Bonin stated if we amend the intergovernmental agreement we will also have to put money in the budget for us to do the drainage work. Mayor Langlinais stated we can amend it tomorrow night when we discuss intergovernmental agreement. Mayor Langlinais stated he received a letter from Tom Carroll. We will put together an application for Hurricane Preparedness Measures as enlarging the opening at Blanchet's and at Maxie's. The consultants are pretty sure this will be approved, and it is a very strong application. Mayor Langlinais stated Dean Tekell and Bill Fontenot have told him that's the best way to do it. Councilman Guilbeau stated when Ambassador Caffery has a storm you can't pass there. Councilman Foco stated that he thought after Tropical Storm Alison and Highway 90 flooded, he thought the state would have come in and do something, but all they have done is come in and clean the box culverts.

Councilman Guilbeau also questioned why does Tina have \$169,000 in salaries in her report and Gene has a total of \$137,600? Answer given is that Tina calculates all of the city hall personnel in administration, but Cindy and Kelli's salary belongs in the utility fund.

## **Page 5: Expenditures:**

### **General Gov't**

Mayor Langlinais questioned the council if they intend on giving the office and other department employees pay raises. Councilman Bonin stated that he feels we should. Councilman Higginbotham stated that he feels some people may deserve more than others according to how much work they do. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels each individual should get 3%. Gene stated it is the Mayor's function if he gives others merit raises. Attorney Landry stated that is the Lawrson Act.

***Salaries change for all departments except police.....3% across the board for all employees except for Police which has already been factored in.***

Gene stated that it is his understanding that the council could vote for raise, but it won't go into effect till next administration which will be January 1, 2007.

Councilman Foco stated a lot of the council has voiced their opinion for a raise and he will support it, but he feels he makes enough money, but if the council wants a raise he will vote against it. Councilman Bonin stated he is not here for the money. Councilman Higginbotham stated he has quadrupled his work load in the last 4 years. He doesn't know what figure to put on it money wise. Councilman Rousseau stated he is in favor of it and obviously none of them do it for the money. The Mayor stated we can change the budget amount and the council could also refuse the raise.

***The council agreed to add \$12,000 for council salaries so that will change from \$98,100 to \$110,000 that will make councilmen pay \$800 per month and councilman at large \$1,000 per month.***

Councilman Rousseau stated that he feels there should be also a 3% for the Mayor and the Chief. Chief Decou stated he has already added 3% in his budget.

***3% increase was also approved for the Mayor under Mayor and Council salaries.***

Building inspection expense has been classified for the cost we pay to the building inspectors, which will be \$40,000. Councilman Foco stated feels we need to compensate them more. Mayor Langlinois questioned when does the new code go into effect? We may have to come up with added money for a third party if they have to look at this. Councilman Foco stated lets add \$20,000 because we might need to hire another inspector. ***Councilman Rousseau stated he feels we need to look at paying them more maybe \$25.00 per hour. Building inspection expense will be changed to \$60,000.***

### **Police**

Chief Decou stated that his salaries include the hiring of additional officers and giving the employees 3% col. This will entail putting an officer additional officer on for a 12 hour shift, 7 days a week. It will be concentrated to inner city and the traffic on Highway 90.

***School Crossing Guard is \$7,000. Councilman Foco would like to increase it at least \$3,000 so the total will be \$10,000.***

Narcotics investigation \$0 is budgeted; therefore Councilman Rousseau questioned why nothing. Chief Decou stated because he has the seizure fund and he can use that money for that. Gene stated still you have to have a number if you expect to spend something. Mayor Langlinois stated that he can rubber stamp it \$2,000. Councilman Foco stated would like him to spend more. The council recommended he come up with a number that comes out of a separate fund.

Chief Decou stated he can use \$59,000 which is the remaining seizure money for narcotic investigation. *Narcotic investigation was changed from \$0 to \$59,000.*

*Capital Outlay he has 2 new vehicles along with computers and radios totaling \$90,500.*

**FIRE:**

*Salaries are \$88,000 which is for a part time Fire Chief, a secretary, and 2 full timers and 1 part timer.*

Truck expense is okay.

*Insurance will be changed from \$35,000 to \$40,000.*

*Utilities and phone from \$15,000 to \$20,000*

Repairs and maintenance will remain the same

Jason asked for training funds to be added.

Gene asked if they anything in their budget for that. Chief Lopez stated he is asking so that he can bring in outside training.

