

Minutes Of The

July 26, 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 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
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Kelli Miguez, City Clerk
 Cindy Ross, City Clerk
 Lisa Hollier, City Clerk
 Linda Jacquet, Candidate for Councilwoman District IV
 Walter Comeaux, Engineer
 Leah Talbot, Representative with Waste Management

Absent: Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Chief Decou lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer for Lois Broussard who is currently in the hospital, due to medication problems.

Adopt minutes of the July 11, 2006 Regular Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the July 11, 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:

Approve the lost of old city vehicles for salvage = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Romero to declare the following city vehicles as salvage and put them out for bid:

W—1	1992 Izuzu Pickup Vin # 4541
W--2	1992 Izuzu Pickup Vin # 4777
SW—61994	Ford Pickup Vin # 3156
SW---9	1994 Ford Pickup Vin # 7184
ST—1	1989 GMC Pickup Vin #7610
ST—5	1991 Ford Pickup Vin #2466
ST—8	1990 Ford Pickup Vin #1990
ST—11	1981 Ford Pickup Vin #8144
ST—12	1998 Ford Crown Vic (Red) #1323
ST—19	1989 Ford Pickup #0342
T—3	4600 Ford Bushhog Tractor Vin # 9D7650
# 20	Wood Chipper

Roll call:

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

Attorney Landry stated that the council can decide on how they want to get rid of them. Councilman Higginbotham questioned perhaps we could ask the other communities that were hit by the hurricane if they want them again. Attorney Landry stated we did that the last time and they were not interested. The council questioned Larry any of the vehicles were running. It was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Bonin to advertise for sealed bids and then sell to the highest bidder. Roll call:

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

Waste Management re: Complaints about garbage service = Councilman Foco stated that we had good service and now we are having real bad problems with the garbage service carrier, Waste Management. Attorney Landry stated he spoke to Kristen at Waste Management and she said they have to know where the problems are. He stated under the contract if the contractor fails to provide the service in 3 consecutive working days, then the town gets to take actions against the provider. Mayor Langlinais questioned Cindy if there is any location that qualifies for that action? Cindy stated yes there is. Leah Talbot addressed the council. She stated she spent some time with Cindy today and they received 26 calls this month of missed picked up. We did have July 4th this month and that does make them run behind. They have a new route manager. They are considering the possibility of running on holidays. Councilman Foco stated he was contacted twice by City Hall that no one wants to answer us about the complaints. Our citizens are paying for twice a week pickup and that is what he wants to give them. Councilman Foco stated we just want a contact number to get in touch with

someone when we have problems. The new route manager is Mark Castille and Leah will provide the number to City Hall. Councilman Johnson questioned if a household is missed on Monday, do they have to wait the following pickup day for pickup? Ms. Talbot stated no; if they call in they will go back and pick it up. Councilman Guilbeau explained the problem with North Jefferson Street about how they go down the street and forgot about the other side of the street, because it is a one way street. Leah stated that situation has been corrected with a new driver. Attorney Landry stated if we have the correct person, then we can address the problem to the correct person. Councilman Bonin stated about a citizen in his district that had his mailbox broken and still hasn't heard from Waste Management. Tina recommended Leah get with Cindy because she has the names of those two individuals who have the same problems and have already filed a police report. Councilman Foco stated we will also have to address the situation of charging the correct amount, because right now we are losing money on what we are charging. The council agreed to address that issue at the next meeting regarding the postage and the garbage cost.

