

Minutes Of The

August 8, 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
 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
 Mike Hollier, Lafayette Parish Government

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

Adopt minutes of the July 25, 2006 Regular Council Meeting = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of the July 25, 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 = Yea	

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Greg Manuel re: Dedication of Waterford Ridge Phase I = Mr. Manuel addressed the council. He stated the dedications along with the conveyances were filed and recorded and everything that was supposed to be done was done. The act of correction includes the servitude that was asked for. Mayor Langlinais asked that he would like the notation to be

included before the final dedication is recorded that the original drainage easement is not to impede on. Councilman Bonin commended Mr. Manuel on his cooperation on some of the problems that they had. The neighbors are now very comfortable with it. Larry stated the only thing missing is the swale ditch at the end of the road and he would like the contractor to make one cleaner sweep of the roadway. Manuel stated the drop in where the swale has to be put in hasn't been put in yet. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if the retention is wet or dry and how is it maintained? Manuel stated it is dry and it will be maintained by them, the home owners association. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Rousseau to accept the dedication of Waterford Ridge Phase I to the City of Broussard. Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
District II = Yea	District V = Yea
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At Large = Yea	

Councilman Foco thanked Mr. Manuel for his cooperation and going over and above to take care of these matters. Mr. Manuel thanked the council

Mr. Mike Hollier re: 1—LINC Comprehensive Drainage and Stormwater Plan, 2---Intergovernmental Agreement establishing GIS Consortium and 3---MPO Tripartite Agreement for Amb. Caffery Pkwy. South == Mike Hollier addressed the council. He wants to give them an update on each item.

- 1- LINC Comprehensive Drainage and Stormwater Plan. Hollier stated that it was supposed to have been completed in the spring, but the consultants are from New Orleans and with the hurricane that pushed things back. The drafted plan should be presented to them in September and then they will be reviewing this plan. At the same time the Core will send the plan and model to FEMA. It should then get back to them in December. Beginning in January 2007 we will begin a 12 month public review of the flood plan. At that time it can be reviewed and challenged. Mike stated we will have a computerized model of the system. FEMA will accept the computerized models. Right now they are testing everything out themselves.
- 2- Intergovernmental Agreement establishing GIS Consortium. Various entities in Lafayette Parish working on mapping and electronic systems. The Clerk of Court, the Registrar of Voters Office and Lafayette Parish Government have come together and will put the information together to use the same base maps and roadways and maps of properties. This will open the doors to everyone else. There will be no outright cost. This will be a service to the city. It will be a great coordinating tool. The city will only have to be a member of the GIS consortium. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to allow the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the GIS Consortium which the City of Broussard will be a member of.
- 3 - MPO Tripartite Agreement for Ambassador Caffery Parkway South. The MPO Model comes from Little Rock, Arkansas. The 3 parties are local government, the highway department and MPO. We are dealing with a multi district roadway. The purpose of the agreement is to provide safety for the roadway traffic. Also the access of the roadway is a factor. The signatories are included in the agreement. There are plan participants, who are essentially the property owners. The 14 easements cover everything of importance.

On page 8 there is the issue about the issuing of the 8 permits within the MPO area. These permits do not jeopardize or hand string any permits issued by the City of Broussard. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if the part of Ambassador Caffery that comes thru our city has to come thru our system and everyone else's system. Mike stated yes, but the 3 entities will be working very efficiently. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we are going to duplicate permits? Mayor Langlinais stated this is to protect the capacity of the parkway. We have looked at this and our attorneys have looked at this. Councilman Higginbotham stated we have always wanted to come across with a user friendly atmosphere and he feels this isn't being a user friendly atmosphere. This is basically a safety issue. Mike stated it will not be a drawn out process. Councilman Rousseau stated he doesn't want the others like the parish not to require storm water retention. Mark Savoie stated the State requires Storm Water Retention. Mike stated the individuals will sit down with the city, parish and the state all at one time during the permit process. Every 15 feet there will be a crossover. Mike stated the driveways cuts have all been established also same as the crossover. Mike stated all of the property owners along Ambassador Caffery were brought into the charettes and at that time the suggestions for the driveways cuts were developed. Mike stated as long as all 3 entities approve, then you shouldn't have any problem. Councilman Higginbotham questioned what is the worst case scenario if they don't sign off on this? Councilman Rousseau stated that something will have to be worked out, because all 3 parties might have differences on this. The 3 entities will be the ones to make any adjustments or changes on the plan, whether it is access or maintenance. The person on the city's side will be whoever the city designates. Councilman Foco questioned if this agreement needs to be put in place before we get any funding? Mike stated no. Councilman Bonin stated he feels this is sticking our nose into other people's business. Mayor Langlinais stated this is to keep the integrity of Ambassador Caffery on one level. It is about safety and liability for the citizens. This will potentially force an interconnection of properties for one outlet for the safety of the citizens. No act is required on this tonight. He is merely here to inform the council about this. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels we will lose control of our development within the city limits of Broussard. Mayor Langlinais questioned if we can revise this and go back and finesse this and state that we must have total control of what's in our city limits? Mike explained what was done in Conroe, TX with Walmart. The land use classifications are signed by the property owners and everything else in the planned was explained. Councilman Bonin questioned if the trees will be planted after completion of the road? Mike stated yes and the landscaping will come after the driveways. Mayor Langlinais questioned if the ordinance will bind the property without compensation? Mike stated they asked the Highway Department not to worry about the sidewalk easements. Mayor Langlinais stated we had numerous meetings with utility companies about writing contracts for the utility easements. Mike stated on the Lafayette side the money will come from the TIF districts that will be developed. Councilman Foco stated this will be a long drawn out process. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels we should do the policing of our permitting ourselves. The council thanked Mike for the presentation.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

Mark stated that he had nothing to report on.

Al's Report:

Ambassador Caffery Utilities Relocation = Al stated that they wrote a letter to the highway department for the utilities relocation along Ambassador Caffery. Total cost is about \$650,000. Our cost is around \$27,000.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Gene had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry had nothing to report on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Lopez was not present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Crime Night Out = Councilman Foco commented that Crime Night Out that was held last week was nice, but maybe next time we could schedule it later, because it was very hot.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

Speed Bumps = Councilman Bonin stated that he has not had a big response about the speed bumps. Mayor Langlinais stated we have another week to wait for responses. Councilman Bonin stated some people didn't respond to the letter and he told them they need to respond to the letter. Mayor Langlinais stated the residents of Broussard Estates want it, but they didn't send back the letter, because there wasn't a self addressed stamped envelope.

Cypress Bayou = Councilman Bonin questioned if we are waiting on the Parish for our reply on the Intergovernmental Agreement for Cypress Bayou? Mayor Langlinais stated that it should be signed August 22, 2006. Tom Carroll told him bids could be put out this winter. Mayor Langlinais stated that he has pushed them to put the bids out within 60 days. They will have the final easement plats. The bids should be let out within 60 days. This will save our citizens a substantially amount of money on their flood insurance. Councilman Bonin stated that if we clean out Cypress Bayou, he feels we need to let the engineers go look at all of the laterals

to see what else needs to be done. Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't have a problem, but the engineering fees will cost quite a bit of money. Councilman Foco stated he would rather put another crew on to clean the coulees. Mayor Langlinais stated we have elevations on the crossings already. Councilman Bonin stated we need to have a plan of the laterals. We are not using our money till they use their 1.9 million. We will use our money for the laterals. Larry stated the only thing that will take time is to acquire the easements and the permits from the Core of Engineers. Councilman Bonin stated he wants a plan of what we will do after Cypress Bayou is cleaned. We have some grade shots done already. Al stated they might want to consider contacting the Core to see what they will require. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we will fund anything from to Blanchet's? Councilman Bonin stated it will be from Holiday Gardens behind the nursing home to Highway 92. Mark Ste. Marie questioned what part are we waiting for the Parish to clean? Councilman Foco stated for Highway 90 to Highway 92. Mayor Langlinais stated we have the plan; we are just waiting on them.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

La Neuville Refund from the Parish = Councilman Guilbeau questioned the Mayor or Tina if we received out money back from the Parish for La Neuville? Tina stated we have not received any money yet. Mark stated that it may be because the purchasing girl has been out for 6 weeks. Mayor Langlinais instructed Tina to contact the Parish and see what the hold up is.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Proposed Sales Tax by the Parish = Councilman Foco stated that the Parish is proposing to put a Sales tax on the ballot. They don't want to include the municipalities in the tax though, because they don't want us to give us the one cent. We need to be thinking about this. Mayor stated Joey did agree to put us on the agenda when Wilson addresses the council regarding this matter. Councilman Higginbotham stated we need to pass a resolution stating that we will not support it, if we don't get anything from it. Mayor Langlinais stated plan A is to get them to match it parish wide. Councilman Foco stated he feels we are capable of building our roads. Mayor Langlinais suggested we introduce a resolution asking the parish to pass a parish-wide sales tax for the ulterior so that we can get our equal share. He feels if they ignore us we will have to do something in some sort of referendum. Councilman Bonin stated at the last meeting they attended, Mr. Conque told him that we will have to pass a parish wide sales tax. He told him at that time that until we receive something for the taxes we are currently paying and the services we are getting any new taxes will not fly. Mayor Langlinais recommended the council think about adopting such a resolution. Councilman Foco stated the Mayor will go to the Parish Council along with the Mayor of Youngsville and address our concerns. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt a resolution wanting a parish wide sales tax as long as we can retain our portion for improvements for the City of Broussard. Roll call:

District I = Yea
 District II = Yea
 District III = Yea

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At Large = Yea

LA Neuville and Bonin Road = Mayor Langlinais stated that Dean Tekell looked at the situation on La Neuville and Bonin Road. We cannot put a roundabout, because we don't have enough room. And if we take the stop signs down on East and West too many people will be darting off into the road, which will be very hazardous. So he will be looking into installing a traffic signal.

Garbage Committee = Mayor Langlinais stated that he had put this item on the agenda to perhaps look into a 3rd party for taking care of the garbage, another garbage hauler because of the current problems. Only problem is there is only two haulers which are Allied Waste/BFI and Waste Management. Hopefully Waste Management will solve all of their problems.

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

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