

Minutes Of The

February 14, 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
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 A. J. LeBlanc, Ambassador for Marquis de Lafayette
 Nina Ludington, Consultant
 Roy Brown, Citizen

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Mr. A. J. LeBlanc lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was said for the soldiers still in Iraq.

Adopt minutes of the January 24, 2006 City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of the January 24, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. A. J. LeBlanc re: Marquis de Lafayette Celebration = Mr. LeBlanc addressed the council. He is hopeful that the city will help him is celebrating the Marquis de Lafayette next year. Mr. LeBlanc explained to the council what the Marquis will entail. He has already put the brochure together for the City of Lafayette. He is planning on bringing out a lot of history for Lafayette and he will also explain about Broussard. He has met with the City of Lafayette, Carencro, Youngsville and Scott. He is here today to ask the council to appoint someone to help him with the history of Broussard. LeBlanc stated anything the city does to

promote the Marquis de Lafayette, the town gets the profit. Councilman Foco stated he is sure they will be able to find someone to help him out with the history of Broussard. He wants to promote our history, our culture and our food and our music. Mayor Langlinais stated that he will e-mail Mr. LeBlanc tomorrow and give him names of individuals who can help him with the research on Broussard.

Mr. Mike Breaux re: Request for abandonment of utility easement in Vieux Chenes Subdivision = Mr. Breaux addressed the council. Mr. Breaux explained that he is requesting that the 10 foot utility easement in the rear of Lot #63 in Vieux Chenes Subdivision be abandoned for Mr. and Mrs. David Huffman. Mayor Langlinais questioned if the other potential utility services have been notified about this? Breaux stated that they will be notified after this abandonment is done. Councilman Bonin questioned whose easement is it? Mayor Langlinais stated because of the past he always discouraged the council from abandoning the easements unless it clouds the title. Attorney Landry questioned why can't we abandon the portion where the pool is? Breaux stated because of the concrete around the pool that is on the easement. Attorney Landry stated that perhaps he can with the attorney and the other utility companies first to see if we can only abandon a 5 foot easement. Councilman Foco questioned if we would abandon the easement could we have a hold harmless agreement if we would have to dig near the pool? Mayor Langlinais stated he spoke to Oscar in the past about this and he did say previously that if we would have to repair anything that is damaged within the easement we would have to replace it. Mayor Langlinais stated perhaps we might be able to put some special clause within the abandonment papers. Attorney Landry questioned what is the title attorney requesting? Mr. Breaux stated he did require that the abandonment be done, but the sale has already gone thru. Councilman Higginbotham questioned then why do we have to abandon the easement if the sale has gone thru? Mayor Langlinais requested that Mr. Breaux get letters from the other utility companies and come back to the council. Mr. Breaux stated he will approach the other utility agencies first and get their agreement and then perhaps get a hold harmless for the town. Attorney Landry stated he would like to see the letter from the lawyer first to see what he is requesting. Councilman Foco requested that Mr. Breaux get the letter to Mr. Landry first. Mayor Langlinais requested that Councilman Foco get the consensus of the council first. Attorney Landry stated he would see abandoning where the pool is, not the entire abandonment. Mr. Breaux will get the information to Mr. Landry. Councilman Higginbotham stated if we give the abandonment, he feels that if we have to bore in the future, it would have to be at the homeowners' expense.

Adopt Resolution #174-06/Adopting the Parish-wide Mitigation Plan =

Attorney Landry stated he sent a letter to the council about this and contact information if they had any questions about this. Attorney Landry stated all of the cities in the Parish have to be on board together to get this funding if it approved. It doesn't cost us money now; it is a matching grant. Moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Romero to adopt 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. Roll call:

District I = Yea
District II = Yea

District IV = Yea
District V = Yea

going on to do a traffic study that will be incorporated with their study. They are awaiting that study to come in. Mayor Langlinais stated he is meeting with the lead architect on Thursday morning. He did indicate that the council would like some sort of assistance on this.

New Pond = AI stated that they met with SLEMCO on this about the anchors. They have agreed to abandon those anchors and build some new anchors. They are getting some analysis done by the soil people.

St. Nazaire Issue = Councilman Higginbotham stated he thought we wouldn't spend anymore money on the engineering, till we get the commitment from Walmart. Mayor Langlinais stated that is where we are on that.