*Training will be added for \$5,000.*

**HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:**

*Streets and drainage maintenance \$500,000 was added so that figure will now be \$950,000.*

Councilman Bonin stated that we have been talking about Cypress Bayou. Maybe now we can look at getting people to clean ditches and pick up limbs, perhaps hiring another crew. Larry stated that the people he has are working and if we hire another crew we will also have to hire another supervisor. Councilman Bonin feels we could hire them and train them. Gene stated a four man crew would be about \$110,000 or \$120,000 alone just in salaries.

*\$120,000 was added to salaries for another crew, so now the total is \$620,000.*

Councilman Foco stated would like to see us buy more equipment instead of renting equipment. Larry stated he rents when something is broken or when he needs more equipment. Mayor Langlinois stated that we can make the Will Staff people fulltime who are qualified and hire others to take their place. Therefore we will keep the casual labor budget as is.

**CAPITAL OUTLAYS all departments:**

Fire \$75,000 for improvements to station 2. They will build offices in the inside the main frame of the building at station 2.

The clerk will be next to the chief's office.

Add \$5,000 for computers.

*Fire station improvements \$75,000 and fire equipment/computers \$5,000*

*Police is 2 cars and radars, laptops and renovations for \$90,500.*

*General Government has nothing. Mayor Langlinais asked him put in \$25,000.*

*Hwy. and Streets has \$66,000 for a Backhoe and \$34,000 for 2 trucks total \$101,000.*

Mayor Langlinais stated that the existing excavator's boom is not long enough for drainage work. We are talking about doing major drainage work. Larry stated we have a 250 excavator and it doesn't work every where. Larry stated also if we start doing drainage projects that we also need to see about truck rental. Larry stated you have to haul off the large trees. Last dump truck purchased we paid \$20,000, but now we are doing work on that truck and that was a 1995. Larry stated a new truck would be \$130,000. Larry stated if rent we have no repairs and we don't have to hire a driver either. Councilman Rousseau stated that he doesn't see purchasing a new truck if we don't need it every day.

*\$60,000 extra for streets equipment rental so that will be \$110,000 now.*

Street Overlay nothing budgeted. Larry stated we still have a few streets to overlay. Larry stated Albertson Parkway is one street that needs to be looked at in the future. Councilman Rousseau stated that he liked the way we did it last year. Larry stated that we can keep an eye on the streets and let them know what needs to be done and we can amend the budget later.

### **Sales Tax Fund:**

*Budgeted \$5,700,000 for sales tax revenues.*

*Debt service \$500,000 per year.*

### **Utility Fund:**

Gene stated nothing was increase for the utilities unless the council wants to increase the cost of services. Everything is merely a past thru. Any other increases will have to addressed at a meeting.

*Supplies for water now is \$130,000 so we will add \$15,000 = \$145,000*

*Sewage repairs and maintenance we will add \$25,000 so now it will be \$175,000*

### **Capital Outlays in Utility Fund:**

Capital Outlays price on filters for water plant \$500,000 for one filter and installed. Mayor Langlinais stated that we can design and bid this out later in the year and amend the budget at that time.

Mayor Langlinais stated that LUS disconnected us and he is encouraging Elmo to look for sites for another well. Lafayette hasn't cut off the south-side of Broussard. Elmer stated when they can't furnish what they have; they will reduce thru the wholesalers. This year they cut us off 2 weeks ago. Mayor Langlinais stated we can discuss this later. Let the council see if they want to increase water production.

Councilman Higginbotham stated his neighborhood was one neighborhood that was cut off. After they were cut off; and he was hooked to the city the pressure increased. Mayor Langlinais stated that the council can feel free to call Elmo to discuss the production vs. purchasing of water. Jerry stated you have to put the filters in and then connect all of the pipes up. Councilman Rousseau stated he feels in the next 3 years, we need to do some major water improvements. *Gene stated so we will leave alone \$400,000 in the water and sewer improvements.*

*There is \$34,000 for 2 vehicles in water and sewer equipment.*

The cost for Eola Road pump station was approved and estimated at \$150,000. Mayor Langlinais asked Elmo to come up with those numbers by tomorrow night.

Elmer stated that he also needs to hire another fulltime man in the sewer department. *\$25,000 to salaries so it will be \$169,200 in sewage department salaries.*

The cost of the Eola Road pump station and Regal Drive will be discussed tomorrow night.

The council will also look at the price of a new small excavator tomorrow night.

This concludes all changes for the proposed budget. The budget is due to be adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m.

### **Ambassador Caffery Meeting:**

Mayor Langlinais stated the meeting on Ambassador Caffery will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Parish meeting tomorrow night. The meeting will be attended by the Mayor, Councilman Foco, and Councilman Rousseau.

### **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**