

Minutes Of The

April 11, 2007

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles Langlinais
Tina G. Denais, City Clerk
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
Mark Savoie, City Engineer
Al Reaux, City Engineer
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Mel Bertrand, City Foremen
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Gene Chiarulli, Accountant
Mr. Charlie Buckles, Red Flex Cameras
Mr. Mike Skinner, Attorney for Cox Communications
Mark Cochrane, School Board Representative
Rae Ann Trahan, School Board Representative
Mr. Adam Mouton, Representative

Absent: Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I

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.

Adopt minutes of the March 27, 2007 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the March 27, 2007 City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

School Board Representative = Councilman Foco introduced Mr. Mark Cochrame who is currently serving in Dr. David Thibodeaux' s seat on the Lafayette Parish School Board. Mr. Cochrame stated he is from this area and he went to Comeaux High School. Mr. Cochrame also gave the council a brief background about himself. Mayor Langlinais informed Mr. Cochrame that we have pre-cleared with the 911 Commission for a David Thibodeaux Drive in South Broussard. The developer has agreed to change one of the name of the streets' to that. Mr. Cochrame stated he will pass this on to his wife. Mr. Cochrame stated he also spoke to Dr. Thibodeaux's wife and they also talked about considering a school in his name. Councilman Foco stated he respected Dr. Thibodeaux a lot and he informed Mr. Cochrame that he has big shoes to fill. Ms. Trahan recommended that if the council needs anything to please contact Mr. Cochrame. Ms. Trahan recommended that the council watch the school board meetings, because they are changing things. Mr. Cochrame thanked the council for their time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopt Resolution #202-07/Request for Naming of Proposed High School for Lafayette Parish = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Resolution #202-07, which recommends to the Lafayette Parish School Board that in recognition of such a formidable educator, that the proposed new High School for Southeastern area of Lafayette Parish be named in honor Frank Charles Delana. Roll call:

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Cox Communication Franchise Agreement = Councilman Higginbotham questioned the language regarding the connection of homes? Mr. Skinner stated the new agreement requires Cox to hook them up if there is 30 residents within 1 mile. Councilman Higginbotham requested that he get someone with Cox Communications to contact him tomorrow about this, because prior to this revision in the language of the agreement it wasn't able to be done in an area of his district. Mayor Langlinais questioned how would the mile be calculated? Mr. Skinner stated the way the agreement is written the mile can be measured in any direction. Mr. Mouton questioned what happens if the contract is not adopted and tomorrow is the due date? Is cable cut-off? Mayor Langlinais stated no, we just loose out on the Franchise Fees. Attorney Landry stated the last negotiating point was that Broussard was getting the best agreement possible, which he feels they are. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels the service clause is the biggest thing in the contract. Councilman Higginbotham stated his neighbors in Magnolia Ridge were told it would cost them \$30,000 for cable with the way the contract was previously written. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Ordinance #07-314, which grants a franchise to Cox Communications Louisiana, L.L.C. for an initial term of ten (10) years commencing on

the effective date of the Franchise as set forth in the agreement which is April 12, 2007.
Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

New Pond = Mark stated a presentation at the new pond yesterday with DEQ and they were very impressed. Mark explained to them how we did the project so efficiently. He feels this presentation went very well. The permit did get challenged by the Tulane High School, because of the limits; but we will definitely be running under limits. We should be getting the permit any day now. The size of our final discharge is a million and a half a day. Mark complimented the staff on the way they addressed the DEQ representatives yesterday.

South Eola Road Pump Station = Mark stated this project was re-bid and the bids came out higher than the original bid in December 2006. The low bidder was \$237,154.25 for Stelly Construction for the above ground pumps. Mark stated he doesn't feel the bids would come in lower if re-bid again. Elmer stated they can do the maintenance on this pump station if the above ground pumps are used. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Bonin to accept the low bidder for \$237,154.25 for Stelly Construction for the above ground pumps for the South Eola Road Pump Station. Roll call:

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

Al's Report:

St. Nazairre Road = Al stated the ground breaking for St. Nazairre took place before the meeting.

Ambassador Caffery = Al stated that there is minor work left for the Ambassador Caffery utility relocation. He doesn't know exactly when construction will start.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Mr. Chiarulli was not present.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry introduced Mr. Buckles who will do a presentation on the Reflex Cameras.

