

Minutes Of The

June 23, 2009

Broussard City Council 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  
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer  
 Al Reaux, City Engineer  
 Walter Comeaux III, City Engineer  
 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 police department personnel

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

**Adopt minutes of the June 9, 2009** = Councilwoman Batiste moved and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the June 9, 2009 meeting. Roll call:

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopts Ordinance #09-350, amending Ordinance #144, regarding exotic dancing =** Attorney Landry stated that they are comfortable that this is the most constitutional they can get out of the ordinance, without involving ourselves in litigation. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Ordinance #09-350, which amends ordinance #144, which prohibits exotic, nude, semi-nude, and topless dancing on business premises required to hold an alcohol beverage permit, and located within the corporate limits of the City Broussard. 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 #09-351, amending Ordinance #05-289, registration of dancers =** We did require many modifications to this one. It requires the people that work in these establishments come in and register with the police department. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Ordinance #09-351, which amends Ordinance #05-289, and provides for the registration of all employees and entertainers commonly known as “exotic dancers” who are employed in any establishment which sells alcohol. 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 #09-349, Budget Ordinance =** Councilman Foco if there were any questions about this ordinance before it being adopted? Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the retirement system? Mayor Langlinois stated he spoke to Kevin Cook and said he couldn't come up figures today, but he will get the Mayor and Gene on this. Gene stated his recommendation is to increase the amount for each category. Gene stated he can't comment on how it will be done at this point and time. It will begin effective July 1, 2009. It will be done and published. Councilman Foco stated instead of going with a percentage he would like to speak to Kevin and see what he says. Chief Decou stated he spoke to Kevin and that is what he recommended what Gene is also recommending. Mayor Langlinois stated that is not what Kevin told him; he said it would take some time on what he will come up with. Councilman Rousseau stated he understands what the Chief is saying, but they just have to let Gene look at this and the retirement representative. Chief Decou stated those are actual numbers. Councilman Higginbotham questioned what about road overlay projects? Mayor Langlinois stated we will wait 6 months and see if everything stabilizes first before we do any projects. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt Ordinance #09-349, which amends the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 and adopting the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. Roll call:

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

District V = Yea  
 District VI = Yea

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **Mark's Report:**

**Sewer Re-Hab Project** = Mark the sewer re-hab project is underway. Right now they are doing the tv'ing and video'ing. We found one cracked pipe. It is going pretty well.

**DEQ Funding** = Mayor Langlinais commented on the information Mark gave them regarding on June 3<sup>rd</sup> they heard from the administrator of DEQ, and they said we didn't make the first round of the loan application. Fund would be at 9.55% for 20 years. They strongly recommend we take advantage. Then he received an e-mail this afternoon saying that we have to approve some bond resolutions. His instructions to Mark are to call these people to see what is going on over there. Attorney Landry stated according to his e-mail she recalled her message.

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

**Sewer Pond** = Al stated the contractor on sewer pond is really getting into it. Plans are in a couple of weeks to get the other stages of the project complete.

### **Walter's Report:**

**South Bernard Extension** = Walter stated that he is working on South Bernard Extension. He is just about finished with preliminary geometry. He spoke to the Mayor a week ago and he plans to get with the Mayor and Dean Tekell to see if that is what the Mayor wants and if it is proper with Dean Tekell.

## **ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Gene gave the council the regular monthly report of what we spent this year. We had budgeted \$778,000.00 in sales tax; but that is dropping and it is down considerably. He feels we are in good shape for this year and will end up with a surplus. He thanked the council for doing a very conservative budget.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Attorney Landry stated that he is working a lot on the ordinances that were adopted tonight. He also has been working with Donnie Cunningham about sewer projects. Councilman Foco thanked Attorney Landry for his help on working on the ordinances that were previously adopted. Attorney Landry stated when the original ordinances were in effect, the police department was very good in enforcing these ordinances. Mayor Langlinais stated when

we passed these ordinances; we tried to pass ordinances that would pass constitutional muster. Attorney Landry stated at the time it was adopted, they were good, but 14 years have passed and some things have changed.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Ordinances** = Chief Decou stated that he feels that at the time the ordinances were adopted, we were constitutionally sound. The night they did the change, the things we allowed them to do, they did.

**Thanks** = He thanked the council for providing in the budget all the necessary equipment to provide better service to the citizens. He appreciates them and their efforts.

**Burglaries** = Chief Decou stated that they have been having a lot of burglaries at the Store-n-locks in Broussard and at the Toy Box and Billeaud Store-n-locks.

**Morgan Street** = Councilman Foco stated he has been seeing a lot of presence of his traffic control in the city. We need to clear up on Morgan Street where it starts off 40 and then in front of the school it drops to 35 and when you pass the school it drops to 30. Chief Decou stated that is because of the construction zone. Mayor Langlinais stated when that traffic signal is put up when Ambassador is opened we will have to change the signage. Mayor Langlinais recommended that Chief Decou call Dean Tekell and have him look at this. Chief Decou stated after construction is over we can change it.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**New Business** = Chief Champagne stated last week they met with representatives with CAL Dive and they are moving to the old Baker Hughes building on St. Etienne. They expect to move their office staff within the next 20 days and the remaining staff within the next year. They are doing some things for them. They have offered to help them do some training. They are in putting 2 tanks there.

**Expedition** = Chief Champagne stated the expedition project is finished. It is parked outside. It was put in service the beginning of the week.

**New Truck** = Chief Champagne stated that he would like to get authorization or permission, to spec out the new truck. It will take 8 or 10 months. Mayor Langlinais stated as long as we are not receiving the bids till 2011 and paying for it then, he has the approval.

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

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

**Thanks** = Councilman Rousseau thank everybody for what they do. This is a tough year. They are still able to do things they promised to do. They will review the finances in 6 months.

**Ordinances adopted** = Councilman Rousseau stated that they had a tough decision about the ordinances that were adopted tonight. 14 years ago these ordinances were good, but the laws have changed. Rather than jeopardize the taxpayers money they had to do what they did.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Ordinances adopted** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that we ahead and changed the ordinance to avoid a lot of legal fees in the future.

**District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:**

**Certificates for the Council of Appreciation** = Councilwoman Batiste stated on June 14, she was invited to the Executive Democratic Committee Meeting for St. Martin Parish. She attended the meeting. They gave her certificates to give to all of the council members and Mayor for their appreciation. She stated the program was very educational.

**Mayor Langlinais:**

**MPO Meeting** = Mayor Langlinais stated that he sent copy of fax sent to Consolidated Council regarding addressing the MPO Committee. He knows Purvis Morrison is supposed to address the rescinding of the seating of the MPO. He asked for a copy of the recommendations that he still hasn't received. Councilman Foco stated that the city council of Lafayette doesn't believe in regionalism.

**Councilman Foco/At Large:**

**Thanks** = Councilman Foco thanked everyone for their attendance. He hopes those employees that are not in the retirement system realize what they are doing. He can't understand why no one will jump on that. He is not in the retirement of the city.

**ADJOURN:**

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