

Minutes Of The

August 22, 2006

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: 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  
 Don Landry, Attorney At Law  
 Al Reaux, City Engineer  
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer  
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
 Mr. Dean Tekell, Consultant  
 Mr. Rob Guidry/Lafayette Chamber of Commerce  
 Adam Mouton, Member of Planning Commission

Absent: Mayor Charles Langlinais

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Adam Mouton lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our boys that are still overseas and for Ms. Marie Larrivierre who is very ill right now.

**Adopt minutes of the August 22, 2006 Regular Council Meeting and the August 10, 2006 Special Meeting** = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of the August 22, 2006 Regular Meeting and the August 10, 2006 Special 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. Dean Tekell re: Intersection of La Neuville and Bonin Road** = Mr. Tekell

stated that LPG will be applying for a grant for the local road safety program from the Federal Government. Roundabouts will be 100% funded for this. He met with Tony Trammel and Travis Smith and they did an assessment at the end of July. A couple of trees were removed from the right of way. They are worried about backing up traffic if we put it as a two way stop. E. P. Breaux met with them and they studied the site. A temporary traffic signal would do well for about \$25,500. The cost would be to install 8 each 3-sectional heads, new controller, 30' wood pole. The only potential problem is on La Neuville the left turn traffic would cause a problem. We might have to prohibit left turns onto Bonin Road from La Neuville. Councilman Foco questioned if he talked to any landowners about doing turn lanes at all? Tekell stated no they are still trying to do the roundabout and in the meantime put a signal light up. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels that a turn signal will only hold up the traffic there with people trying to turn left. Councilman Rousseau questioned about the cost we are looking at in a roundabout? Tekell stated the cost is in the right of way acquisition. Councilman Foco questioned how long before they hear about the grant? Tekell stated about 2 years. Councilman Bonin stated he had some people contact him and they would like it to stay the way it is. Councilman Rousseau stated that \$25,500 is only a bare bone fix. Attorney Landry questioned if there is a solution other than this? Councilman Foco stated that we don't have enough room for a turn lane. Tekell stated he recommends restricting the turn during peak hours. Councilman Rousseau stated he feels if we should leave it as is if the people are happy and maybe in the future people they will come around in acquiring the easements. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how big of roundabout do we need? Tekell stated he doesn't feel we need to do one as big as the on Ridge Road. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to table the signalization at intersection of Bonin Road and LaNeuville Road.

Roll call:

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

**Mr. Dean Tekell re: Intersection of Morgan Street and Main Street** = Dean stated that DOTD has issued the permit at Morgan and Main to put the left turn signal on August 4, 2006. The cost to the city will be \$15,500. The cost is to install 4 each 5-sectional heads to installing controller. Also at US 90 and Morgan to put the signalization for the turns is \$120,000 to the state and \$0 to the city. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Bonin to amend the budget to include the left turn signalization at Morgan and Main Street at a cost of \$15,500 to the city. Roll call:

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

**Mr. David Thibodeaux/School Board Rep.** = Mr. Thibodeaux did not show up.

**Mr. Rob Guidry w/Lafayette Chamber of Commerce** = Mr. Rob Guidry stated he is here as an employee of the Chamber along with Cherry Fisher May, Ham Novicakis and Flo

Meadows and Mike Olivier. The last time they were here the message was that they want to be the city's chamber. They represent the greater Lafayette area. Guidry showed their new parish map which also has Broussard in their own section. All municipalities will be on the maps. They will also publish a membership and buyers guide. There is general information about the parish. First time ever they will send a photographer and a writer to do a feature on the community of Broussard. They are delighted to join hands and work with the City of Broussard. The council thanked Mr. Guidry and all of the members from the Chamber of Commerce.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **Jerry's Report:**

Jerry stated that he had nothing to report.

### **Al's Report:**

**Wal-Mart Meeting** = Al stated that at the joint meeting for the St. Nazairre Road and the subdivision (Wal-Mart) they will go ahead and submit to the Planning Commission on Thursday the plans.

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Gene gave the council the report for the month of July 2006. We are already ahead on the Sales Tax revenue. Councilman Bonin questioned if we got a final tally on the budget? Gene stated the total for last year was done a couple of weeks ago.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Landry stated he had an ordinance to introduce in reference to some problems we are having with utility companies in our servitudes. Some utility companies are going in completed subdivision to run their utilities. The Mayor has been saying that we need some sort of ordinance to try and control this. Oscar Reed put this together at the Mayor's request. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if they don't come back and repair it then what do they do? Attorney Landry stated they should, but they don't. Larry stated that these people are not respecting our utility easements. Larry stated Tina sent them bills and they haven't paid them. Tina stated she hasn't anyone any bills. Larry stated it is Cindy who sent the bills. Councilman Foco stated he would like to be brought up to date on the bills that we sent and that they haven't paid. Attorney Landry stated if he could get hold of the bills we could send them a certified letter. Councilman Bonin stated he feels we should form an ordinance that we shouldn't accept a subdivision until all of the utilities are ran in that subdivision. Councilman Bonin stated if we have an ordinance on paper set in stone, we wouldn't have to worry about this anymore. Attorney Landry stated the problem came in today when they went thru another subdivision to get to their subdivision. This ordinance requires them to come to us first and he will tell Mr. Reed to put a penalty portion in there also. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels we should have them put a certified check down. The problem we are having problems with this company is that

they are a boring company that the work for the larger company. Jerry stated he feels the ordinance will do okay the way it is right now. The ordinance can always be amended before it is adopted. Councilman Bonin stated before we accept the subdivision we accept the roads and easements and everything all utilities should already be in, before it is accepted. Councilman Rousseau stated what about future technology that would come in, that would be depriving the people. Councilman Bonin stated he feels the builder should be doing that if they want to do that. Jerry stated some subdivisions don't put gas, until there is a demand for it. It might be more costly to the developers. Councilman Bonin stated that he sees what they are doing in the subdivisions in his district. Larry stated they fixed it, but they did a pretty decent job. We have already received a call from the attorney for the contractor doing the job. Larry stated what they are trying to point out is that first two utilities in the ground are water and sewer, then another utility is put in and another company comes in and puts more in. Larry stated he feels the penalty clause will catch there eye. Councilman Foco stated when you dig in their pocket book they will notice. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to introduce ordinance #06-300, which declares that all present and future public roads, highways, parks, streets, lanes, alleys and any other publicly owned areas of the City of Broussard, including all existing and future utility easements, be reserved for the construction, maintenance and operation of utility systems, to include but not limited to electricity, natural gas, water, sewer, fiber optics and telecommunication systems. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II= Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Yea

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one present.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Decou stated that he nothing to discuss.

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

##### **District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Highway 182 Improvements** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he is seeing a traffic pattern change on Highway 90 where the stop sign is going to be put. It is getting backed up there and the people are going around on St. Etienne. A turn lane will probably be beneficial for us. He sees the trend happening. On the 30<sup>th</sup> the stop signs will be installed. Chief Decou stated he feels the traffic will back up going onto St. Etienne. He has instructed his officers to be at that intersection when the stop sign is installed.

##### **District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

**Trash Pickup** = Councilman Rousseau questioned Don regarding any correspondence from the trash company regarding pickups. Have they changed the day of pickup, because they picked up recycles today and recycles were to be picked up on Wednesday? Don stated he is in the process of sending them a letter about all of the complaints we are having and to dispute the recent notification we received from them about raising the CPI cost. Councilman Rousseau stated a lot of people are complaining about recyclables not being picked up.

#### **District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Cypress Bayou and Arceneaux Park Lights** = Councilman Bonin stated that tonight the Intergovernmental Agreement for Cypress Bayou will be voted on and the approval for the lights for the park.

**Laterals for Cypress Bayou** = Councilman Bonin stated that we talked about engineering for the laterals for the Cypress Bayou Cleaning. But before we can dig we need a permit, and we also need to have plans on paper. They (the parish) will stop at the coulee that runs to Holiday Gardens. We still will need a permit. Al stated Bob Boese contacted him yesterday about the type of permits we will need. From the tie in it is 2700 feet to Morgan Street. Al stated he thinks that is the first step. After we find out from the CORE what permits we will need, then we know what we will know what needs to be done.

**Development Behind Ducote and Huval Drive** = Councilman Bonin stated since we have a member from the planning commission here he would like to inform him of what is going on. We went round and round with Mr. Manuel about the drainage issues in his subdivision. He took care of those issues. He sees there is site that was surveyed off of Main Street that leads to the back of Ducote and Huval. When that site is developed we need to look at the problems that the people on Ducote and Huval are having with that area draining on them. He wanted to bring this to their attention now before any construction starts there. Adam Mouton stated the engineers tell us if they comply with the drainage.

#### **At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Parish Meeting Tonight** = Councilman Foco stated that the Mayor is at the Lafayette Consolidated Meeting tonight. He is talking about getting a referendum for the sales tax for the city if it passes. Councilman Foco stated that he didn't appreciate Mr. Stevens' comment that he doesn't advise his citizens to vote for a parish tax because the money will also be used for outside the city. Councilman Foco stated consolidation means everyone. He feels they are jealous because we are successful. Councilman Higginbotham stated maybe we need to change our meetings to Wednesdays. If we can get the new council to come to our meetings, then we could do that. Councilman Rousseau stated that perhaps after the new consolidated council is in place we can do that. We have never had the decision makers come here. The council agreed that they will be looking into this further.

**Election** = Councilman Foco stated that he feels they sent the citizens of Broussard a positive note. There are 7 councilmen sitting up here and one is retiring and one is with

opposition and the other 5 without opposition. Councilman Guilbeau stated the citizens see the progress we have done and they are happy with us. Councilman Foco stated he is not embarrassed to talk to anyone about their tax money and where it has been spent. We have new equipment, new streets. We collect more and we do more. We spent more money than the parish on overlaying the streets in the city. Councilman Foco stated he has had a good time sitting on the council.

**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

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

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**S/Tina G. Denais, CITY CLERK**