

Minutes Of The

September 26, 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  
 Don Landry, Attorney At Law  
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor  
 Al Reaux, City Engineer  
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer  
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
 Adam Mouton, BPC Representative

Absent: Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Don Landry lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our boys that are still overseas.

**Adopt minutes of the September 12, 2006 Regular Meeting and the September 13, 2006 Special** = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt the minutes of the September 12, 2006 Regular Meeting City Council Meeting and the September 13, 2006 Special Meeting. Roll call:

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**Mark's Report:**

Mark stated he had nothing to report on.

**Al's Report:**

**Relocation of Utilities for Ambassador Caffery** = The town has entered into an agreement for Corne Road to proceed with the relocation of the utilities for Ambassador Caffery. We budgeted \$60,000 for the removal of the utilities for the right of ways.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Gene gave the council their monthly report. He explained that we are over in our expected revenues. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to accept the monthly report for August 2006. Roll call:

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

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Attorney Landry stated that he is currently working on the adoption of the ordinance for the utility permits for, which should be adopted at the next meeting. Attorney Landry stated that he is also still working on the load limits on the roads for an ordinance preparation, per the Mayor's request. Mayor Langlinais stated that the city manager from Youngsville called and requested we send them the ordinance for the permits for utility relocations, because they are having the same problems.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one present at the meeting.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief stated he had nothing to report on.

**Highway 182 Stop Sign** = Councilman Johnson questioned about the new stop sign on Highway 182, how is it working? Chief Decou stated that he is trying to give it time and he feels the intersection is too small. Councilman Foco stated he feels we need to talk to the state about reinforcing that shoulder, because the first sugar cane truck will turn over. Mel stated if you stop at the first bar, you have to back up for the cars can turn. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels the state may not want to reinforce that, because those 18 wheeler tires will spin. The signs are to close. Councilman Johnson stated he has already received 3 complaints. Mayor Langlinais

stated we will look into it.

**Turn Signals at Morgan Street and Main Street** = Chief Decou stated the light at Main and Morgan is still not right. Councilman Foco stated they are working on the controller or timer.

**Deceleration Lane off of Highway 90** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned about the deceleration lane off of Highway 90 near Le Triomphe. A lot of people think it is a crossover near Weatherford. It is just for Halliburton. Some people feel it looks like an acceleration lane. Chief Decou stated we need wrong way signs on the east bound or do not enter. Mayor Langlinais stated that we will look into this.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

### **District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Proposed Library** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned about the donation of land for the proposed library? Councilman Foco stated he thinks they (the library board) will make a decision by October 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Mouton stated in the paper they stated they don't know if they will close the Broussard and Youngsville library if the new one is built. Mayor Langlinais stated that anywhere it is put there will be some limitations of walking. Councilman Foco stated they would have to address the library board about this.

### **District IV/Councilman Johnson:**

**Disposal of White Goods** = Councilman Johnson questioned when does the contract on the white goods start? Mayor Langlinais stated that it has already started and all they have to do is call city hall to arrange for it to be picked-up.

**Drainage Problem on Gustave Street** = Councilman Johnson stated that there is a problem on Gustave Street. There is a driveway where the water isn't flowing. There is a 6 inch pipe inside the 12 inch pipe. Mel stated that they will look into this.

### **District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Contractors Disposing of Trash** = Councilman Bonin stated a few weeks ago we have an incident where there was coulee near Sugartrace south that had pallets in it from contractors in that area. He had the permit process checked and it requests they have a dumpster on site. He feels we need it be mandatory that they have a dumpster. Mayor Langlinais questioned Attorney Landry because we have no force of law in reference to that? Don stated we could pull the permit if they don't have the dumpster. Mayor Langlinais requested in the approval for plans they also need to have silt fencing included in that. Mark stated that the silt fencing is already in the plans and also in the drainage ordinance. The council agreed that whenever is permit is purchased the contractor must have a means of picking up trash, whether it be a dumpster or a trailer and they must have silt fencing on every drainage structure and lot drainage plan. Chief

Decou requested that the dumpster be put on the lot itself, not on the side of the road. Mayor Langlinais informed Tina to tell Sarah to get with Mark and have him put down everything that has to be done for the permit process.

**Grass Problems** = Councilman Bonin stated that there are some of his neighbors that are complaining about their neighbors grass being so tall, but they are scared to say anything. Tina informed Councilman Bonin that they can contact City Hall and they don't have to even name who there are. The complainant is always kept confidential. Councilman Higginbotham stated that he has received some complaints about people that have hay. The grass cutting ordinance was never changed for the agriculture acreage. We had only talked about this. Don stated he will get with Tina on this tomorrow to look into getting it changed.

**House on Hulin Road** = Chief Decou stated that there is a problem with the burned abandoned house on Hulin Road. The grass has been cut, but now there is a problem with the hornets. Chief Decou stated he thinks it is still in litigation, because it was ruled arson. Mayor Langlinais stated that we are in the process of bringing that property up for condemnation.

**Litter Ordinance** = Councilman Bonin stated that the parish passed a litter ordinance. He sees people litter and he wanted to get some feedback on this. He is not too enthused about this. The person complaining has to file an affidavit for that.

#### **At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Business Appreciation/COG Meeting** = Councilman Foco stated they attended the Go Zone for the Broussard Appreciation. They also had an interesting COG Meeting. His self and the Mayor did talk to some people about the TIF Zone. The City of Lafayette will give them some help on this. Mayor Langlinais stated they are meeting at 10:30 at LEDA to discuss the strategy to make sure this is passed.

#### **Elmer Girouard:**

**Bids for lift Station Pumps** = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to approve the following bid from the only bidder Parson & Sanderson, Inc. for one year from the date of acceptance, with the date extendable beyond that upon common agreement between the owner and supplier: 3" pre-packages self priming primer pump \$18,370; 4" pre-packaged self-primer pump \$20,740 and 6" pre-packaged self primer pump \$36, 310.00  
Roll call:

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

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

**Electronic Meters** = Elmer stated that the electronic meter bid is coming to an end in December with an option to renew. Right now we are ready to get the laptop for \$17,280 which is not in the budget. It is the software, antenna and the laptop. We are reading with the

handhelds. Right now we have 1200 active meters. The laptop will hold 50,000. Everything new is going electronic. The meters less than 3 years old, we just have to change the head. Councilman Bonin questioned about perhaps getting another handheld. Elmo stated with the laptop every meter can be read in the vehicle. Some meters the signal can't out well, because the meters are deep. Mayor Langlinais questioned if this is for everything. It was already bid out in the packet. Councilman Foco stated he knows computers go out of date, so how long will the computer last? Elmo stated it is a sturdy laptop and we should be good for a couple of years. It was moved by Guilbeau and second by Johnson to amend the budget to purchase the laptop to read the automatic meters for \$17,280. Roll call:

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**Broussard Business Appreciation Day** = Broussard Economic Appreciation Day on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 2:00 at the Billeaud Companies.

**ADJOURN:**

**Adjourn the meeting** = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Bonin to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

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At Large = Yea	

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**S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR**

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**S/Tina G. Denais, CITY CLERK**