

Minutes Of The

June 13, 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
Chief Blair Rivette, Fire Chief
Don Landry, Attorney At Law
Gene Chiarulli, City Accountant
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
Al Reaux, City Engineer
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Mr. Tony Trammel, Lafayette Consolidated Gov't
Mr. Huey Romero, Candidate for Parish Councilman District 9
Sam Fournet/Local Cub Scout

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

Adopt minutes of the May 23, 2007 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the May 23, 2007 City Council Meeting subject to the following changes: The corrections were requested by Mr. Roy Brown and Councilman Terry Guilbeau:

Mr. Brown:

RE: Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Parkway

- 1) In reference to the private meeting Chief Decou was not present. Present were Councilwoman Batiste, Attorney Landry, Mr. Bill Vincent and Mayor Langlinais.
- 2) Thurgood Marshall was not the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Mr. Marshall was the Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.
- 3) Mr. Brown stated that he wanted the minutes to reflect that "he refuse to memorialize a street named Dr. Martin Luther King.

Councilman Terry Guilbeau/District I:

RE: Renaming of Eola Road

- 1) Councilman Guilbeau stated that he wanted the minutes to reflect that “also, residents want the name as is with no changes made and no Memorial Parkway. Therefore, he will have to go with what the people on Eola Road want. He cannot support this (regarding changing the name of the road).”
- 2) Councilman Guilbeau stated that he also wanted the minutes to reflect that “Councilman Higginbotham stated that one hundred percent of the residents he talked to were not in favor of changing Eola’s name. He suggested considering another road in a future development.”

Roll call:

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Sally Walker re: Water Service = Attorney Landry stated he notified Ms. Walker’s attorney that it would be on tonight’s agenda. Councilman Higginbotham questioned the non-resident fee? Attorney Landry stated the in town water service is \$5.78 for the first 2,000 gallons of water and \$2.00 per gallon after that. The out of town rate is \$10.50 for the first 2,000 and \$3.47 per gallon after that. Councilman Foco stated it is not the monetary. It is something that fell thru the cracks. Elmer Girouard stated that the property where the resident lives had an old house on it previously that belonged to an old time city employee. Councilman Higginbotham questioned the option of incorporation? Attorney Landry stated they did not discuss that with her attorney. Attorney Landry stated he was just looking for a fair relief to the problem. Councilman Foco stated it is difficult for us to cut her water after being on the system for such a long period of time. Councilman Rousseau stated we have been providing her service for 21 years and she has paid her bill and now we are talking about doubling her rates overnight. He feels this is an error for that was done. Gene stated if she is not a resident we have to charge her the out of town rate. Councilman Guilbeau stated he talked to her today and she had no problem with that. Councilman Foco stated he would like to incorporate an ordinance that we don’t provide service for out of town people and we take the out of town rates off of the books. Attorney Landry stated the attorney has threatened litigation if the services are disconnected. Councilman Higginbotham stated if they agree to the out of town rate, why don’t we go with that. We have been reading the meter for 21 years and billing her and she has been paying the bill. Councilman Rousseau stated it is hard for him to double someone’s rate if the city knew about it. Attorney Landry stated after she starts paying the bill, she might want to dig herself a well. Attorney Landry stated he will have to confirm with Lafayette that this will not cause a problem with our agreement with them, if the council agrees to go with the recommendation of Councilman Foco. Councilman Higginbotham moved that we put the out of town rate in effect for her to avoid any future litigation and get rid of the out of town rate for any future problems and motion was second by Councilman Bonin

contingent with Attorney Landry checking with LUS to make sure this is not a problem..
Roll call:

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

Attorney Landry stated the agreement will be subject to the approval of LSU.
Councilman Rousseau stated he feels if it is the city's mistake, it should be our fault.

Ambassador Caffery Parkway Agreement with the State of LA = Mayor Langlinais explained he agreement. The prior paperwork stated Verot School Road to Highway 89, but the paperwork has been changed to Verot School Road to Highway 90. Estimated cost will probably be about 45 – 50 million dollars. We are hoping to get a good bid on this. It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #206-07, approving the City of Broussard to enter into an agreement with the State of Louisiana for Project # 828-39-0022 to construct a new four-lane urban roadway, 6.2 miles in length, from the intersection of Verot School Road to the intersection with US 90, in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana. Roll call:

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

Tony Trammel re: Roundabout @ La Neuville and Bonin Road =
Mr. Trammel congratulated the council for making the Ambassador Caffery Extension happen.
Mr. Trammel stated the roundabout at La Neuville Road and Bonin Road was brought up the about 2 years ago. Tom Carroll in public works is currently looking at putting left turn lanes at other locations also. He feels this improvement makes all of the sense in the world. There are some people that same the volume of traffic will change once Ambassador Caffery is built. The last estimate was around \$300,000. The right of acquisition and utility relocation is also a big magnitude. It is his opinion that LCG has some funds in place for that. They need to know if there would be any agreement with the City on a joint adventure to do this project. Councilman Foco questioned when would the roundabout on Fairfield be completed? Larry stated it will take about 6 days. Councilman Foco stated he would like them to come back after the roundabout on Fairfield is built and see our roundabout along with the cost of it. Councilman Foco stated they approached the property owners on La Neuville for property for the roundabout, but they laughed in their face. Mayor Langlinais stated those property owners, 2 of the 4 parcels are for sale now and he feels they have no chance of selling that property. He feels if the property owners would re-consider, then maybe council may reconsider. Councilman Higginbotham stated he will not give his vote for this. Councilman Guilbeau stated neither he will give his vote. Councilman Foco stated they will visit this issue after the roundabout is built and how much it cost us. Mr. Trammel stated he is just trying to solve the problems. Trammel asked the price of the roundabout

on Fairfield? Larry stated around \$110,000 and all utilities have be relocated free of charge. Mayor Langlinois told Mr. Trammel that he thought he could encourage them. Mr. Trammel stated he will check back after our roundabout is completed.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Jerry’s Report:

Eola Road Pump Station = Jerry stated in reference to the Eola Road pump station, the contractor is getting his equipment together.

Al’s Report:

Al stated he had nothing to bring up.

St. Nazairre Road Widening re: Shell Pipeline = Oscar Reed has asked him to speak to the council in reference to the negotiations for the relocating of the Shell Pipeline. Al stated these people just brought back their cost. Their estimated cost first was \$60,000. He then contacted another pipeline company and they stated the cost would be around \$20,000. Al stated that they have agreed to \$24,708. Councilman Bonin questioned about the pipelines being moved off of Morgan Street? Mayor Langlinois stated that Boyd Anderson did negotiate with some pipeline companies. Mayor Langlinois stated he was under the impression that the pipelines were moving this at their cost. Unfortunately that is not the case and unfortunately we have no contact with Shell Pipeline. Attorney Landry stated it is part of doing business. Al would recommend that the council agree to the agreement by paying this, because this needs to be done by July 15th. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Rousseau to approve the cost relocate the Shell Pipeline at a cost of \$24,708.00. Roll call:

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

ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT:

Gene stated he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Red—Flex Cameras = Attorney Landry stated he sent a proposed ordinance to the council in reference to this, if the council wants to approve this. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to introduce Ordinance #07-318, which provides for the enforcement of certain traffic signal violations, and to establish and authorize the use of photographic, vehicles speed enforcement systems for the certain traffic signal violations, declaring them to be civil, violations by automated means and provide for

civil penalties for traffic signal violations enforced by automated means and also authorize the Mayor to negotiate the contract with Mr. Buckles and then come back with the negotiated terms Roll call:

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

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

Mr. Trammel stated they just signed a contract with Red-Flex. This company has a lot financial stability. They have also visited other areas, where this is working. Trammel stated they spent a lot of time of how much the violation will be. This is a civil violation not a criminal violation. Their first time violation is \$125 and second is \$225. Criminal violation is \$250. They spent a lot on that section. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if he has any idea of what sections the cameras will be placed at? Chief Decou stated, yes is has a couple of intersections. He is suggesting on Highway 90, on Highway 89 at La Neuville. It is no cost to us for the additional equipment. Attorney Landry questioned about the vans? Trammel stated they will have 2 mobile vans dealing with speed. There is also a speed on green cameras. Mayor Landry stated the ordinance will have to be revised because the weight limit on trucks. Councilman Guilbeau questioned about panic drivers knowing the light is changing and slamming on their brakes and get rear ended? Trammel stated you may have this, but in the long run it will become safer after everyone is aware of the cameras. We are basically just trying to change the driving behavior. Mr. Mouton stated one thing the council might want to consider is that the council may want to take some of the money and set-aside for legal defense. Attorney Landry stated we have a magistrate court that will adjourn his court and hear any appeals. He doesn't feel we will have anyone appealing their tickets. He also said we didn't look at any other providers, and we might want to look at that if the council wants to look at other providers. Councilman Foco stated it might be better if we get the same people, being they are doing LCG.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Monthly Report = Chief Decou stated that they have been very busy. They had a very critical accident off of Highway 90 last week. Councilman Foco questioned about the seat belt operation in Broussard being done by the State Police? Chief Decou stated he thought that was in May.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Monthly Report = Chief Rivette stated they did receive a grant for a thermal imaging system.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Councilman Foco/At Large:

Thanks = Councilman Foco thanked Larry and Mel and all of the workers.

Dumpsters = Councilman Foco stated the dumpsters are getting out of hand. Chief Decou stated they were notified to watch them and it seems to be all city residents using them. Mayor Langlinais asked Tina to get proposals to get a key pad system. They will have to go thru City Hall to get it opened. To put the code on the water bill it would be an extra \$15,000.

Mr. Huey Romero/Candidate for Parish Councilman District 9 = Councilman Foco recognized Mr. Huey Romero. Mr. Romero will be a candidate for the District 9 seat. He commended the council on the way they are spending the money. He is born and raised in Lafayette. He has been a public servant city since 1976. He was with Lafayette Police Department and the Sheriff Department. He was previously on the Youngsville City Council. His loyalty will be to the people of Lafayette Parish and District 9. He will be here and at our service. Together he is positive we can make a difference and he does talk French. He thanked the council for their time. Councilman Foco commented that it is kind of hard when your own people vote against a project that will help our area. The council just wants a little back.

Sam Fournet = The council recognized Cub Scout Sam Fournet of Local Troop 445.

ADJOURN:

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