Reflex Cameras = Mr. Buckles started the presentation on this. Mr. Buckles stated photo enforcement is a long term solution. It has effectively done in Marysville, CA. Majority of all of the cities have at least a 95% reduction rate. Reflex Traffic Systems main office is in Scottsdale, Arizona with over 200 employees. They have been in operation since 1986. Mr. Buckles stated that if these cameras are put in place then a new ordinance will have to be adopted which is a Civil Penalty Ordinance. There is no violation if the light is yellow, only when it is red. When the violation occurs it goes in the program process flow. It is then sent to the police department for approval and it is sent to Red-Flex and they send out the ticket. If it is done here it is recommended that it is done with a lot of public outreach. It will also detect the speed. The reports can tell how many vehicles are going thru the intersection, how many violators and the size of the vehicles. This is 100% violator funded. After the contract is signed it can be set-up within 60 days. Red-flex is paid on per citation violation. Councilman Foco questioned if it reduces the auto insurance? Mr. Buckles stated it should reduce your insurance for this area. Councilman Bonin questioned about mobile units? Mr. Buckles stated they have mobile red lights and they have a van they can set-up with a mobile unit. A tripod system also can be set-up. Councilman Rousseau stated he spoke with the Chief what about the people who contest the fines, the enforcement part. Mr. Buckles stated they run in 130 cities and 85% pay the ticket. Buckles stated it can be put on the credit report or you can boot cars. There would also have to be an administration hearing officer if they would contest the violation. He feels that would be less than 5% of violators. They do get in the collection part of this. There will always a few that will fall thru the cracks. Their will be 50% reduction in red light running. Mayor Langlinais stated he is not a fan of legislating peoples stupidity, but if it saves lives. It will also help reduction of trucks on roads like Albertson Parkway. Buckles stated after contract is signed they will come in and video intersections, because the cameras can be put anywhere, but they will show them where the greatest need is. A citizen questioned why not put the cameras at every light? Mr. Buckles stated the object is to change the driving behavior. Are signs put in advance? Mr. Buckles stated signs are put in advance and a press conference is done prior to the system being started. Mayor Langlinais recommended that Mr. Buckles prepare a contract and get it to Don for review. Attorney Landry will double check the bid law, but there is no out of pocket cost. The council thanked Mr. Buckles for the presentation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Champagne has already left the meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Red-Flex Cameras = Chief Decou stated at first he was a little resist to the Red-Flex Cameras, but he feels after the ordinance is in place, we will be able to curb some driving behavior. He feels as long as the contract is fine tooth and we can tailor it as we

see fit without pressure then it should be okay. The sample contract is an exclusive contract. Mr. Buckles stated they usually ask for a 5 year contract. Attorney Landry stated it is not about the money, it is about the safety issue. We need to change that behavior. In the ordinance that is approved the violation amount will be specified. Attorney Landry stated we will have to have public meetings about this also.

Police Car = Tina e-mailed him some information about the City of Port Barre selling a 2004 Police Car for \$12,800 with 55,000. Right now he has 4 crown vic's that have over 100,000 miles on it. The council recommended he wait till the budget year and get new vehicles instead.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District V/Councilwoman Batiste:

No Name Road = Councilwoman Batiste stated that the project for the no name road has some other objects that she has to look at, so maybe at the next meeting she could present something on this.

District IV/Councilman Higginbotham:

Public Safety Meeting = Councilman Higginbotham stated that they (himself and Councilman Rousseau) went to the Public Safety Meeting and they learned that the City can apply for state funds (which is grant money) for rural roads. The funds are for anything that can improve public safety. Mel questioned what about bridge repairs? Councilman Higginbotham stated that if is for public safety. Mayor Langlinais stated he will look into this.

Mayor Langlinais:

Agreement for State Project #828-39-0022/Ambassador Caffery Road (Verot School Road to LA 89) = Mayor Langlinais gave the council a copy of the agreement. He stated he is okay with everything except item 3 on page 3. He did change the language and he is pretty sure they will accept it. He has sent it back to them for approval. Councilman Higginbotham questioned the amount? It is their 5 million and our five million. Reaux stated that it is our ten million and their ten million. The construction will be let out for bid June 22, 2007.

Bond Issue = Mayor Langlinais gave the council a time line for new bond issue. The timeline is as follows:

Dec. 2006 = Bond Commission Approval

April 17, 2007 = Circulation to working groups of Supplemental Ordinance and Resolutions

April 18, 2007 = Submission of Supplemental Ordinance and Resolutions to the City of Broussard and request to on the April 25th City Council Agenda

April 25, 2007 = Adopt resolutions and introduce the supplemental ordinance supplementing the August 9, 2005 Ordinance
April 25, 2007 = Meeting of the Broussard Ambassador Caffery Extension District
May 8, 2007 = AMBAC meeting
May 15, 2007 = Ratings and Insurance Commitments received
May 23, 2007 = Final adoption of Ordinance at City Council Meeting
May 24, 2007 = Final Approval of POS
May 29 and 30, 2007 = Pricing
May 30, 2007 = Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen – Final adoption of Supplemental Ordinance; signing of Bond Purchase Agreement – BC, FA, U
June 12, 2007 = Pre-close at offices of Crawford Lewis
June 13, 2007 = Closing at offices at Crawford Leis

Storm Water and Flooding = Mayor Langlinais asked Councilman Bonin to attend the meeting on Friday with the Parish Government. Councilman Bonin stated that he would.

Nellie's Lane = Mayor Langlinais stated the road is currently a private road. The homeowners are requesting it be dedicated as a public road. They did provide the core analysis of when the road was overlaid. He would like the council to review it for approval at the next meeting.

Grant from State Building Code Council = Mayor Langlinais received an \$8,500 grant from the State Building Code Council. Our guys are currently getting certified.

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Bonin 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
CLERK

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY