

Minutes Of The
June 22, 2009
Broussard City Council Special Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles 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
Mr. Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Kenneth Wainwright, City Foreman
Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief
Several firefighters
Several police officers

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

The reason for this special meeting is to discuss the amended budget of Operating Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 and the proposed budget of Operating Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2009.

Councilman Guilbeau stated he got with the department heads and he gave the council a listing of everything the department heads are requesting. The Mayor stated the budget will remain the same as it is proposed by him. Mayor Langlinais stated there will be no pay raises

clearly. Councilman Guilbeau stated everyone was fine without pay raises if we are going to put more money towards their retirement. Councilman Guilbeau stated he also put an electronic gate for the old pond to keep trucks from going back there. He received a letter with payment for the lease for the pond today; that he is not re-signing till the road is re-done. Mayor Langlinais stated he still wants to keep a real tight budget for the next 6 months.

Councilman Foco questioned what the Mayor wanted in the changes.

Gene stated the changes are as follows:

Admin/Gen Gov't:

On page 5 Economic Development was increased from \$75,000 to \$100,000 which includes \$10,000 for Arceneaux Park Maintenance and \$15,000 for Caffery promotional advertisement, locally and regionally.

Also \$25,000 is included for our cost of the CBO state requirement for a certified building, because by 2010, we have to have an on board certified building official...intergovernmental agreement with other cities EXCLUDING the city of Lafayette.

Also \$18,673 for the Caffery master plan per Tom Sammons. Councilman Foco and Councilman Higginbotham stated that they feel that Bob Boese is doing what he needs to do and at this time we don't need Tom Sammons. Mayor Langlinais stated that we still have to have a map of meets and bounds.

Mayor Langlinais stated therefore we decrease the Professional Fee - other back to \$40,000.

Also in reference to the Loul Street Park in Capital Outlay he put in \$35,000 for additional acreage inside of the flood zone at an estimated acreage of 3.3 acres. Mayor stated he just estimated that price.

Gene stated at the request of the Mayor he also changed the sales tax collections because they have been going down significantly.

Gene stated other than there no changes for what he gave everyone.

There are no salary increases, with the exception of the police department and capital outlay only for the police department.

Councilman Guilbeau question about the St. Etienne Road Improvement project if we will put that back in? Mayor stated yes and he instructed to put the \$150,000 back in.

Councilman Foco questioned Gene about the money for the employees for the retirement? Gene stated it is not in the budget. Councilman Foco stated we said in lieu of the raises we were going

to put money towards the employee's retirement. Councilman Foco asked Gene how can they change the amount to be paid to some employees? Gene stated we have to change the entire plan. Gene stated his 457 plan is a matching sort of thing; it is a different kind of plan. Mayor Langlinais requested that the council give him a figure and he will get with Kevin about this. Gene stated he will take a total of \$200,000 and have it allocated to the retirement system for all employees. Chief Decou stated he would like to know how much the percent will be, because some of his employees may not be happy with this. Councilman Foco stated if the sales tax keeps going down we could see less people and less pay. Chief Decou stated he wants to make sure we are all looking out for watch other. Councilman Bonin questioned if we are definitely freezing the salary raises? Mayor Langlinais stated we are not saying that we are not going to increase them in 6 months, but right now he wants to be ultra conservative.

Gene stated the police salaries will go from \$931,000 to \$971,000, which removes all salary increases but add an additional officer for investigations. Taxes will be adjusted along with pension expenses.

Fire Department:

Chief Champagne stated he talked to Gene about a new truck that could be ordered this year and not paid for till next budget year and he thought Gene would roll it over to next year's budget. Gene stated he it will be put in next budget year if the council approves it. Mayor Langlinais recommended no extravagant truck. Chief Champagne stated he met with Terry and Ms. Gert about the truck and a representative from Bonaventure.

Gene stated he did add an extra \$20,000 in truck expense for the Fire Department, because these trucks are getting older. Chief Champagne stated repairs and maintenance went up, because he has some overhead doors that also need to be replaced. The salary increased is to cover the fulltime fire chief position. Chief Champagne stated they will let the lawn service go and cut their own grass, therefore they will need \$2500 for a new lawn mower and weed eater. The amount for supplies will go down because of the office equipment that was purchased in the past budget along with uniforms for the gear that was purchased.

Capital Outlays:

In capital outlays there is \$135,000 for 3 police units and the emergency equipment to furnish the units.

There is also \$35,000 for the additional acreage for the Loul St. Park.

Councilman Guilbeau questioned if Chief Decou is replacing 3 units? Chief Decou stated that we are replacing 3 units. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if it shouldn't be more? Chief Decou stated that is to replace 3 units. Councilman Rousseau questioned what about the new officer's unit? Councilman Rousseau stated he doesn't want to hire someone without a vehicle. Chief Decou stated it is \$45,000 for a patrol unit. The car is \$25,000 and about \$20,000 for the

equipment to equip it. The council agreed to change Police Capital Outlay to \$170,000 for 4 units instead of 3.

Councilman Guilbeau questioned in supplies for highways and streets we budgeted \$95,000 and last year it was \$140,000. Gene we stated about \$50,000 of additional cost for the hurricane that is why he lowered the amount. The council agreed to leave the supply amount at \$95,000. Councilman Rousseau stated that we can always amend the budget.

The only other thing is in other capital outlays.

There will be \$30,000 in Capital Outlay for new truck for maintenance.

\$650,000 we didn't spend for infrastructure improvement. Mayor Langlinais stated we don't need right now, we will come back if we need it, so it remain at \$-0- for the new budget.

\$10,000 in Park Equipment will be put in Capital Outlay for Ida Park. We had previously allocated \$15,000 for the equipment, but we have only spent \$5,000.

The funding of \$10,000 for BYYA is in Economic Development funding.

The \$15,000 for Council on Aging Contribution is back in there under Culture and Recreation.

Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we not going to propose any overlay for the \$650,000 in infrastructure not used? Mayor Langlinais stated he would like to wait and see and look at it in 3 or 4 months. Councilman Guilbeau stated we can look at it and if we have excess revenues we, can use that.

The following changes were made to the proposed budget per Gene:
Gene:

General Gov't:

Professional Fees- other decreased from \$65,000 to \$40,000

Police Dept:

Salaries increased from \$931,000 to \$971,000 for another officer. All other items: payroll taxes and pension will be increased accordingly.

Capital Outlays:

Police Dept. increased from \$135,000 to \$170,000 for 4 police cars and to equip them

Highways and Streets Equipment increased from \$-0- to \$30,000 for a new vehicle.

St. Etienne Road Improvement from \$-0- to \$150,000 for overlay project.

Loul Street Park Equipment from \$-0- to \$10,000 for the remaining funds allocated.

There will be an increase total of retirement to \$200,000 to spread between various departments.

Chief Champagne questioned if the new truck will be will put in budget now or next year? Gene stated when the time comes the council can give you the authority to bid it out then we will pay when it is delivered. When payment is due it will be put in budget.

Chief Champagne also questioned about getting a rid of the lawn service and buying their own lawn mower and weed-eater to save money. Mayor Langlinais stated he will put \$2500 the budget for the street department so that the maintenance dept can purchase for them a \$2500 lawn mower and weed-eater.

Gene stated therefore the following changes will be made for capital outlay in Highways and Streets an additional \$2,500 for a lawn mower and weed-eater will be added.

Councilman Rousseau stated he is trying to put his hand on this retirement issue. We don't know what that number will be. Mayor Langlinais stated everyone will get a pro-rated share. Chief Decou questioned how will the retirement system increase be distributed? Mayor Langlinais stated it is always an incentive.

That concludes all budget revisions.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Rousseau to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

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| 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