

Minutes Of The

November 28, 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  
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer  
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer  
 Al Reaux, City Engineer  
 Gene Chiarulli, City Accountant  
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
 Mel Bertrand, City Foremen  
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
 Gertrude Batiste, Councilman District IV  
 Mr. Randy Arnold, Resident

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

**Adopt minutes of the November 14, 2006 Regular Meeting** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the November 14, 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	

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **Jerry's Report:**

**Drainage at Ida Road and LaFlamme Road** = Jerry stated there is a drainage problem at Ida Road and La Flamme Road. We have two distinct separate problems. There is a crossing which is too small. When it rains we have a problem with the water crossing over the road. There is concrete across the road at the extension and where the coulee takes off towards the swamp. The estimate to change out the pipe would be about \$40,000. That includes the pipe and piping in ditch where the bulkhead is. We are talking about replacing it with 60 inch pipe. Right now there is 48 inch pipe in there. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels a box would be more appropriate, due to the development that will be happening in that area. Jerry this is after the boxes and changing out the pipe and then piping in the ditch that is eroding. Mark stated if we need more capacity we would have to put in arch pipe instead. Jerry stated the ditch downstream from the pipe could use some cleaning. Larry stated they are seeing that about 6 months after Walmart comes we will have widen that intersection, that is why he is suggesting putting the box culverts now and avoid red-doing that after Walmart comes in. Jerry stated on the west side of the road, you have all three of the pipes come together. He is suggesting put a box for reinforcement of the traffic. Councilman Foco stated he would like to see it done right the first time. The rest of the council agreed to do the project now.

Jerry stated the other photograph is near Petro Drive. It is at the intersection of Lafferty and La Flamme. The problem is that the pipes were laid too high and there are not enough inlets. Mark recommended we re-lay those pipes, because the water is building up and running across the road. We will have to cut all of the driveways. Total cost of this project \$55,000 - \$60,000. Councilman Foco stated we can just take the culverts out. Mayor Langlinais informed Larry to tell the property owner that we will remove the pipe and we only leave the driveway pipe. If they want to contribute to replacing the pipe, not a problem or if they want to replace the pipe at their own cost not a problem. Mark stated if we bind both projects together, we will save some money. Larry stated this part is not a problem, only the box culverts are a problem. Councilman Rousseau stated maybe we can send a letter to the businesses on this road about this. There is only one business, per the Mayor. Attorney Landry requested after Larry goes to the business owner and inform him of what is going to happen and then have Larry contact Attorney Landry so that it can be confirmed written.

### **Al's Report:**

**Drainage Work** = Al stated he just wanted to follow up on this after Jerry. A few meetings ago ya'll approved the pipe crossing. Rather than them re-study this, they had Jerry and Mark study it. They already had all of the fieldwork done.

**Ambassador Caffery Extension** = Al stated that the contractor has started Ambassador Caffery off of Highway 90 for the utility relocation.

**St. Nazairre Intersection** = Al stated in reference to St. Nazairre improvements we have received the permit from Highway Department. The rights of way are currently being acquired. After the preliminary plans are received, they will be sending them to the utility companies.

**Cypress Bayou Crossing** = Al stated that a letter was written to the Core of Engineers in September to see if we need a tributary for the Cypress Bayou Crossing. Al stated he still hasn't heard anything from the core. He would like to contact Bob Boese for his help. The council had no problem with this. They are looking to advertise the project in December. They will have a big sit down meeting with all of utility people first, so everyone can get on the same page.

#### **AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Gene gave the council the report for the month for October 2006. Sales Tax Revenue is up about \$608,000. Everything looks pretty much in line.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Landry stated that he had nothing to report on.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Ford Explorer** = Mayor Langlinais stated that he spoke to Chief Lopez in reference to the Ford Explorer that was for the Police Department. It will be used for pre-fire planning of all of the businesses. The council had no problem with that.

**Fire Rating** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned when is the PIAL coming in for the rating? Chief Decou stated in middle of 2007.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Thanks to Tina** = Chief Decou thanked Tina for the progress on the direct deposit situation. Chief Decou stated it will be a time saving issue for his employees.

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

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

**Baker Hughes Sales Tax** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned if the situation with the Sales Tax for Baker Hughes has been settled? Gene stated Carl Meche has the auditors looking at this right now. Councilman Higginbotham will meet with Attorney Landry after the meeting about this.

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

**Ida Park Restrooms** = Councilman Johnson stated that he knows he will be leaving office soon, but he would like the council to still consider building the restrooms in Ida Park, He really feels this needs to be done. The estimated cost is \$122,000 for the restrooms.

### **District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Fire Rating** = Councilman Rousseau stated that he has a request for the Fire Department. He would like to know if there is something that we can prepare to do for the PIAL rating, to improve the rating or make sure it stays the same. Chief Decou stated he would only recommend that we get a consultant to come in and see where we stand. Mayor Langlinais asked Tina to contact Jason to pull the last reports and ask Jason to make a report to them in January 2007 on what can be done.

**Christmas Parade** = Councilman Rousseau stated that the Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

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

**Red Light at Main Street and Morgan Street** = Councilman Bonin questioned if the light at Main Street and Morgan Street has been re-set? Mayor Langlinais stated it has been adjusted. Councilman Guilbeau stated they said it has been adjusted to the most it could be, per Nina. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels it is much better. Councilman Guilbeau stated they came there and they studied it and said it was re-adjusted, but he still doesn't feel there is much difference. Mayor Langlinais stated perhaps we could get the state to tweak it a little more. Mayor stated he will try to get a timing schedule for it.

**Red Light At Morgan Street and Albertson Parkway** = Chief Decou stated he feels the green time needs to be increased on Morgan Street going south at the red light at Albertson Parkway. It had gotten better, but now it is getting worst. The traffic is stacking up further towards Glenn Street.

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

**Amending of the Agenda** = Councilman Foco stated he chairs the meeting and he will no longer recognize last minute amended agendas. He will not read it. It will cause some hard feelings, but it has to be done. Last meeting the agenda was revised and item that was brought up regarding the sales tax for Baker Hughes caused a lot of problems. No more amended agendas will be accepted.

**Swearing In and Pictures** = Councilman Foco stated at the next meeting pictures will be taken and the swearing in will be done.

**Councilman Johnson's Retirement Supper** = Mr. Johnson's retirement supper will be held after the next meeting. It will take place in the council chambers if we don't have more than 30 people, but if we have more than that then it will be moved to the City Hall.

### **Mayor Langlinais:**

**Storm Water Ordinance** = Mayor Langlinais stated that he doesn't like the government telling them to do something and not here. It's merely a back door application. He called Nina

and Paul Myers. They met today and one of the things they looked at today, it taking an area along the coulee and setting it up as regional retention pond at no cost to us. The contractor would do the work and keep the dirt. Another thought is these easements are going to encumber these property owners. The thought was to set it up in the immediate area where people can use the retention ponds. The property owner can derive some income. So if it indeed it would be set up that way a coulee would be piped to a retention area. The person building that facility would pay that property owner what it would take to make that property be out a flood zone. What we have to decide to do is wait for the maps from Core and pull our engineers together and then decide how to do this. There are a lot of grants out there on how to do this. Mayor Langlinais stated it will be very complex and he feels Don will have to pull Oscar in on this. It will be like a wetland bank. One of the things that struck him is what happens two years from now and you have improved a channel, what happens when the buyer goes to buy the property. The long and short of it is that it will prohibit building up the flood zones along the coulees. It may be far out, but feels we need to do this.

**Noise Ordinance** = Randy Arnold has a house on Amberwood. Has been absent from Broussard since 1985. Unfortunately along with the growth the businesses near his home the noise is a problem. He brought in a realtor and she said he would have a problem with a business near his home. He feels that it is not unreal to ask people that have these businesses to do something about the noise at late peak noise hours. Mayor Langlinais stated he has the same problem especially when the wind is turning; he calls the police to have to contact the businesses about this. In that area we don't know if we can control the noise. The businesses along Highway 89 are not in an industrial park. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels he should call himself or the Chief about this. Arnold stated they are out there until 2'o clock in the morning with a pressure washer. Mayor Langlinais asked him to consult with him about this. Mr. Arnold thanked the council for their time and he congratulated them on a great job they are doing on the city.

**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**