

Minutes Of The

February 14, 2007

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
Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, 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
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Mel Bertrand, City Foremen
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Gene Chiarulli, Accountant
Mr. Roy Brown, Citizen

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Chad Comeaux lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our boys that are still overseas and for those who are getting ready to be deployed!

Adopt minutes of the January 24, 2007 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt the minutes of the January 24, 2007 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. Roy Brown re: History and Growth Recommendations for the City of Broussard = Mr. Brown addressed the council. Mr. Brown thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to address the council. Mr. Brown gave a brief history of Broussard such as going from dirt to gravel roads to paved streets; from a village to town to a community; to growth of businesses; twice a week garbage pickup; he has witnessed leadership of all of the Mayors. The people of Broussard are proud of the growth changes. There were struggles along the way; however. There have been changes and

growth, along with the coming of Walmart, Home Depot and the Ida Park. Mr. Brown asked this governing body to keep moving forward with an open mind. The Mayor and Council have answered to the growth of the city. Councilman Brown commended the council and suggested naming a street in the city after Dr. Martin Luther King. This government is not a follower, but a leader. He asked the council to continue to lead and he requested that a prominent street within the city be named after Dr. Martin Luther King, one of the most important men in American History. Mr. Brown introduced Mr. Dan Foster who would also like a street named after the prominent Dr. Martin Luther King. Councilman Foco questioned if they had any street in mind? Mr. Brown requested that Eola Road, be renamed that because the street is near the Post Office and it used by everyone; it is a diversity. Mayor Langlinais stated he would have to check with the 911 Commission to see if it would be okay. Mayor Langlinais requested that Tina have Sarah contact 911 tomorrow to see if they would approve it. Mayor Langlinais stated the issue is they may consider it to be a duplicated street within the Parish. Mayor Langlinais stated he thinks we can, but we have to make sure it would be allowed for the safety issue. Councilman Higginbotham stated he and the former Councilman Johnson had also mentioned this. Perhaps if this name is not allowed, perhaps an alternate name can be used. Mr. Brown stated he took a poll and 90% of the people he surveyed wanted this name. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if there would be expenses? Mayor Langlinais stated just the publication. The council thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation.

Mr. Todd Landry re: BYYA March 31st Park Clean-Up Day = Mr. Landry addressed the council. He is on the board for BYYA. He would come back for the long term agenda, but tonight is the short term agenda. About 7 months they came up for a day for our parks. This is to help us beautify the park. A lot of things have been neglected. It is making the park a nice place where a family can go. He showed the council a demonstration of the lay out of the park. They are requesting to possibility get asphalt for the 550 linear feet that is in the park that has gravel on it now. The citizens are stepping up to do the painting and pressure washing of the buildings and the clean up of the pavilions and the grounds. They are doing their part. He would like consideration. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if we donated the \$15,000 for the lights? Mayor Langlinais stated the check was written and given to the parish. Landry stated yes he knows that was done. He would like it to be done before baseball season. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels the council would want to do this, but he would have to check into the budget. Mr. Landry thanked the council for considering this. He asked the council to spread the word about this to the citizens and to the businesses also. There are a lot of businesses that are behind them on this project.

Mr. Brian Guilbeau re: July 4, 2007 Firework Display = Mr. Guilbeau addressed the council. Due to the development of the property where they used to shoot the display from, the scale of the show would have to be diminished because of where it would have to be located. Therefore they are considering moving the display to Arceneaux Park. They have measured the closeness of the business' and residents. The location for this makes a difference. Councilman Foco questioned how much property do you need? Councilman Foco stated he has 30 acres on Moulin Road, but it is near the

Railroad. Guilbeau stated he would have to see it. He has preliminary looked at Arceneaux Park. Mayor Langlinais requested perhaps we can submit a letter to BYYA and the Parish to reserve the Park; if not we can look at Councilman Foco's property. Mayor Langlinais stated he also talked to council members about doing a night time Christmas Parade and doing a show after the parade.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #07-313/Abandoning 50 Foot Unnamed Street off of Morgan Avenue = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt Ordinance #07-313, which abandons the 50 foot unnamed street (extension of Third Street) on the northwest side of North Morgan Avenue effective immediately. Roll call:

District I = Yea
District II = Yea
District III = Yea
At Large = Yea

District IV = Yea
District V = Yea
District VI = Yea

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

AI's Report:

AI stated he has had many questions about the 45 cut off date for the bids that were opened for the St. Nazairre Project. The cut off date is March 8, 2007. They have secured the permits from the Highway Department.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated that he had nothing to report on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

2006 Report = Chief Decou stated he has the 2006 stats and he will be getting it to the council.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Ida Crochet Park = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he feels we need to finish our business in our own park. We need to move forward with our own park. We got one quote for the restrooms and he understands it was quite expensive. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels we need to make improvements to the park we own. We have added some land to it and some walking trails. The quote for the restrooms was right around \$225,000. We will also have to get some help with the maintenance after they are built. Councilman Rousseau questioned how much cost are we are looking at? Larry stated about \$16,000 for extending the sewer lines. Mayor Langlinais stated he will get with Mr. David Bernard to get a cost estimate on building restrooms in the park.

District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

No Name Road = Councilwoman Batiste stated she is working with the Mayor and other city personnel about issues on the no name road.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Thanks = Councilman thanked Larry and Mel for their help in cleaning one of the ditches on Eola Road.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Thanks = Councilman Foco thanked our crews for coming out on the weekends and cleaning the ditches.

Adam Mouton:

Cypress Bayou Project = Mr. Mouton questioned what is the status on the Cypress Bayou Project? Mayor Langlinais stated everyone has been contacted and he should be receiving some information he received from Tom Carroll's people.

Mayor Langlinais:

Cox Communications = Mayor Langlinais stated that he and Don had a meeting with a Cox Communications representative. One of things we have been able to get is they will provide wireless internet communication for administration and public service/fire and police. The 5% franchise fee is set by statute so that was non-negotiable. We have negotiated an internet service cost. The cost is \$600 estimate for connection for the council members. Mayor Langlinais stated the will not be able to use this for personnel use. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to approve the \$600 connection charges for the council member's internet service. Roll call:

District I = Yea
District II = Yea

District IV = Yea
District V = Yea

District III= Yea
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Rousseau 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. Langlais, MAYOR
CLERK**

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY