

Minutes Of The

June 27, 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
 Chief Jason Lopez, Fire Chief
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Don Landry, Attorney At Law
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Billeaud lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer for our boys that are still overseas.

Adopt minutes of the June 13, 2006 City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of the June 13, 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	

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #06-295A/Providing for the Revocation and/or Suspension of Licenses for Businesses engaged in selling alcohol = Attorney Landry stated this needs to be reset for July 11, 2006. It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to re-set Ordinance #06-295A to be adopted on July 11, 2006. Roll call:

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

District V = Yea
 District VI = Yea

Attorney Landry explained that ordinance is basically a nuisance ordinance if an establishment has too many calls at their business this will basically control the business for fights or any other violations that occur there. This is also a three strikes and you're out, meaning their license can be suspended or revoked after three incidents.

Adopt Ordinance #06-298/Amending the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006 and adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 = Gene stated there were no changes from last night for the amended budget therefore it was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to approve the amended budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the City of Broussard during the same period. Roll call:

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

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

Proposed budget for July 1, 2006 thru June 30, 3007:

Gene stated new booklet has new changes that were requested from last night. Councilman Guilbeau stated he didn't see anything in there for the smart growth plan for land use planning. Councilman Higginbotham stated he would like to discuss this at great lengths first before we even put it in the budget.

Councilman Guilbeau stated the price on the excavator is \$74,246.00 on State Contract that Larry received. Councilman Foco stated so Larry's department will give Elmer their excavator, which is the one used by Chene right now and a new excavator will be purchased for the street department.

Therefore \$74,246.00 will be added to street equipment in capital outlay, making that new figure \$175,246.

Councilman Guilbeau stated last night he suggested a 3% cost of living raise and after thinking about he would like to move it to 5% across the board. Councilman Foco questioned Mayor Langlinais if he would like to give 3% - 5% or give across the board? Mayor Langlinais stated we will just go with 5% across the board. Councilman Foco stated he doesn't have a problem with that. Councilman Higginbotham also stated the same. Chief Decou stated he would like 5% for his department also.

Agreed to change from 3% to 5% cost of living raise for all employees. Attorney Landry questioned if that 5% is for the Mayor and Chief also? The council agreed yes for all personnel including the Mayor and the Chief. Gene will make the necessary changes in taxes and retirement.

Councilman Guilbeau thought the lift station for Eola Road it was \$200,000. Mayor Langlinais stated we approved \$200,000 for Eola Road re-construction and Regal Drive lift stations. It is basically rolled over into this budget. Councilman Bonin questioned about the cost of the relocation of the water lines for Ambassador Caffery for Corne Road, Hardware Road, and Morgan Street including a force main on Morgan Street. Elmer stated on Corne Road we are awaiting on Board of Health approval on our plans. Mel stated no one at the meeting could tell us on the time frame for reimbursement. Gene stated we will have a revenue of \$540,000 in the budget which and the other 90% percent will be the out of pocket not paid by the State. Elmer also requested replacement of a motor and pump in the water plant for \$13,000. Elmer stated it will come in all in one on a skid. Gene stated he has \$150,000 in repairs and maintenance, so he questioned if he needs this additional money? Elmer stated yes. To repair the pump would \$9,000.

Change made additional \$26,000 to the repairs and maintenance in the water department so that total will be \$176,000.

In reference to the sewage lift stations there is \$400,000 for sewage and water improvements. Gene questioned if they want to add the Eola Road Lift Station and the Regal Drive Lift Station will totals \$270,000. Council stated yes.

Change water and sewer system improvements under capital outlay to \$670,000.

Councilman Bonin questioned about the filters that were discussed last night. Mayor Langlinais stated we will talk about that later.

Gene stated their will be an additional line for waterline relocation for Ambassador Caffery for \$600,000 per the council. And intergovernmental transfers on page 10 will coincide with that.

Therefore it was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt Ordinance #06-298, which approves the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the City of Broussard during the same period. Roll call:

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| District II= Yea | District V = Yea |
| District III= Yea | District VI = Yea |
| At Large = Yea | |

Councilman Foco thanked everyone for the meeting last nights meeting for their input.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopt Resolution #182-06, Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafayette City Parish Consolidated Government to address the improvements of the Cypress Bayou Coulee = Mayor Langlinais stated he spoke to Councilman Bonin about this and he recommended changing the agreement. Councilman Bonin stated we have been after them for three years now and we might loose everything if we change this. The engineering has been approved to Holiday Gardens. The council agreed if we send it back it will be delayed. Councilman Bonin stated even if we have to do the rest ourselves. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to approve Resolution #182-06 approving the

intergovernmental agreement with the Lafayette City Parish Consolidated Government to address the improvement of Cypress Bayou Coulee (sometimes referred to as “Coulee Lasalle”) from U. S. Highway 90 at Young Street to northeast of Heart D Farm Road, to improve drainage within the watershed served by the existing Cypress Bayou Coulee in order to provide for adequate drainage within the corporate limits of the City of Broussard, Louisiana and beyond.

Roll call:

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

Carl Romero re: request for variance at 208 Ambergis Lane, Lot 26 of Island Oaks Subdivision = Mr. Romero addressed the council. Walter stated that Councilman Foco called him today and asked him to come in and come help Mr. Romero explain this. Councilman Foco stated it shows 8 foot off of the road, but throughout the subdivision the sidewalk is up against the road. Walter stated the sidewalks are built up against the property line. Walter stated he did the design for Island Oaks. They did get a set-back waiver on the smaller lots for 15 foot. The bigger lots have the 20 foot set-back so that you can park your car out of your garage and you can still use the sidewalk. Mayor Langlinais questioned where was it measured from? The question is there a public right of way, which is inside the 10 foot easement. Walter stated the front property line is the right of way. Walter stated the right-of-ways are dedicated in fee. The right-of-ways are in the front property line. Mayor Langlinais requested that he does a site plan of the existing structure with all of the utilities on the map and then come back to the council with his request. Councilman Bonin questioned on the map where does he need a variance? Mr. Romero stated in the front, but he will do as requested and then he will come back with the site plan with the utilities marked on this map. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to table this till the next 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:

Mark’s Report:

New Pond = Mark stated sewage pond will cost \$3.8 million according to last estimates.

Mark stated last year gave estimates with contingencies. Based on what seeing now they need an additional 10%. They will do detail estimate before go out for bid. 4 million is a safe number per Mark.

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene stated that we have regular monthly report. The only thing that

he wanted to point out is the \$789,000 in sales tax, which is still not sure for the increase.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated that he didn't have anything to bring up.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Monthly Report = Chief Lopez stated that on Father's Day they had a fire in Le Triomphe with mutual aid with all other agencies. A \$299,000 house was saved. Councilman Foco and Councilman Guilbeau both congratulated them on a well job well done once again.

Fire Chief Issue = Mayor Langlinais thanked Chief Lopez for coming forward to settle this issue regarding the Fire Chief. Councilman Foco stated he will stand behind every department to resolve any matters that may arise.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Thanks = Chief Decou thanked the council for everything and all the work we do is for our citizens and their safety.

Speed Bumps = Chief Decou stated that in reference to the speed bumps they are willing to work with everyone on that.

Attorney Landry stated want to commend the council that they have good people working for them and you want to keep those good people.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Walmart = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he spoke to several councilmen about what to expect from Walmart. He is wondering if we should get to them on our negotiations' on what we are expecting. He feels we need to thinking about that along those lines. Mayor Langlinais stated Tex told him that the highway Department came up with another plan for an express lane with added cost. He is still shooting for July 17th or July 19th date for the special meeting with Walmart and with the Planning Commission also involved. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if they will pay for express lane? Mayor Langlinais stated they will take on the traffic signal at St. Nazairre. We will be moving forward with the TIF onto St. Nazairre. We will put 2% sales tax and they will match it 1%. He is pretty sure the state will approve the TIF. At the meeting we are planning he is sure they and the Billeaud Companies will come forward on what they will contribute. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how much do we have to contribute? Mayor Langlinais stated until they have the planning plat approved, at the same time the planning committee will approved the plat brought forward by PENSCO. Councilman Higginbotham stated he would just like to get some figures from the other council on what they

want to contribute. Mayor Langlinais stated he thinks they will be contributing about \$500,000 - \$600,000. He knows this will bring about \$200,000 per month sales tax from just them. Ultimately our citizens have to go to Lafayette and now they will be able to shop here and save money. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if the council feels comfortable in funding the project in lieu of the sales tax revenues. He also added that in St. Martinville when Walmart opened 20 businesses closed. Mayor Langlinais stated we don't have 20 retail outlets. Mayor Langlinais stated we heard the same when Albertson Parkway was built, but now those same businesses that had concerns are still here. Councilman Bonin stated his concerns are that Walmart sells everything every business in Broussard in sells.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Walmart = Councilman Johnson stated he had the same concerns, but after looking at the Sales Tax generated from Walmart he doesn't have a problem.

Coulee near Ida Park = Councilman Johnson stated that he has some concerns about the coulee near Ida Park, he spoke to Larry and he addressed his concerns. This is one of the laterals that we will have to take care of.

Thanks to the Fire Department and Police Department = Councilman Johnson thanked the police department and fire department for everything for rescuing him again from his recent heart attack.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Thanks = Councilman Rousseau thanked everyone again for their help and he stated how nice it is to work with everyone.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Thanks = Councilman Bonin stated that he feels the same as what Councilman Rousseau stated.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Thanks = Councilman Guilbeau stated that working together they have accomplished and they can get things done and feel we are using the money wisely. The employees for getting it done for the citizens.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Thanks = Councilman Foco stated that he would like to reiterate with what Terry said. Sometimes no one shows up for the meeting, but regardless if people attend or not, they always conducted meetings as gentleman. He thanked all of the council for that.

Ambassador Caffery = Councilman Foco stated that they attended the Consolidated Government Meeting and offered them 5 million to do Ambassador Caffery from Highway 90 to the Youngsville Highway. It looks like they will turn the offer down. They have firm commitment from state if we put 5 million and they put up 5 million they will do the project. The council stated that they want to start the project at their end first. Mayor Langlinais stated our representative recommended starting the other half first; he went against the committees recommendations.

Water filters = Mayor Langlinais stated that he instructed Elmer to drill two test wells one at McDonald's and the other at the sand bag location on Albertson Parkway. Mayor Langlinais stated his idea is to have a third well to see if samples are good. The cost is \$50,000 for both wells with treatment chemicals. Also we are looking at on Loul Street property for future backup. The only time issue with LUS is the summertime drought time. We would like to keep our system. Walter stated Youngsville put a pressure recorder on the Youngsville Highway and it measured 30 lbs. Mayor Langlinais stated it is a lot cheaper than building a whole new water plant.

Parish Meeting = Councilman Rousseau stated he went to Parish Meeting and he would like to commend Tony Trammel because he was asked where to start Ambassador Caffery to the east or west side and he said all agencies would not smile on the governing body for turning it down.

Thanks to Walter = Councilman Foco thanked Walter for coming to assist the Island Oaks issue, because he is not representing the contractor.

Drainage Clean Out = Ms. Billeaud questioned if Lafayette will clean out to the northeast side to Heart D Farm Road? Mayor Langlinais stated that he just received the packet regarding changing the culvert at Hwy 90s at Arceneaux Park and at Blanchet's for an estimated \$400,000 for hurricane preparedness. They will get support from every municipality to New Orleans. The alternate plan is if they don't come thru, they will put a subsequent proposal for 10 million for match for Ambassador Caffery. The consultants are saying high priority will get the money within 6 months. Mayor Langlinais stated that he is very comfortable with get something out of it. This is an issue when we have an evacuation issue and you can't get on Highway 90, then we will be to put people on Ambassador Caffery and shun traffic off of Highway 90 to Caffery to I-10. Mayor Langlinais stated he is pretty sure it will be written and approved. Chief Decou stated that for Tropical Storm Allison, traffic was detoured off of 90 because it flooded. He is comfortable good will pass and also will include hwy 182.

Employees Thanks = Elmer and Larry stated on behalf of all of the employees that they would like to thank the council for increase in pay and giving them equipment which make it easier to work with.

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