Town Hall on the move

The Broussard Town Council recently agreed to buy this historic district home located at 310 Main St. in Broussard. The old Stone house will be converted into the new town hall, according to Mayor Charles Langlinais.

Historic district home to be new site of Broussard town government

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BROUSSARD — Town administrators plan to move three doors down into the old Stone house in the spring.

The town council recently agreed to buy the historic district home on Main Street at auction for $325,000. After renovations are complete, Mayor Charles Langlinais said the move will reduce the town's savings by $40,000 — to about $46.4 million.

The $325,000 price tag included the historic home, the 1.2 acres on which it is located and three metal buildings also on the property. Two of the buildings formerly housed a well-head restoration business. Tools and equipment left in the buildings will be sold at auction to help the town recoup most of the $325,000 it spent on the purchase, Langlinais said.

Expanding the current Town Hall and adjoining Police Department was a viable option for the town, the mayor said. But the $200,000 expansion project being considered wouldn't have provided room for potential growth, he said.

"The expansion we talked about would've been a temporary solution," Langlinais said. "We've got our eye on the future. Why spend $50,000 today and have to find another solution a couple of years down the line? This way, we're killing two birds with one stone."

The current Town Hall provides 2,500 square feet of office space for the town's administrative staff. The new building has 4,000 square feet available for office space and a drive-thru window for utility payments.

Police Chief Brannon Decou will move the department's administrative offices into the current Town Hall. The current police station will house the department's Patrol Division, which is located behind the Police Department in a leased mobile home.

"We'll be able to save that money we spend on leasing the mobile home and keep the Police Department in one centralized location," Decou said.

Resident Betty Landry said she supports the move.

"Maybe the additional space can be used to provide other services, like court space," she said.