

Minutes Of The

February 28, 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
Bryan Champagne, Interim Fire Chief
Don Landry, Attorney At Law
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
Walter Comeaux, III, City Engineer
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Mel Bertrand, City Foremen
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Gene Chiarulli, Accountant

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

Adopt minutes of the February 14, 2007 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the February 14, 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:

St. Nazairre Road Contract/15 Day Extension = Al explained they would like an extension till March 23rd for the proposed bid. The pipeline should be finished next week. Tex stated Home Depot should be closing next week. On Friday Walmart will have a dry closing. Then the audit closing group reviews the documents and then the closing can be done. Attorney Landry explained about the resolution that was adopted

and they want a written resolution about the roads being abandoned that were stubbed out on the map. They are pretty strict about everything. Al stated they were even uncomfortable with some wording that went with the right of way on Albertson. Attorney Landry stated he feels this deal will definitely happen. Tex thanked the council for their support. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to agree to the 15 Day Contract Extension for H & S Construction for the St. Nazaire Project. 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:

Jerry's Report:

Jerry stated that he had nothing to report on.

Al's Report:

Ambassador Caffery Relocation = Al stated once the contract is awarded they will be ready for the relocation of Ambassador Caffery. Al stated there is a fence on Morgan Street that needs to be re-located at a cost of roughly \$5,500. The city's portion would be about \$275.

Councilman Foco questioned about the right of way the State bought and the cane was never harvested and that has been two years; what do we need to do? Al stated we should contact the real estate agent, Robert Richard in Lafayette about this.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene gave the council their report for the month. There is a new item on the report under Ambassador Caffery relocation what was spent, but we will be reimbursed for that. We already spent \$177,000. Al stated we should be reimbursed something to the tune of \$700,000. This project is still on going. We are spending it, but we will be receiving the vast majority back. We are doing fine. The council questioned the \$5,000 over in capital outlay. Tina stated the vehicle that we purchased under state contract with over the budget price of about \$2,500 per vehicle.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated he had nothing to report on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

PIAL Rating = Asst. Chief Champagne addressed the council. He gave the council a list of the things the consultant addressed when he came in last month. These

are the findings he found. Some of the items have been worked on and some is the paperwork. Champagne stated if anyone has any questions, to please call me. Councilman Bonin questioned if this is all suggestions? Champagne stated that yes this is all suggestions. Champagne stated one thing that is not in there is the request for waterlines on Lafferty Drive. Councilman Bonin stated 176 suggestions, is very thorough. Councilman Guilbeau stated we need to get on top of this after this and stay on top of it. Councilman Foco questioned if he feels comfortable we can do it? Champagne stated he feels we can do some of them. Champagne reviewed some of the report. Champagne stated there is some things can be done. Champagne stated they are 90% finished with the packet and getting ready to mail it off. Mayor Langlinais questioned if he got the extension? Champagne stated yes they are in line and there is nothing to worry about. Mayor Langlinais stated only thing he sees is we need to do is put a waterline on Lafferty Drive. Councilman Rousseau questioned if he reviewed the report? Bryan stated yes and he made some notes on what he needs to do. Councilman Rousseau stated he feels we need to maintain the rating that we have. Champagne stated he has already started working on some things, prior to the report coming in. He is working towards getting extra points to cover the areas that we will fall short in. Councilman Rousseau questioned about hydrant flows, he feels we need to be aware if there are some areas that are slipping. We need to maintain what we have. We definitely need to keep communicating.

Grants = Champagne stated they also applied for a grant for a thermal enger and it sees light behind appliances. It is quite an expensive piece of equipment. He and Chief Decou will also be attending the grant meeting in Baton Rouge tomorrow night for the Fire Act Grant.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

2006 Report = Chief Decou gave the 2006 statistics report to the council. Chief Decou stated he is here to answer their questions. The traffic side of the report has increased and the total calls have increased by approximate 1,000. Traffic crashes went up also. Mayor Langlinais questioned what is the data produced for? Chief Decou stated that this data was produced for the Mayor and Council. It also helps for grant funding.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Lafferty Waterline Project = Councilman Higginbotham handed out the Lafferty Waterline Project information. This is for approximate 25 businesses. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if they are willing to connect to the city? Larry stated right now it is for the fire protection. It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to approve the Lafferty Drive Waterline Project at an approximate cost of \$39,800. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District II= Yea

District IV = Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Yea
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

Councilman Bonin/District II:

Trees on North Morgan = Councilman Bonin gave the council pictures of trees on South Morgan that he feels we need to cut down in our right of way and the other tree that is in the power-lines. The trees are really rotten. Mayor Langlinais stated Entergy agreed to cut them, but not all at one time, to be done in the next couple of years. Mayor Langlinais recommended Councilman Bonin go see him tomorrow and they will call Entergy about the trees.

Cypress Bayou Problems = Councilman Bonin stated he heard they (the Parish Gov't) had problem with getting right of ways. Mayor Langlinais stated he did receive some info from them on right of ways in some areas. Walter stated they did some preliminary work on Cypress Bayou which would reduce the base flood elevation. Mayor Langlinais stated he will check into this.

Codes and Permit = Mayor Langlinais stated he hasn't heard from Youngsville. David Bernard sent the council a letter stating that he would review the plans. We are currently using the Fire Marshall office, but we can use Ted Martin and another individual that inquired about being an inspector. Mayor Langlinais stated he would like to keep the local inspectors which are in the process of getting their certifications.

Storm Water Plan = Councilman Bonin questioned about the inspectors for the storm water plan that was previously discussed? Walter stated all you have to do is file a notice of intent and you have to have a storm water management plan which has to address certain things. The stuff about the city having to have an inspector and keep records on file in reference to the silt fencing is not true. Councilman Rousseau stated that was his question, how will it be managed? Al stated what is in place like St. Nazairre they have these guidelines in the specs. Al stated like on ya'll end you just have to follow the same process and you put the guidelines on the contractor. This is not the engineers' responsibility. It is the contractors. Attorney Landry stated we are required to have a storm water ordinance; that is what Bob Boese says. And if we don't adopt the ordinance we are subject to big fines, per Bob. Attorney Landry stated he feels there are some state requirements that we have to adopt. Attorney Landry stated he just doesn't want us to fine a big fine. Mayor Langlinais stated his biggest concern is they will use this over our new discharge for our sewer pond. He draws the line on having an inspector to do it. Mel stated the seminar he attended Shreveport, they are moving towards this. Mayor Langlinais stated perhaps we need to have a special meeting to discuss this, with all engineers and everyone concerned. Councilman Rousseau questioned what is the city's manageability with this? Attorney Landry stated he will be very comfortable if Bob Boese comes to the council and express his concerns. Councilman Higginbotham stated he doesn't see having to spend money on something that is not being implemented now. Attorney Landry stated it is the same thing with the new construction codes that we had to adopt, and we did.

Naming of Street Martin Luther King Drive = Mayor Langlinais explained about the request to rename Eola Road to Martin Luther King Drive. 911 will not accept anything close to it, because of the safety issue. He is inquiring perhaps doing a memorial parkway. Councilman Foco questioned what about another street like St. Des Porres? Roy stated they didn't want to do a pre-dominant white street. Councilman Foco stated St. Des Porres meets Main and Albertson and perhaps down to Moulin Road. It would probably have to be done in the same manner Lafayette Parish Gov't did it. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if he talked to the people on Eola Road? Mr. Brown stated he didn't talk to the people on Eola he spoke to people at Church. Mayor Langlinais stated the only thing is that addresses wouldn't change with the Memorial Parkway. Mr. Brown thanked the Mayor and Council for their help with this. He feels the consolidated government rules hinder the other towns' actions.

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. Langlinais, MAYOR
CLERK**

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY