

Minutes Of The

May 9, 2006

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles Langlinais
 Tina G. Denais, City Clerk
 Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I
 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
 Chief Brannon Decou, Chief of Police
 Gene Chiarulli, City Auditor
 Don Landry, Attorney At Law
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Chief Brannon Decou

Absent: Councilman David Bonin, District II

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Attorney Landry lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer for our boys that are still overseas.

Councilman Foco introduced Ms. Amanda Harris to the council. She is a new reporter from The Advertiser who will be reporting about both Broussard and Youngsville.

Adopt minutes of the April 25, 2006 City Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the April 25, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduce Ordinance #07-296/Anthony Olivier Annexation off of Shenandoah

Drive = Councilman Foco explained this is where the apartment complex will be built. It is not Shenandoah Subdivision. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we have services there? Larry stated no. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to introduce Ordinance #07-296 which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 95, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being know as the Shenandoah Drive/Anthony Olivier Annexation. Roll call:

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

St. Nazairre Roadway and Committee = Mayor Langlinais stated the engineers for Walmart and our traffic engineers have been put together a plan. There was a preliminary meeting yesterday and we will have a follow up meeting tomorrow. They have agreed to share the cost for the roadway at the request of Councilman Higginbotham. We looked at their reports and our reports, which were to be a 5-lane the road. One of things we were planning to do is to improve the traffic flow. Mayor Langlinais stated what he got out of it, was the perfect thing would be an overpass, but because of the cost we will have to look at other options. It was originally a 5-lane and now they are looking at 7-lane for the first 300 feet at the light. Al stated it is a different amount of combinations. A meeting is set for 1:00 p.m. tomorrow. Mayor Langlinais would like a committee to meet with the engineers after the meeting and come to the meeting tomorrow. Councilman Guilbeau stated he only recalls us discussing a 5-lane. Councilman Higginbotham stated we never talked about a 7-lane. Al stated the 7-lanes came about yesterday. Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the cost? Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't really know right now how much we are talking about. Al stated there are different scenarios they are looking at for the 5 and 7 lane roads. Councilman Guilbeau questioned Al if he has to go back and redo the work? Al stated no, they have already have obtained that information, they will just create different scenarios. Mayor Langlinais would like to set-up the committee. Councilman Johnson questioned how far will the lanes go? Al stated 7-lanes for 300 feet and then 5-lanes all down La Flamme. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if the Billeaud Companies have agreed to donate the property? Al stated we they don't have enough right of way, but the Billeaud Companies have no problem with the right of ways and donating the rest of the property. The committee will be Councilman Higginbotham, Councilman Rousseau and Councilman Guilbeau. Mayor Langlinais stated the next step would be the footprint of intersection. Chief Decou stated he would like to be there for the safety issue. The council had not problem with him getting involved in this matter. Councilman Foco stated that his position is no matter how many lanes they decide on, he will not vote to take any property from the landowners across the street. The Billeaud Companies will have to give the property. Councilman Guilbeau and Councilman Rousseau along with the rest of the councilmen agreed about that. Al stated the only part that will be taken on the other side will be at the intersection by the Billeaud Companies.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark’s Report:

Water and Sewer Project for Nursing Home = Mark stated that the water and sewer improvements have been finished at the nursing home. The contractor completed the job. Originally the city’s cost was \$89,000 for the betterment, but it is \$36,000 instead. Mark asked that the council to declare the project as completed. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to accept the LDCBG Water and Sewer Extension Project for the Nursing Home as completed. Roll call:

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| At Large = Yea | |

Al’s Report:

St. Nazairre Road = Al stated they will set the right of way for the roadway and force main on St. Nazairre Road. It will generate information for the subdivision.

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

Budget = Gene stated we will be introducing the amended and proposed at the next meeting. Gene stated that if anyone has anything in particular please contact him to put it the budget. Councilman Guilbeau stated we might need to put some money in the next budget for drainage improvements. Gene stated after he prepares the proposed budget, they will have a month to study it.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated that he had nothing to report on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou stated that he had nothing to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District II/Councilman Bonin

Letter of No Presence = Councilman Foco read aloud the following letter that Councilman Bonin gave him, being he was unable to attend the meeting tonight. The letter was as follows:

“Dear Citizens and Councilmen;

I am sorry that I cannot attend the meeting tonight. This is only the second meeting that I have missed in my 3 years on this council. Both of those times were for an award ceremony for my son.

I understand drainage will be a hot topic tonight and if you have read the minutes of the past meetings or if you have attended the meetings you have heard me talk about cleaning the ditches and the culverts many times. This is still a very needed maintenance in our city.

I have met many times along with Councilman Foco, our Parish Officials and Engineers about Broussard’s major drainage system, Cypress Bayou. The need of this project plus the interior city maintenance will not be abandoned by me. If you need to contact me anytime, please feel free to contact me at the number listed on top of my letterhead, which is my cell. I can be reached at that number anytime.

Sincerely, David M. Bonin – City Councilman, District 2 – Broussard, LA”

Councilman Foco stated he was away for the rain and he heard it was pretty serious in some areas.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Walmart Property = Councilman Higginbotham questioned what is the status on the sale of the property for Walmart? Mayor Langlinais stated that the necessary steps are being taken towards the development of the property.

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Ida Crochet Park Addition = Councilman Johnson stated that he received several calls about the neighborhood park? Will there be an entrance or exit going into the subdivision? Mayor Langlinais stated that wasn’t discussed. More people are more inclined to have it as a walking a trail. We are currently getting some quotes on the clearing of the property. Mayor Langlinais stated that it will be up to the council on how they want it developed. Chief Decou stated that half of the Ridgeview Apartment Complex has been sold. The new owner will upgrade and remodel the complex. That area will not be government housing. Chief Decou stated he knows some of the concerns are traffic coming to and from that park, so this might eliminate some of the foot traffic.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Drainage = Councilman Rousseau stated that earlier Terry mentioned about money in the budget for drainage improvements. Councilman Rousseau stated that he spoke to the Mayor and he rode around 2 Saturdays ago after the storm. We definitely need to look at start cleaning some ditches, even if we don’t have the Parish’s help. He would never have thought the water would have gotten that high in some areas. Attorney Landry stated he and Councilman Bonin

and Jerry Grooms met with Tom Carroll with Parish Government and he advised them that the Cypress Bayou project is moving now and they are acquiring some of the right of ways. He stated in 6 to 8 months we should be seeing something. Councilman Foco stated he feels us turning them down on the agreement for the Holiday Gardens drainage improvements woke them up. Mayor Langlinais stated the council needs to be ready to fund some of the improvements. After the new maps come out July 1st, then we will have a better idea of what needs to be done. Councilman Higginbotham stated he received a call from a resident in Magnolia Ridge who said he called city hall and he was told there is a moratorium on culverts. Councilman Higginbotham stated we don't have moratorium, we have an ordinance. Mayor Langlinais stated he was told there is a moratorium and an ordinance. Councilman Higginbotham stated we don't have a moratorium, we have an ordinance. Councilman Rousseau stated that while riding around he saw the open ditch and curb and gutter subdivisions during the rain. He was amazed at how well the curb and gutter subdivision drains. He encourages the council to go and ride, when it does rain again. He feels it is an option we need to look at. Al stated with an open ditch, you have the storage and curb and gutter you don't have a storage capacity. The closed system the street becomes the ditch. The closed system looks good though and it is more expensive.

Thanks to Larry = Councilman Rousseau also thanked Larry for looking into the issue on Larriviere Road.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Highway 182 Stop Signs = Councilman Guilbeau questioned what is the status on Highway 182, for the stop signs? Al stated it is in the hands of the state and it should be happening soon. Guilbeau stated he feels we will have traffic backed up all the way to Albertsons. Mayor Langlinais stated we are trying to make it even better. It was evaluated by the traffic engineers.

Sidewalk on Highway 182 = Councilman Guilbeau stated being baseball season has started, he has noticed a lot of kids walking along Highway 182. Guilbeau stated that maybe we might want to look at building sidewalks on Highway 182. Mayor Langlinais stated we would have to get with the property owners and the state. Mayor Langlinais stated the only thing he is fearful for, you might have to make that crossing. Councilman Higginbotham stated they have to cross either way. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels he can acquire right of way. Councilman Guilbeau stated he is looking at the safety of the kids. Mayor Langlinais asked Larry to get an estimate of the cost to build the sidewalk... Larry stated he spoke to the state and they will not let us do it on the right of way. Mayor Langlinais instructed Councilman Guilbeau and Councilman Rousseau to speak to some of the residents in that area in giving a right of way.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Thanks = Councilman Foco thanked Larry, Mel and Elmer for the good job for the rain.

Mayor Langlinais:

La Neuville Re-Construction = Mayor Langlinais stated we have completed the La Neuville re-construction. The actual percentage is 55%. Mayor Langlinais stated he will send a cover letter to the Parish requesting that amount based on those percentages being reimbursed to the City.

ADJOURN:

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

District I = Yea

District II = Absent

District III = Yea

At Large = Yea

District IV = Yea

District V = Yea

District VI = Yea

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, City Clerk