NINA LUDINGTON w/Dean Tekell Consulting:

Morgan Street and Main Street Turn Signals = Nina Ludington addressed the council on the analysis she did for the Morgan and Main Street turn signals and the actuation and the time. The estimated cost is between \$30 - \$35,000 for the left turn signals on Morgan and Main. The state is paying for the actuation on Main Street. Nina stated we do have to jack and do the boring. Actuation is what makes it work. Actuation is wires in the roadway that make the traffic work at a steady flow and there is no green time wasted on approaches. Mayor Langlinais questioned why don't we put a timer at a period in the morning? Nina stated it won't work. Mayor Langlinais requested that we do it on timer for right now for short term. Nina stated that the state is paying for Highway 182 intersection.

USDA Grant Funds = She stated that the United States Department of Agriculture will be dispensing grant monies that they will be going after. She stated the council previously agreed let Dean go about and get the grants. Now she stated that we need a new ordinance approving the application of applying for these grants. That will be introduced at the next meeting. Nina stated that the meeting will be held next Thursday on Feb. 23 from 5:30 – 6:30 at the meeting room at city hall to discuss these grants. It is open to the public.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

February 28, 2006 Meeting = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham to cancel the next meeting which will be on February 28, 2006, due to it being Mardi Gras.

Amendment to Set-Back Ordinance = Councilman Bonin questioned what are the amendments to the set-back ordinance that we are talking about? Attorney Landry stated that this is because of the townhouses and the condominiums that are incurring problems with this. He checked with other municipalities and they do accept townhouses and condominiums. And

the set back should be from property line, when discussing where the setback should be measured from.

Municipal Code Book = Attorney Landry stated that he had some more contact with the code book company and they are estimating that it will cost about \$9,800 to do. They will discuss this at the next meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Drug Bust = Chief Decou stated they assisted Lafayette Metro Narcotics today and made 3 arrests from drugs being transported into town.

Ms. Patin on Village Square = Councilman Johnson questioned Chief Decou if he heard anything from Ms. Patin? Chief Decou stated they haven't met yet with the committee.

Crime Statistics = Councilman Rousseau questioned Chief Decou about the statistics about crime in Broussard? Chief Decou stated he doesn't have that info tonight, but they are working on that.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District II/Councilman Bonin:

New Subdivision Approvals = Councilman Bonin questioned about the subdivision off of Main Street that is asking for approval and all of their work is done? He feels we have no choice to accept the subdivision. Councilman Foco stated that was for the part of the subdivision that wasn't approved yet, which belongs to a different property owner.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Light at Morgan Street and Main Street = Councilman Rousseau stated that he wants to make a comment that at the light at Morgan and Main where the turn signals are to be installed at an estimated cost of \$35,000, we need to keep in mind about our growth potential. Councilman Higginbotham stated we can do the short term first, before we spend the \$35,000.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Recognition for Roy Brown = Councilman Johnson congratulated Mr. Roy Brown for the Martin Luther King Award he received from St. Joseph's Church.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Overlay = Councilman Higginbotham questioned what is the progress on the overlay? Larry stated that they there will be a pre-construction meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 for a patching. Patching will start Monday and hopefully by the time we start with the overlay, Lafayette will get with the town about La Neuville.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Thanks for Council = Councilman Foco stated that he went to the Lafayette Consolidated Government Meeting and he was amazed with what he saw. He stated this council has to agree to disagree. They conduct this meeting like gentlemen. He wanted to thank the council for that, because Lafayette Council Members don't conduct their meetings like that.

Citizens:

Roy Brown/Waste Management Complaint = Mr. Brown stated lately Waste Management is dropping a lot of oil. Mr. Brown stated they dropped some oil on his concrete and he tracked the driver and he was told that someone put oil in their trash and it left an oil spot in his driveway. They informed him that they would take care of it, but he hasn't heard anything from them yet. Councilman Bonin stated they also had a pretty bad hydraulic leak on the oil. Councilman Foco stated he would check with Cindy tomorrow since she handles the problems with the garbage and see what they say.

ADJOURN:

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

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| District II= Yea | District V = Yea |
| District III= Yea | District VI = Yea |
| At Large = Yea | |

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk