

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

FOR THE

City of Broussard

Councilman Foco opened the meeting and state that had contacted him who reads the minutes in the newspaper; therefore he would like to let that person lead the pledge.

The following discussion was held on the proposed budget for 2008-2009.

Councilman Guilbeau stated that he looked at the electrical bills for City Hall and police department and he feels Gene may want to add money for utilities into the budget.

Chief Decou stated he has a car getting ready to lose a transmission, so he needs to see about getting him another car.

Councilman Guilbeau, stated the Fire Department insurance's need to be raised, it is currently over budget.

Councilman Higginbotham questioned the Fire Chief about their request.

Chief Rivette stated the Fire Department came last year about a fire truck that needed to be replaced due to amount of repairs being spent on it. Councilman Guilbeau questioned the amount of repairs for that particular truck? Chief Rivette stated that he would have to get it to them. Gene stated the total he has the total for the Fire Department is was \$19,127.47 for the year for repairs of the Fire Department. Councilman Guilbeau questioned how many times it is being used? Chief Rivette stated it was used approximately 24 times. Councilman Rousseau questioned if the price he has listed is for truck? Chief Rivette stated that is an estimate he put, because he doesn't have a true estimate. Capt. Cunningham explained this truck is a reserve unit; it must be used with another truck. It is also used if another truck is out. Capt. Cunningham stated it can be built on state contract. The reason the money was put in the truck, because if it is not repaired it does not count as a reserve unit. Chief Rivette stated that NFPA Standards increased in April, which is why the price has gone up. Councilman Bonin questioned how long will it be before another truck is needed? Capt. Cunningham stated it may be 10 or 15 years if this one is purchased. Councilman Rousseau stated when they have a budget hearing; they need to see where they are and where they want to go. He sees that they are asking for a ½ million dollars, but he needs to know where they want to go. Councilman Rousseau questioned if the engine is a bigger engine? Chief Rivette stated the one they want to replace you can only place two people in it. Councilman Higginbotham stated that the budget can be amended anytime, but getting the proposed budget needs to be turned in way before than the day before the meeting. Capt. Cunningham stated the refurbishment is after the new truck is purchased. Capt. Cunningham stated the \$400,000 includes the truck and the equipment involved. Councilman Rousseau stated we want to give them everything they need, but it needs to make sense, because the last ladder truck didn't cost us that much. This is a big

expense. Councilman Rousseau requested this be given to them a month in advance; but they definitely need something way before the budget meeting. Councilman Rousseau questioned about the uniform funding? Chief Rivette stated the Fire Department pays for the uniforms. Asst. Chief Champagne stated they fund the day time guys' uniforms which includes their boots and their uniforms that is why it was implemented in the budget. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how many uniforms are we talking about here? Chief Rivette explained there are 5 people they are talking about here, including the extra fulltime/2 part-timers he is requesting. Councilman Rousseau stated the easier you can get is easier for them. Councilman Rousseau questioned the \$25,000 for telephone for what? Chief Rivette stated he is only asking for another \$5,000 not for an additional \$25,000. Chief Rivette stated he has nothing but problems with the Nextel. He would like to change carriers. Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the training for additional \$3,000? Councilman Guilbeau stated he would like them to let the council know that they are going. Asst. Chief Champagne explained the training was for the software they use. Councilman Foco questioned if the secretary went to the training? Chief Rivette stated no she didn't, it was a training to build the program.

After lengthy discussion it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to close 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	

s/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

s/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK

Minutes Of The

June 24, 2008

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles E. Langlinais
 Tina M. Emert, City Clerk
 Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I
 Councilman David Bonin, District II
 Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III
 Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV
 Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V
 Councilman Albert Romero, District VI
 Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
 Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
 Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
 Chief Blair Rivette, Fire Chief
 Capt. Lenny Cunningham, Broussard Fire. Dept.
 Several Firefighters
 Several Police Officers
 Ms. Clara LeBlanc, Council On Aging

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Tina Emert lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for boys still overseas.

Adopt minutes of the June 10, 2008 Meeting = Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the June 10, 2008 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:

Introduce Ordinance #08-334/Bobby Quebedeaux/Michael Guidry Annexation = Attorney Landry stated this is the one from the last meeting. He did pass the information on that he received from the attorney. This is a sliver of property along Albertson Parkway. Councilman Foco questioned if he had any requests from the property owner. Attorney Landry stated they would build their own package plant and they would pay for the water, per the attorney. Attorney Landry stated if they want to introduce it tonight; he can confirm with the attorney the town's stipulations. Mayor Langlinais questioned, if we will provide service? Councilman Foco stated he has not problem if the sewer is not involved. Councilman Foco stated at the final adoption, he requested the property owner be here. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilwoman Batiste to introduce Ordinance #08-334, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 60, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Bobby Quebedeaux/Albertson Parkway Annexation. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #08-335/Revising Ordinance #07-325, Placing of Telephone Books = Attorney Landry stated that we received contact from AT & T and the Bayou Pages stating that it is hard to get the telephone books to their customers, when they are requested. They are asking for us to remove the private property from the ordinance. They still won't be able to put them on our right of ways or our property, they would have to get consent to put do that. Mayor Langlinais stated that their will be a permit type of process. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to introduce Ordinance #08-335, which amends ordinance #07-325 in regards to the prohibition of placing telephone books on property, without permission, and on highways, streets, alleys, sidewalks, roadside parks and public right of ways. Roll call:

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

Fireworks Display = Carmen with Cox Communications addressed the council. Carmen stated that they are really excited about this event. They are going to commit to \$15,000 for this display and they will do advertisement. They are on board for this. They are on board for this 4th of July, New Year's Eve 2008 and 4th of July 2009. Tentatively the location will be on Councilman Foco's property. They are definitely committed on the 4th of July.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #08-333/Modify contract with H & S Construction Company in regards to St. Nazairre to accomplish maintenance = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Ordinance #08-333, authorizing the Mayor to sign

change orders, with H & S Construction Company to modify the contract, in regards to the St. Nazairre Road Project to accomplish maintenance of that certain portion of St. Nazairre Road, as indicated in the attached plat. Roll call:

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

Clara LeBlanc w/Lafayette Council on Aging = Mayor Langlinais stated that we generally don't want to have surprise's on the budget. Ms. LeBlanc stated that she is here to request financial assistance for La Belle Maison. She stated Scott gives them \$7,000 and Youngsville gives them \$7,000 and Carencro gives them \$12,000 and also the City of Lafayette gives them money. She is asking for the City to step up to the plate to assist them. Councilman Rousseau questioned if it would be used for maintenance? Ms. LeBlanc stated that everything that is spent, they will have a receipt for it. Mayor Langlinais requested where does there funding comes from? Ms. LeBlanc stated they receive funding from the Federal and State Government. They get \$46,000 from Lafayette Parish Government. This is a senior center for Broussard. Councilman Bonin questioned how much is she is requesting? She stated anything between \$7,000 - \$12,000 and it will be paid for La Belle Maison. Councilman Foco questioned how would we handle this? Gene stated it would not be illegal to give them money; it is a form of government organization. Mayor Langlinais stated we are submitting an application for a Community Center and Ms. LeBlanc stated she would support this. The council has no problem with \$15,000. Gene stated we will transfer the money with Council On Aging thru an intergovernmental agreement. Councilman Foco stated they will give the \$15,000; but they are requesting that receipts are provided for the expenses. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to allocate \$15,000 for La Belle Maison which will be thru Council on Aging with an Intergovernmental Agreement for the budget year 2008-2009. 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 #08-332 =

In reference to the amended budget for 2007, Gene stated nothing is out of line. The St. Nazairre funding went to \$2.5 million. Also with the adjusted contract he put the other amount in for next year. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Ordinance #08-332, which amends the operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 Roll call:

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

2008/2009 Proposed Budget recommendations and changes:

Gene stated he has the Police Department requests and that is the only department with salary increase request of 3%.

He also put the Prime Marine project, which is a grant, in the budget which is generally a wash out.

He also raised the Sales Tax Collection amount.

The main thing is salaries and capital outlays.

Gene stated as far as expenditures, we have a handle on that. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if we need to adjust the utilities? Gene stated we don't know what it will be and it can always be adjusted later.

General Government/Administration:

On page 5, the only thing not addressed is salaries and capital outlays.

****For Culture and Recreation we are committing to LA Belle Maison \$15,000.**

In reference to the salaries Mayor Langlinais stated we are trying to keep a stricter budget for capital outlays. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels we are there for salaries and he feels we need to increase the retirement contribution. The bottom line is if you have employees that are loyal. Some employees have a 4 day work week and you have excellent health coverage and we have a retirement system. He feels next year we need to look at the retirement system next year. We need to give that incentive to keep the employee's here. Chief Decou stated he feels that was very well said. He feels our people deserve a better retirement system. Councilman Foco stated we committed to give our employee's a raise; so he feels next year we need to look at the increase of retirement system. Chief Decou stated he feels this year maybe they can give a small increase on retirement contribution amount and maybe next year give more. Mayor Langlinais stated they need to look at all options. Councilman Foco stated he spoke to several people and he got some numbers from some people. He got figures of 6%, 7%, 9% and 10% raise from the people he talked to. And they came up with a figure of 6% for a cost of living increase. Councilman Foco questioned who is the 6% for? Is that for the police department administration also, meaning the secretaries? Councilman Foco stated we are doing exceptionally well. He feels everyone gets 6% and if we have problems everyone needs to bit the bullet later on. Next year we need to look at 2% and an increase in the retirement.

****All of the council agreed on the 6% cost of living increase for all employees, with the exception of the Mayor and Chief of Police.**

****Mayor and Police Chief will get an increase of \$5,000 per year.**

Councilman Foco stated that he supports the legislature raise; but he would like them to vote one month before someone can qualify against them.

STREET DEPARTMENT:

Councilman Bonin stated he talked to the Mayor about adding 3 employees in the budget if someone would come along to help with drainage work. He also spoke to the Mayor about hiring a service man. All he would do is maintenance like oil changes. Councilman Rousseau stated we need to remember that we need to look at the cost of getting the oil picked up. Councilman Bonin stated this is a way of getting the equipment maintenance regularly. This person will keep records of this. This serviceman will do service on all city vehicles: streets, fire, police and utilities. Mayor Langlinois stated we are not trying to hire a five man mechanic. This is to foresee any future problems. Councilman Bonin stated we need to put the serviceman in the maintenance department. In reference to the other 3 personnel, it is hard to find the people.

Gene stated the smart thing is put them all in streets.

*****\$150,000 was added for 3 laborer personnel and a service man.**

What about the overlay amount? Mayor Langlinois stated the \$650,000 is base on what comes first. Gene stated lift stations are a separate issue. Streets and drainage projects could be listed as the \$650,000. The Mayor doesn't believe we need to overlay that many streets. Councilman Higginbotham stated we can improve if we want. Larry stated we had an amount, because we will try putting out a bid amount. The list given will take care of us for the next year.

*****\$650.000 in Capital Outlays in Streets for**

******Chief Decou put in for 2 units and also radars and equipping the cars and mobile imagers for \$114,000 in Capital Outlays.**

Chief Decou stated he also added two positions for patrols. Councilman Guilbeau is talking about replacing two cars. Chief Decou stated he can use some of the equipment that is in the old cars. He is putting two additional men on the road. Councilman Guilbeau stated he is talking about replacing another car for \$30,000.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT:

Elmer stated he is pretty well set. Councilman Foco questioned about replacing employees. Elmer stated he has money in the budget for this. Elmer gave the price of \$25,000 for a car and for a forklift \$25,000. Councilman Rousseau questioned if we can reduce the amount of \$600,000 for improvements being it was not used.

Mayor Langlinois stated we don't know if we need it further down the road. Gene stated we budget \$600,000 each year for the water and sewage improvement.

Gene stated we can reduce the \$600,000 and put it into other equipment.

*****\$550,000 for Water and Sewer improvements for Capital Outlays.**

******\$25,000 for a forklift and \$25,000 for a vehicle in the utility department.**

*****Also there is a Sewer Rehab grant for \$345,000 which is a wash thru.**

Street Department:

*****Budget for a clerk for street department \$25,000 was added.**

Elmer stated he already has a clerk in his budget that he just didn't fill the position yet.

Larry stated he is requesting in Capital Outlays for Streets includes utility trailers and hydraulic thumb for \$53,000 and a tractor for \$38,000.

******Supplies will go up to \$145,000 for Street Department**

Gene reviews the following changes to the budget:

Increase for employees for a 6% cost of living

Mayor and Chief \$5,000 a year increase.

Street Department:

*Salaries for \$150,000 for 3 new labors and serviceman, fulltime people
\$25,000 for a clerk*

Police Department:

From \$114,000 to \$144,000 in capital outlay for 3 cars, radars and mobile imaging

Hwys. And Streets Equipment:

\$53,000 for various equipment in capital outlay for utility trailers and hydraulic thumb

Infrastructure Improvements \$650,000 in Capital Outlays for Streets

Utility Department:

Water Treatment Supplies \$240,000 to \$290,000

Water System and Sewer System Improvements to \$550,000

Capital Outlay Equipment \$50,000 for a forklift and a vehicle.

That is all the changes he has.

Fire Department: Not done yet.

Admin:

Econ Development the same amount of \$75,000

Fire Department:

Their request:

Ice Machine can add

Uniform funding they have none.

\$4,000 for all fulltime and part-time people

Approve:

Ice Machine for \$3,000

Training \$3,000 increase to \$8,000

Chief Rivette stated they maxed it out at that one conference. Councilman Foco stated he has no problem, but before they spend that amount it needs to be brought to the administration.

Request for a fulltime chief. The council is not ready for that. Councilman Foco stated we can talk about it later. It is a decision you take into consideration.

Fire Insurance we budgeted \$40,000 and now it is \$60,000 because it went up.

Councilman Higginbotham questioned what about the need for another truck. Councilman Foco stated we need to get a committee together to get the specs together for a truck. Walter stated the PIAL rating is half is for the fire department and half is the water department.

Chief Decou questioned if the money is there for his additional positions. Gene stated yes it is.

Larry thanked the Mayor and Council for the extra funds, because the city is growing.

Mr. Stevens also thanked the council for the raise.

Elmer stated it is a relief to say that we do have this retirement system. It is free money. He also thanked the council for all they do for him.

Larry and Elmo both thanked Terry.

Several officers thanked the council for everything.

Councilman Foco stated we are driven.

Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt Ordinance #08-332, adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009. Roll call:

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

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Jerry stated he had nothing.

Walter's Report:

Ambassador Caffery = Walter stated he met DOTD. And they said the Tripartite Commission will have to approve this road. If we would have signed it, it would be a 100% Broussard project, being told from the commission what to do.

Highway 90 Improvements = Walter stated that US Hwy 90 is going forward. It should be done by the end of 2009 and they would like to see it go all the way to Albertson Parkway.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing,

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated that he had nothing.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Garbage Trucks = Chief Decou stated that he sent an e-mail out about the garbage truck early morning delivery or pickup. We think we are getting some where with that. Councilman Foco stated he comes to town every morning; there is a trash that gets on the road on Morgan Street. They are dropping bags of diapers that come from the nursing home. Councilman Foco stated he wants to nail them. That is disrespectful.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Rivette stated that he had nothing to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Councilman Rousseau the budget is a vicious process to do, but this is a pleasure to do

this.

District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

Councilwoman Batiste thanked the council and the Mayor and the employees for the projects being done in her district.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

St. Etienne Road = Councilman Higginbotham stated he saw a set of tracks being dropped off on St. Etienne for the railroad tracks.

Police Department Compliment = Councilman Higginbotham stated that a constituent of his received a ticket for an illegal u-turn and appreciates the respect of the officer that gave him the citation.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Councilman Foco stated when you have the revenue source it makes it easier and when you the employees it makes it easier and the council.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Rousseau 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 M. Emert, CITY CLERK