Walter Comeaux re: Abandonment of drainage easement and plat revision for Cypress Crossing = Walter explained to the council about the abandonment of a drainage easement in the new Cypress Crossing Subdivision. If the city abandons the current drainage easement, they will in turn give back to the city another drainage easement; however in a different place. It cannot be handled by the planning commission. Walter stated that he needs a resolution to abandon the existing easement contingent to final plat recordation and at that time the new easement will be done. This easement cuts thru some lots. The effective date would be the date of recordation and at time we will gain another easement at a different location. Walter explained to the council stated what they will be doing. Councilman Johnson questioned where is the subdivision at? Walter stated it is off of Fairfield and they will do the regular erosion protection. The ditch will actually be bigger than what it is. He is will size the ditch to its current load. Councilman Bonin questioned why can't he cut the ditch to the future plan of Cypress Bayou? He stated the only problem is the new Cypress Bayou will be four or five feet deeper and it will just hold the water. Walter stated in this little section, he doesn't feel it will be necessary to deepen the ditch. The ditch has plenty of capacity, but Cypress Bayou is so dysfunctional. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if he will improve the hydraulics without going underneath the road? Walter stated this will help a little. The lots in the subdivision are being piped to the storm water retention. 95% of this subdivision goes to the retention pond. The design storm is a 5 year storm. They have reduced the peak rate. This is a wet storm water retention pond. The retention pond will be maintained by the owners association and we will give them a 20 foot easement from the retention pond to the outfall. Walter stated that they started doing these types of retention ponds about 10 years ago. The council also liked the plan because it doesn't go underneath the road. There will be a 20 foot easement from the top bank. Therefore Councilman Higginbotham moved and Councilman Johnson to adopt Resolution # 184-06 which abandons the current existing easement contingent to the final plat recordation and at that time the new easement will be done. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II= Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Absent

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Sewer transfer system = Jerry stated that everything is operational and working. There are only a few items that need to be corrected. Jerry recommended the council recognize the project as substantially complete and allow BESED to approve it. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to recognize the sewer transfer system project to the new pond as substantially complete and allow BESED to accept it. Roll call

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II= Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Absent

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

Al's Report:

Ambassador Caffey Relocation of Utilities = Al stated that there is a meeting tomorrow on the movement on the adjustment of Ambassador Caffery relocation of utilities.

St. Nazaire and Highway 90 Intersection = Al stated that he is still waiting for information from Walmart in reference to the St. Nazaire and Highway 90 Intersection.

Walter's Report:

South Morgan Street Pump Station = Walter stated that they are working on the TOPO survey. Originally the flow to that pump station would be Sugartrace South and Deermeadow Subdivisions. At this point we will let Sugar Trace keep on going to where it is going and we will route Sugartrace South, Deermeadow and Dustin pumps into this pump station. They met with one of the property owners about donating the site near the school and he has agreed to do that and he asked us to do some things also. His requests are super reasonable. Attorney Landry stated that he seems that he will be all right with everything. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we will coordinate the roundabout with the subdivision? Walter stated he gave it to Dean and them to look at and he hasn't received anything back from them. Mayor Langlinais stated we are waiting on SLEMCO to move the pole. Walter stated they will do the entire roundabout and where they tie in they will have to put some channelization, so he needs their design.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene stated the sales tax revenues for the total year were substantially over. We are pretty much in line with the budget. We are doing quite well. Gene stated that he added two items to the budget that was printed, because they were left off of the approve budget. They are as follows: \$74,000 for street equipment and the Loul Street Park for \$25,000 that was spent.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

TIF Resolution = Attorney Landry stated that Oscar Reed has the TIF program resolution. The council needs to decide if they want to active the tax increment development corporation. The Mayor would have to appoint a board. The Mayor would be the executive officer of the corporation. Oscar and Don feel that the corporation board should be the Mayor and Council. Mayor Langlinais stated that he asked the consultants to break up the TIF districts. You don't want to tie up the districts. He is meeting with Wilson Viator and Joey Dural about moving forward with this. Carencro is still talking about this and Scott doesn't know what they want to do and Duson hasn't done anything. Part of the meeting Thursday will be to discuss this and the support of the legislature. Mayor Langlinais stated that he has had some good consultations with the Highway Department about the moving forward of Ambassador Caffery. There should be no reservations with the Capital Outlay. Capital Outlay is paid by them. It seems at first the Governor's administration was resistant, but it seems that being it is different down and separated it will be approved. There were some 10 million caps on TIF. That is why it is broken down. The highway department has given us the green light. He feels all of the council should be board members and it has to be no less than 5 and no more than 9. Councilman Bonin stated he doesn't want make any decision that will jeopardize this. Attorney Landry stated it is brand new legislation and Oscar will work for the board and Gerald will also still be involved. Attorney Landry recommended that we get the council and one alternate member and we will also have to put on the legislatures. We also will include the St. Nazairre project in the TIF. Councilman Bonin questioned why are some TIF's 2 and some 1 cent. It is what the council wants. Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Guilbeau to approve resolution # 185-06, which activates the tax increment development corporation, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 47:8002. Roll call:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Crime Nite Out = Chief Decou stated that the annual National Night Out Against Crime will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2006. It was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to declare that event a sanctioned by the City of Broussard. Roll call:

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COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District IV/Councilman Johnson:

Announcement of Candidacy for District IV Councilman = Councilman Johnson stated that he would like to introduce Cynthia Jacquet who will be seeking the seat of District IV in his place upon his retirement this year. She is his niece. Ms. Jacquet stated that she lives on St. De Porres and she is going to seek the seat of District IV councilwoman.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

New Library Situation = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he is concerned about the situation about the proposal from the Library Board that they received at the last meeting. He is sure that the people from Lafayette are also concerned about the library situation. If it comes to the land donation, he is sure we can get some land donated to have the library be built here first. He feels we need to address this. Mayor Langlinais stated his wife is on the local board and he has also heard that too. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels this needs to be it centrally located. Councilman Higginbotham feels we need to look into getting the land donation possibilities. He feels if we do this, we shouldn't have to wait five years to get the library built. Mayor Langlinais stated the he and Councilman Foco have spoke to several land owners and they have also talked about locating and having a new maintenance shop located centrally together. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels if they go back to the library board and advise them that we have the property that we could also request it be done in a timely fashion.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Parish Offering for Ambassador Caffery = Councilman Foco stated he spoke to several business people and they are amazed that the Parish Government has turned down our 5 million dollar offer for building of Ambassador Caffery Extension.

Mayor Langlinais:

City Acreage = Mayor Langlinais stated he briefed Johnnie on the discussion with Tex about the acreage for a maintenance building and a library. Also SEPCO that is near the maintenance building has moved their headquarters to Second Street and they have approached us about buying the maintenance building property. Perhaps we could look at moving the maintenance building property with the library. Perhaps the council would think about moving the maintenance building to a more central location and combine the library. And also sell the sandbag location on Albertson Parkway and perhaps bid out both of these properties at the same time. Mayor Langlinais stated that the owner of Camelot have requested we put the property up for bid and. Mayor Langlinais asked the council to let Johnnie negotiate with third parties. Attorney Landry stated that an appraisal would have to be done and then the property would have to be bidded out. Councilman Bonin stated the question is how comfortable will the library be next to the maintenance building?

COG Meeting = Councilman Foco reminded the council that the COG Meeting will be held on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. and we are furnishing the meal.

Larry Friedman/Resident of Sugartrace South = Mr. Friedman stated that when he first moved here it rained real hard and his streets in his neighborhood flooded. And Sunday night was the same thing. How does it happen to a new subdivision? He lives at 206 Barksdale. Councilman Foco stated that Cypress Bayou is the main channel in Broussard and that is what we working on. Walter stated the roads were designed specifically for the water to go over them. There was a complaint from the new subdivision that the ditch was blocked by our contractor and he called the contractor. Friedman complained about the weeds in the coulee. He feels if they dig out the coulee it will help. Mayor Langlinais stated that we are in an intergovernmental agreement with the parish to dredge Cypress Bayou and change 7 crossings. Until Cypress Bayou is dredged it is not good to clean the coulee. Walter stated that they will check for beaver dams. Walter stated you can remove them one day and they are back the next day. Friedman stated he was concerned that it is a brand new subdivision and it floods. Councilman Foco stated that this is a very big concern about those problems. Walter stated since his subdivision was built, the city has adopted an ordinance that all new subdivisions have to put in storm water retention ponds. Friedman stated that retention pond drains into the same place his coulee does. Walter stated that they will actually reduce the load on the coulee.

New Crew = Councilman Bonin questioned, when will hire the new crew that was budgeted? Larry stated that we are putting an ad in the newspaper, because we can't find anyone to hire.

Clerks Present = Councilman Foco thanked three employees for coming to the meeting and they did not charge for their time to discuss the garbage issue.

Scouts Recognized = Councilman Foco recognized the scouts in audience for being there.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Johnson and second by Councilman Higginbotham 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

**S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR
CLERK**

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY