

Minutes Of The

October 24, 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  
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer  
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
 Mr. Mike Skinner w/Lafayette Parish Bar Association  
 Ms. Gertrude Batiste, Future Councilwoman District IV

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Mike Skinner lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our boys that are still overseas and the good hurricane season that we are about to overcome.

**Adopt minutes of the October 10, 2006 Regular Meeting** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of the October 10, 2006 Regular Meeting 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	

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Mike Skinner w/Lafayette Parish Bar Association re: Vote on November 7<sup>th</sup> for New Courthouse** = Mr. Skinner addressed the council. He is here to discuss the 2 propositions that are on the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> ballot for adoption. The current courthouse was built in the 60's. At the time it was built the jail was still there along with other offices. About every 40 years a new courthouse has to be built in this parish. In the last couple of years there have been many

complaints about this courthouse. Mr. Skinner gave each councilman an executive summary of the justice final report for the courthouse. The current building is not structured in a way to house a modern courthouse. It is not wired for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. There are severe security issues in the building, basically involving prisoners. Court rooms are used for holding areas for prisoners that have to go to court. There is also asbestos in the courthouse and there is no heated water and it also rains there. They are proposing to build a new courthouse at the old federal courthouse building. The old courthouse will be renovated. The cost of a new courthouse would be about 52 million. It will be 12 million to renovate the existing courthouse. On the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a proposition to issue up to 70 million in bonds to build a new courthouse and renovate the old courthouse and the second proposition will be to approve a millage to operate and maintain the courthouse. Average tax payer would have to pay an additional \$45 per year. He is here tonight to explain the proposition to everyone. Councilman Rousseau questioned how long will the debt be for? Mr. Skinner stated approximately 20 years. Everything would move except for the 911 offices. The non court functions will also be in the old courthouse. Councilman Bonin questioned if someone is not paying property taxes would they be exempt? Mr. Skinner stated only if they are currently being taxed. Councilman Foco questioned if this passes are they ready to build a courthouse? Skinner stated there are no plans drawn. There would have to be a demolition plan of the old courthouse and designs would have to be drawn on the new courthouse, which should be another 18 months. Councilman Rousseau questioned how are we coming up with the 64 million, have they haven't gotten bids for the asbestos removal for instance? Skinner stated it was taken from local quotes and average construction costs and what certain things are needed. Skinner stated that this report is on the Bar Association website. The council thanked Mr. Skinner for coming.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Ordinance #06-302/Loul Street Park Annexation** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to table Ordinance #06-302, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 28, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Loul Street Area Annexation due to all of annexation certificates not in. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Ordinance #06-301/Park Center Street Annexation** = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Ordinance #06-301, to provide for the annexation of certain property located in section 55, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Park Center Street Annexation. 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:**

**Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit Report** = Mark stated DEQ made a visit and we found out that we need to do a DEQ Audit Report, which also needs to be approved by the council by resolution. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt Resolution #192-06, pertaining to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) environmental audit report, required for Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Permit Number LA0020613. Roll call:

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

**Al's Report:**

Al stated that he had nothing to report on.

**New Sewer Pond** = Councilman Foco stated they had a meeting about the sewer pond with the attorneys, Bob Boese, the engineers and Mayor Langlinais and Larry. There were some issues about keeping some right of ways open with some property owners in the back. The meeting was basically to get everyone on the same page.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Gene stated everything is in line. Our sales tax revenues are up.

**Budget Amendment** = Gene stated that for LA Hwy 182 asphalt overlay he did not budget anything. The council approved this in March 2006 thinking, but it was not completed before end of fiscal year so we need to amend the budget. Therefore Councilman Higginbotham moved and Councilman Johnson second to amend the budget for \$43,578 for the asphalt overlay at the Highway 182 and off ramp of Highway 90 intersection. Roll call:

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At Large = Yea	

Larry stated they had a dirt failure problem in that area, so that is why we had to put more asphalt. The striping was also not included in the previous estimate.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**La Neuville Reimbursement Check** = Attorney Landry stated that he was thanked for the reimbursement check we received from parish. Truth is he called them, but they never called him back. He said it was Tina who made the phone calls and stayed on top of it so we could get that reimbursement.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one was present.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**New Vehicle Purchase** = Chief thanked the council for allow him to purchase the explorer. They were able to purchase a new one. Chief Decou stated the old vehicle would be turned over to the Fire Department for their use. The council questioned what is the purpose the Fire Department will be using the vehicle for? Chief Decou stated that he really doesn't know, they would have to talk to the Fire Chief about that. The council stated that they would like to know what the vehicle will be used for, before it is done. They will be getting with the Fire Chief on this before it gets done.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:****District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Signs at Weatherford** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he still has an issue with the signs by Weatherford. It is definitely a hazardous situation. Larry stated the State will be looking into this. Larry stated he thinks they will try and get Weatherford to put the signs up being it is going into their business, according to a representative from the State.

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Excess Vehicles** = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Chief Decou on how many excess vehicles does he have? Chief Decou stated he has one. He will have 2 new vehicles coming in. He usually has 2 spare vehicles. They are usually used by the reserve officers.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham.....continued:**

**Wireless Bid** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned if the wireless information do we have to go out for public bid on this? Mayor Langlinois stated he is trying to design a wireless system for fire, police and administration. We are exploring the options of bringing this up for a budget item next year. We are waiting on some numbers from Motorola. Right now we are not ready to go forward on this. He is trying to get Cox to build this for us under a Franchise Agreement. If we build it for our use we can use it how we want. We will probably bring a consultant in and ask questions about this later on in the future.

**District IV/Councilman Johnson:**

**Loul Street Park** = Councilman Johnson stated that we need to complete the park, by putting in bathrooms. Councilman Bonin stated we need to put in lighting also. Mayor Langlinois stated that he already alerted David Bernard to look into building a community

center. He is trying to let the scenario play out with CETCO in reference to buying the city maintenance building. Councilman Johnson stated we need to see about putting in something similar to what is in Arceneaux Park. The council requested that Larry look at perhaps the cost of bathrooms that are similar to the restrooms in Arceneaux Park.

**District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Police Patrol** = Councilman Rousseau thanked the Chief for more patrol on Fairfield, which has also slowed the traffic down.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Cypress Bayou Drainage Project** = Councilman Bonin stated that he spoke to Bob Boese about getting the permits for Cypress Bayou. He stated he is having problems with the parish cooperating on this matter. They don't want to listen to anything Mr. Boese has to say. Mayor Langlinois stated we can apply for a LOMR. The LOMR is an actual certificate that shows the actual flood zone. He did talk to Bob this morning and he is awaiting a phone call from the engineer doing this. Mayor Langlinois requested that the council be prepared to approve this expenditure. Councilman Higginbotham questioned where is the time table for this? Mayor Langlinois stated he thinks they will be letting in out for bid in about 3 – 4 months.

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

**Road Overlay** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that we received our refund from the Parish for La Neuville Road for \$117,000. He would like the council to allocate putting this money into road overlay. He asked Larry to give him a list for streets that need to be overlaid. There are 12 streets that he listed. Councilman Higginbotham stated that he agrees with Councilman Guilbeau that we apply the check to these roads. Councilman Guilbeau stated that on the list he put South Girouard Road from Highway 182 to the Celebrity Theatre. Our city limits don't go to Highway 90, but maybe we can do an Intergovernmental Agreement for the remaining of this road. Larry stated we signed an agreement when we laid the waterline, that we fix the road if it deteriorates; isn't that the same thing. Attorney Landry state no it is not. Mayor Langlinois stated we can hold off on that portion of the road. Gene stated we cannot do a parish road, because it is illegal without an Intergovernmental Agreement. Councilman Guilbeau stated we can always leave that road for last to see if we do get the agreement. Councilman Johnson questioned Larry if he looked at Loul Street? Larry stated it needs to be re-surfaced, it's not deteriorating. Councilman Guilbeau recommended we swap Loul Street for the rest of South Girouard Road. Larry stated it would probably be about the same price. Larry stated they can start in 2 weeks on the old contract, but they did tell him that after the expiration of this contract, they we will have to be re-bid a new contract. Therefore it was move by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to amend the budget to do the overlay project for \$400,000 which includes the following roads: 1) North Bernard from Hwy 90 to Garber Road, 2) Hardware Road from Fairfield to the city limits, 3) Avenue E from First Street to Second Street, 4) Avenue D from Third Street to Fourth Street, 5) Heart D Farm Road from Morgan Street to North Larriviere Road, 6) North Larriviere Road from Heart D Farm Road to Fairfield, 7) South

Morgan from the railroad tracks to Ridgeview Drive, 8) West Monroe from South St. Jean to Jefferson Street, 9) Wellhead Road from Highway 90 to the dead end, 10) Millstone Road from Hwy 96 to the dead end, 11) Old Farm Lane from the Frontage Road to the dead end, 12) South Girouard Road from Hwy 182 to the city limits and 13) the remaining part for South Girouard to Hwy 90 ---if we can get an Intergovernmental Agreement---if not then Loul Street. Estimated cost is \$366,840.00. Roll call:

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At Large = Yea	

### **Mayor Langlinais:**

**La Neuville Road** = Mayor Langlinais stated 5 years ago the parish government came for our assistance for the LA Neuville re-construction including the roundabout for \$365,000. We re-constructed without the roundabout. There share was \$117,000. La Neuville total overlay was \$170,000 without a roundabout. Question is what do you think they would have done with the remaining \$248,000?

### **Citizen Complaint:**

**Noise Complaint** = A citizen stated he has had a problem with noise in his neighborhood lately, which is in Huval Holiday. The only noise ordinance the city has relates to boom boxes in vehicles. The gentleman stated he called to complain and he was told a patrol officer did come out and he called back and talked to a dispatcher. He didn't get a whole lot of info. It was party in someone else back yard. Attorney Landry stated the officer could go out and use his discretion, because of the situation in reference to writing a citation. Chief Decou stated the officers did go out and handled it. Mayor Langlinais stated there is also the place on Morgan Street that repairs hot rod vehicles that causes problems. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels we should amend the boom box ordinance to use to that effect to include other types of noises. Councilman Rousseau stated he understands that and the police department handled these types of situations before. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels the council needs to consider bringing this up. Don stated he doesn't think his office (the DA's office) would have a problem with handling the Morgan Street problems if citations are issued. Councilman Foco requested that the gentleman contact the police department if it happens again.

### **ADJOURN:**

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

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

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

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