

Minutes Of The

April 25, 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
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foremen
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Gene Chiarulli, Accountant
 Mr. Rob Guidry, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
 Mr. Robbie Bush, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
 Donnie Cunningham, Bond Counsel
 Members of the Broussard Fire Department
 Sally Walker, Resident of Broussard

Absent: Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III

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 Ms. Attie Girouard who recently passed away.

Adopt minutes of the April 11, 2007 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the April 11, 2007 City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Rob Guidry and Mr. Robbie Bush w/Lafayette Chamber of Commerce = Mr. Guidry and Mr. Bush addressed the council. Mr. Guidry stated the Lafayette Chamber has pulled together to go to Baton Rouge and lobby the legislature for using user fees for roads. They will go and tell the legislature what the proposed user fees for the roads, needs to used for. Mr. Guidry stated he is here to offer a hand. Mr. Bush addressed the council. He gave the council copies of the membership directory. Mayor Langlinois informed Mr. Guidry and Mr. Bush that the council will be adopting several resolutions and ordinances in reference to the TIF District later on in the meeting. Councilman Foco stated the Mayor and himself took offense to an article that was in the newspaper from a member of the planning commission on how some fees should collected and where they need to be used. He stated that we need to work together. It started out about the beautification of Johnston Street. Mayor Langlinois stated it was one of the planners who started it. Before you start the beautification of Johnston Street, you need to see where the receipts are coming from. Guidry stated he also feels we need to talk and work together. Bush stated the bold of this is to fight that exact idea. We need to fill all of the needs of the parish. Mr. Bush and Mr. Guidry thanked the council for letting them address them in reference to this matter.

Dedication of Nellie's Lane as a public road = Mayor Langlinois stated he put this item back on the agenda, cause he had no response from anyone. The council requested this item be tabled till the next meeting and notify the residents to attend the meeting to voice their opinion on this matter.

Adopt Resolution #203-07/Ratify the issuance of the first series bonds and give authority to call professionals to move forward = Mr. Cunningham addressed the council. Mr. Cunningham stated they are putting this together to put the money for the city's match for Ambassador Caffery Extension. Fortunately our money will be used only for the TIF. They have had several meetings with LADOTD. The Mayor was concerned if we give the DOTD the \$10,000,000 and something catastrophic happens, then we should get out money back per the request of the Mayor. We will also adopt a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in reference to this matter. Mayor Langlinois stated the extra one cent was passed just in case if the council wants to do it in the future. \$5,000,000 will be paid from our revenues and the other \$5,000,000 will be paid from the State's share. Cunningham stated they asked the State Bond Commission for \$15,000,000 but they only approved \$10,000,000. Cunningham stated we are definitely off to a good start. It was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Resolution #203-07, ratifying the issuance of the not to exceed \$10,000,000 Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana; authorizing the selection of the financial advisor and underwriter in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of the bond purchase agreement, and any and all other documents required in connection with the issuance of said bonds; authorizing the preparation and distribution of the official statement relating to the bonds; and providing for other matters related thereto. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II = Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Absent
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

Adopt Resolution #204-07/Authorizing the execution of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Resolution #204-07, which authorizes the execution and delivery of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, and the Broussard Ambassador Caffery Extension District; and providing for other matters related thereto. Roll call:

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

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

Introduce Ordinance #07-315/Amending and Supplementing Ordinance No. 05-288 = Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Bonin to introduce Ordinance #07-315, which is a supplemental ordinance amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 05-288, providing for the sale of the Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, pursuant to the Bond Ordinance; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on such Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Roll call:

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

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

COUNCIL RECESS:

Recess = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to go into recess and go into the Broussard Ambassador Caffery Extension District Meeting. Roll call:

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

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

BROUSSARD AMBASSADOR CAFFREY DISTRICT MEETING

Comments were requested from the audience regarding the adoption of the proposed resolution. No one had any comments. Councilman Foco stated that this is a big step for Broussard.

Adopt Resolution #205-07/Authorizing the execution and delivery of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #205-07, which authorizes the execution and delivery of the Cooperative

Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, and the Broussard Ambassador Caffery Extension District; and providing for other matters related thereto. Roll call:

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

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Bonin to adjourn the Broussard Ambassador Caffery Extension District meeting. Roll call:

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

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Back into session:

City Council Meeting Re-Convened = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to re-open the Broussard City Council Meeting. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Jerry’s Report:

Jerry stated he had nothing to report on.

Al’s Report:

Ambassador Caffery Utility Relocation = Al stated the Ambassador Caffery utility adjustments are complete. They are getting the numbers together to apply to the State for reimbursement. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if the relocation of the utilities is done? Al stated yes, but the final numbers are not in for the cost.

St. Nazairre Road = Al stated there was a meeting this morning in reference to this project. Normally all utilities are relocated prior to the road. They are still working with the utility people and the roadway contractor. Oscar Reed stated that Bell South is within their contract.

Walter’s Report:

Cypress Crossing Subdivision = Walter stated that his survey crew will be painting the roundabout next week and he asked the council to go look at it and comment back to him. It is at the end of Morgan and Fairfield. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if the roundabout will be big enough for a bus? Walter stated yes. Walter stated in the middle section that here will be a roll over curve, which is something that looks like a sidewalk. Mayor Langlinais stated that he met with Walter and they did agree to move the roundabout about 10 feet. The Billeaud Companies have agreed to pay for the roundabout except for the \$30,000 that the city agreed to pay that part of it. Councilman Guilbeau requested Walter thank the Billeaud Companies for their contribution to the project.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene stated the Sales Tax went down in March, but it is back up again. We are digging into reserves for the St. Nazairre project. It was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Romero to accept the monthly report submitted by Gene. Roll call:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Attorney Landry stated that he has spent a lot time working with Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Reed regarding the TIF District Bonds. They are certainly satisfied with the results.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Appointment of Fire Chief for 2007/2008= Councilman Foco questioned what decision the Fire Department Committee come up with. Councilman Bonin stated they interviewed all three candidates: Blair Rivette, Jason Menard and Bryan Champagne. Right now their opinion is that the best thing for the city would be to recommend that Blair Rivette be appointed the new Fire Chief of the Broussard Fire Department. Mayor Langlinais stated that they interviewed all 3 candidates. Mayor Langlinais questioned if the council had any comments? Councilman Higginbotham stated that the he would have to go with the committee's recommendation. Councilman Foco stated it is not an easy decision to make; but the committee did spend a lot of time on this matter and he would have to go with the committee's recommendation. Therefore it was moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Guilbeau to appoint

Blair Rivette as the Fire Chief. Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
District II= Yea	District V = Yea

District III= Absent
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

Question was asked when the appointment takes affect. Attorney Landry stated it could be done anytime, because we don't have a Chief now. The council agreed that it will take effect on Tuesday, May 1, 2007. Mayor Langlinais stated that his appointment will be monitored. Councilman Bonin questioned about the funding? Councilman Bonin stated that during the interview process Mr. Rivette did state that he would take the appointment without being paid. The chief's salary is already allocated in the budget, therefore the council agreed to continue paying him the salary. Councilman Bonin stated he was just wondering if we should pay the Chief and the Assistant Chief. The council agrees to continue paying only the Chief till budget time.

Firefighter Chad Comeaux stated that he wanted to make a comment. Councilman Foco allowed him to speak. Mr. Commeaux stated he has been with the Fire Department for 11 years and effective immediately he is turning in his resignation. Attorney Landry informed Mr. Comeaux that he is not on the agenda and he should turn his resignation into the Fire Chief.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Four Wheelers etc. = Chief Decou stated right now they are doing a lot of research to get all landowners to get an enforcement effort to get all of those that are riding four wheelers and dirt bikes on private property that they don't have permission. Summer is coming and there will be more problems. Mayor Langlinais stated he will forward the Chief a complaint from someone in Broussard Village. Al recommended that the Red-Flex cameras would be good for this.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

North Eola Road Street Lights = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he met with Ken Bordelon and we are having a problem on North Eola with the lighting situation. SLEMCO will be putting lights down there for the cost of \$835. The children stand along the road waiting for buses and they are not visible. It is definitely a safety hazard.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Railroad Tracks = Councilman Bonin questioned Attorney Landry about the railroad tracks situation? Attorney Landry stated he has not heard from them. Councilman Bonin requested that he send them a letter again.

Sidewalks = Councilman Bonin stated that there are sidewalks in the old part of town in desperate need of repair and he was told that they are not in our easement. Attorney Landry stated in some of the old part of town we have right of ways. They might not be on the original dedicated map. Attorney Landry stated he can just bring in to the Mayor for further review and advisement.

Sidewalk to Arceneaux Park = Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the sidewalk along Highway 182 to Arceneaux Park that was budgeted? Mayor Langlinais stated we can't get the property owner that owns the old Y Café property to sign the easement. Councilman Guilbeau stated that this is necessity, because of the danger of the kids walking along Highway 182. Councilman Higginbotham stated he spoke to a business owner there and at first he said no, then he had a change of heart. Councilman Higginbotham stated he would like to make the sidewalks at least 4 feet. Attorney Landry requested that Tina send him and Oscar a list of the property owners along Highway 182 to see if we can get this matter resolved.

District V/Councilwoman Batiste:

Drainage Improvements on No Name Road = She would like the council to approve \$25,000 for drainage improvements on the no name road. Councilman Foco stated he told her we could approve that for drainage only, contingent with all of the landowners participating. Gene stated if it just a maintenance issue, we are not improving anything. Gene stated it might be a capital issue. Councilwoman Batiste stated she has most of the signatures for the right of ways.

Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to take \$25,000 from repairs and maintenance and reallocate it in capital improvements to the drainage work contingent with all of the landowners participating. Roll call:

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

Councilwoman Batiste stated that she only has left two families left to talk to.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Compliments = Councilman Foco complimented the council on the TIF District. This area keeps getting better and better.

Audience:

Sally Walker re: Water Services = Ms. Walker addressed the council in reference to her water service. She was recently informed by two city individuals that she needs to dig herself a well, because her service will be disconnected, because she is not in the city limits. She is requesting to be grandfathered her in. She has a meter and she is paying her bill. Mayor Langlinais questioned Elmer if he knows of there was any agreement for the service at her home. Elmer stated no. Mayor Langlinais stated that area is being serviced by Lafayette and we bill her; but according to the contract with LUS we shouldn't be giving her service. Walker stated she spoke to someone at LUS and they said they would never recommend that the service be discontinued. Councilman Foco stated all she has to do is sign an application for annexation. Ms. Walker stated she was never given opportunity to do that. She was only given notification that she would be disconnected within 3 months. Mayor Langlinais stated 4 years ago she

received a letter about her garbage service be discontinued, because she is not in the city limits. Mayor Langlinais stated she is circumventing the council's intention for storm water retention, by selling 2 acres of tract of land near her property that is not in the city limits. Mayor Langlinais stated she can incorporate or pay a commercial rate. Councilman Guilbeau stated if that property is going to be developed, then we are only putting more water on Eola Road. Ms. Walker stated that property is not going to be developed. The fact is the acres were put up for sale, is because of the accident she was in and she has no insurance, so she needs the money. Mayor Langlinais stated she has sub-divided a part of her property. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if she would be interested in being annexed? Ms. Walker stated she doesn't know. Councilman Foco stated that if her house burns the fire department will be there and if she needs the police department they also will be there. If she would be in the city limits she would have a class 4 instead of a class 5 rating for her homeowner's insurance. Councilman Foco stated it is not fair for the citizens of Broussard to fund her water. Ms. Walker stated she is under medication and she shouldn't be making legal decisions right now. Mayor Langlinais questioned how long does she have? Larry stated till the end of May. Mayor Langlinais stated she can pay a commercial rate or incorporate into the city limits of Broussard. Ms. Walker stated that she feels that her situation falls under the grandfather law. She will consult her lawyer about this and then get back with the city.

MAYOR LANGLINAIIS:

Compliments = Mayor Langlinais thanked the council for both St. Nazairre and the improvements. The TIF will be great. Mayor Langlinais stated that the council has made a very big statement.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Romero 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= Absent	District VI = Yea
At Large = Yea	

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY CLERK