

Minutes Of The

January 24, 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
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Don Landry, Attorney At Law
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Guidroz, Residents
 Mr. Brian Guilbeau, Resident

Councilman Higginbotham called the meeting to order and Gene lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer.

Councilman Higginbotham stated that Mayor Langlinais and Councilman Foco are not present because they are attending the Lafayette Consolidated Government meeting; therefore Councilman Guilbeau moved and Councilman Rousseau second to appoint Councilman Higginbotham to preside over the meeting. Roll call:

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

Adopt minutes of the January 10, 2006 City Council Meeting =

Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the January 10, 2006 Regular 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 = Absent	

NEW BUSINESS:**Adopt Resolution #174-06/Adopting the Parish-wide Mitigation Plan =**

Councilman Rousseau moved and Councilman Bonin second to table Resolution #174-06, approving the City of Broussard's participation in the Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared by the Lafayette Parish Government under the oversight of a Steering Committee comprised of Parish-wide representatives until they receive more information. Roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #05-291/Drainage Regulations = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to authorize to provide for the drainage regulations in the corporate limits of the City of Broussard. 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 #05-293/Purchase of Girouard Property for Loul Street Park

= Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Rousseau to introduce ordinance #05-293, which authorizes the purchase of property, located in section 28, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, from the Darrell Phillip Girouard Estate through his agents and attorneys in fact, and authorizing the Mayor to sign whatever documents are necessary to transfer said property to the City of Broussard, Louisiana, and generally do whatever is necessary to accomplish the transfer. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:**Mark's Report:**

Mark stated that he had nothing to report on.

Introduce Ordinance #06-294/84 Lumber Annexation = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Ordinance #06-294, which provides for the annexation of certain properties located in section 57 in township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana being known as the 84 Lumber Company. Roll call:

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

District V = Yea
District VI = Yea

Al's Report:

Minutes of January 10, 2006 Meeting = Al stated that on the minutes of the January 10, 2006 meeting it should be Bill Fontenot instead of Bill Campbell.

St. Nazairre Road Project = Al stated that they are almost finished doing the survey work on the St. Nazairre Road Project. Al stated that he needs approval for next stage for the preliminary engineering. Al stated that Monday they met with Walmart and Walgreens. They will break ground Sept 2006 and open in September 2007. Councilman Higginbotham questioned, if there was any discussion for their participation in this project? Al stated he arrived late at that meeting, so he doesn't know if that was discussed. Al stated it is a percentage contract, after Gene asked him how much money we are talking about. Al stated Dean Tekell estimated \$150,000 for engineering. Al stated will have to get confirmation from the Mayor for Walmart, because he doesn't really know what was discussed in the meeting. They can't get into the design until they get council approval. Councilman Higginbotham suggested we set-up a committee first, to see what they want. Al stated they are already are already taking soil samples. Councilman Higginbotham stated his company took some soil samples of some property and they backed out of the property deal, so that doesn't really mean that they will purchase the property. Al stated they still he will be gathering more information in the meantime.

Hulin Road Drainage = Councilman Rousseau questioned Mark how are we progressing on the Hulin Road drainage project? Mel stated the ball is rolling.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene handed out the monthly report. We originally budgeted \$350,000 in sales tax revenues. But the revenues are up. The only expenditures that are high are in streets. They are high because we spent \$350,000 cleaning up after the hurricane. We are waiting to get reimbursed from FEMA. Councilman Bonin questioned that he thought we were going to be approved 100% if the town was cleaned by a certain date? Gene stated we should know something within the next 30 days.

La Neuville = Councilman Guilbeau questioned if the \$200,000 will stay the same till we do La Neuville? Gene stated that is what we have authorized to spend for La Neuville. Gene stated we already have \$200,000 in the budget and we didn't amend the budget for the \$170,000 because it was already in there. Gene stated he understand that the \$200,000 was all that was amended.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Code of Ordinance Book = Don informed the council that he would like them to start thinking about amending the budget to prepare a Code of Ordinance Book. Our ordinances are not in any particular section or indexed. We have 292 ordinances now. He would like the council to approve putting these ordinances in a book. He stated that the estimated cost would be somewhere between \$8,000 - \$12,000 to do so. As we get additional ordinances, they would update the book for us. He would like the council to look at this for the next meeting. Attorney Landry stated he has been thinking about this for awhile. Don feels we need to this. Don stated he will get some more information by the next meeting. Mayor Langlinais stated maybe in the process we can fine tune some of the ordinances and perhaps amend some old ordinances. Attorney Landry stated he would work with Oscar and Bob Boese on this. Don stated by September we should have something in final form. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if there is anything in the Lawrson Act that requires us to update ordinances? Attorney Landry stated no, but we should try to keep up with this. Councilman Rousseau stated he feels that it will be better for them when they come to the meeting if this is done.

Mayor Langlinais and Councilman Foco entered the meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chef Decou stated that he had nothing to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

At Large/Councilman Foco

Report from Consolidated Meeting = Councilman Foco stated that he made his presentation and he did expect the comments that he received. He asked them to participate on drainage and overlay projects in the future. Councilman Foco stated that Mr. Stevens stated the city was going to take the money and keep it and the told him that we are only asking for help with their share of the roads that are in the parish. Mark and Randy stated there is money available. The argument was well founded and he feels they will agree to pay their share. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if that is for roundabout also? Mayor Langlinais stated that we would re-construct to Vivian and then pro-rate their share be credited to us. The estimated pro rated share is 75% that will be credited on $\frac{3}{4}$ of the intersection that is in our city limits. They stated if we do it on a pro-rated share they will address this. Councilman Foco stated that we didn't ask them to pay anything in Broussard; all we asked is for them to pay their share in Broussard. Councilman Foco also thanked everyone for going to the meeting.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

St. Nazairre Road = Councilman Higginbotham questioned Mayor Langlinais about

Walmart, if we have received definite confirmation from Walmart that they will locate there? Al stated that they are requesting this, because he needs approval to proceed to the next stage for the preliminary designs of St. Nazaire Road. Mayor Langlinais stated he will meet with the right people tomorrow morning. Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't have any control over that. Mayor Langlinais stated all of the other small portions wanted to come to the planning commission as smaller parcels for approval, but instead it will be done all together as one large parcel. Like this everyone will participate and have storm water retention. Mayor Langlinais stated what he is hearing is the highway department requires frontage roads, they will pay that. Mayor Langlinais stated he will express to the parties involved tomorrow about the council's concern. Councilman Higginbotham stated LEDA told him that large establishments like this usually help with the road improvements. Chief Decou stated he did submit to Dean Tekell's office the data involving the crash's at that area of intersections.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Drainage Regulations Approval = Councilman Rousseau thanked everyone on the approval of the drainage regulation ordinance. He wanted to thank Johnnie and Kenny also and all of the engineers. Councilman Landry stated when Ian worked on this, everything worked out okay.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

City-Parish Meeting = Councilman Foco thanked everyone who went to the meeting. He feels they did make their point.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Thanks = Councilman Johnson thanked Councilman Foco for going represent Broussard tonight.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham....continued:

Thanks = Councilman Higginbotham thanked Councilman Foco and the Mayor for representing us at the meeting.

Mayor Langlinais:

Pipeline = Mayor Langlinais stated he received a call from Bob Boese today. The pipeline has no wetlands issue. Al is waiting for the letter from core.

DEQ PERMIT = Mayor Langlinais stated DEQ will not revise our permit now, not until they hash it out with all of the other municipalities at the same time.

La Neuville = Mayor Langlinais stated that he feels the re-construction of La Neuville will come out well. He would like the council to pass a resolution with approval authorizing re-

construction of La Neuville to Vivian using our monies and the parish will reimburse us on our pro rated share. Mayor Langlinais stated this is a formality. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if that is for the roundabout also. Mayor Langlinais stated no; they will only reimburse us on a pro rated share of their share and that matching will go towards the roundabout. Gene questioned how much is it without a roundabout form La Neuville to Vivian Drive? Councilman Guilbeau stated \$170,000 without roundabout. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Foco to adopt a resolution approving the re-construction of La Neuville to Vivian Drive using our monies and the parish will reimburse us on a pro rated share for the section that is outside of the city limits and in the parish. Roll call:

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At Large = Yea	

Attorney Landry.....continued:

2nd Meeting in February = Attorney Landry stated that the second meeting in February will fall on Mardi Gras Day, therefore the council will either have to re-schedule it or cancel it. The council decided to wait till the next meeting to see what they will do.

Audience Comments:

La Neuville Road/Brian Guilbeau= Brian Guilbeau talked about La Neuville Road. He lives in that area and there is definitely something that needs to be done with that intersection. He is also losing money at his business there, because of the nightmare driving down the road. He pays \$1500 in property taxes and he is not getting anything for his money from the Parish. He appreciates what this council has done tonight. In reference to the intersection something needs to be done to relieve the traffic there. Councilman Guilbeau stated that entire council is working on that; that is why they attended the meeting tonight. The people in his area, question maybe putting a light there, but they just don't understand what else needs to be done.

Mr. and Mrs. Guidroz = Ms. Guidroz stated it is very rewarding to hear the input the council does to get things done. Councilman Foco stated they have a very outgoing council.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

La Neuville Re-construction = Councilman Guilbeau questioned when will H & S start and at which end will they start first? Mel stated they will probably start in 4 – 6 weeks and he doesn't believe they will do La Neuville first.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adjourn the meeting. 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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk