

Minutes Of The

July 11, 2007

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles Langlinais
Tina G. Denais, City Clerk
Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I
Councilman David Bonin, District II
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
Mark Savoie, City Engineer
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Mr. Jess Spiehler, Owner of Quality Builders
Absent: Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Councilman Guilbeau lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for Councilman Johnson who is currently in the the hospital.

Adopt minutes of the June 27 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the June 27, 2007 Regular 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. Ken Vidrine re: Annexation of The Pond @ Deer Meadow =

Mr. Vidrine was not present; however his engineer was present and addressed the council. He stated that they are currently asking to annex property off of Highway 92 behind Deer Meadow Subdivision. Councilman Higginbotham questioned what is his request for water and sewer? The engineer stated that was given to Mayor Langlinais. Mayor Langlinais stated he sent it to the council. Councilman Foco stated we have water capabilities not sewer. Mr. Vidrine's rep stated they did discuss it with the Mayor with other options. One major concern is to get another outlet to Highway 92. Councilman Foco stated he would be more comfortable if he knows what he is planning to do, because we are having problems with developers for one subdivision right now. The council stated they would like to see what he is putting in. Mayor Langlinais stated he believes he was going to put a plant in. He was also told he would have to put storm water retention in. The development is 34 acres. Councilman Bonin stated that he has had some concerns from the residents of Deer Meadow about the construction trucks and cement trucks that will be passing thru their subdivision. The rep stated they will be going in and coming in off of Highway 92. Councilman Bonin stated there are concerns about the drainage also. The representative stated the detention pond would be about 2 ½ acres. Councilman Higginbotham stated some time down the road; our pond will be available so when do we require them to put connections at the home for future city connections. The council and the Mayor Langlinais requested that he comes up with a plan and come back to them. The rep will get with Mark about the development and the annexation.

Quality Builders re: Variance Request for Lots #181 and 182 of Village South Subdivision = Mr. Spiehler addressed the council. He is currently doing some development in Village south. A property owner built on the wrong property line. That throws off the construction. He did a development on West Monroe similar to what he is requesting to do here. He will put a fire wall. It will be 2 lots that he will put a fire wall in the middle and then put the units together. Mayor Langlinais stated he would also like to amend the zero lot line set-back; question is how many units can we put together. Spiehler stated about 160 feet. Chief Rivette stated at least 100 feet. 4 units are easier to build. Larry stated our sewer lines are set-up for the lot lines the way they are now. If we go by the way our sewer and water lines are now, we are taking a big lost. Larry stated he is looking at future development. Sewer services were figured for larger lots. It was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to grant a variance to Quality Builders for Lots #181 and 182, allowing a firewall to be built on the property line between the two lots to do town home construction. A five foot easement will be on each side adjacent to the homes on each side. Roll call:

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

Mayor Langlinais stated he feels the council needs to talk about amending this ordinance regarding the set-backs for zero lot lines. Attorney Landry stated he feels we need to get the architect and engineer involved on this first.

Sewage Connection Increase for Boring = Mayor Langlinais stated he feels we also need to increase the sewer connection fee. Mayor Langlinais stated the council needs to bring up the price on a standard connection fee. Attorney Landry stated he feels there is nothing wrong with the way the ordinance is now. Councilman Foco stated the ordinance is to amend the ordinance in reference to fire walls for common wall developments. Councilman Bonin questioned if it would be legal to charge them extra for each connection for sewage if we have to bore? Sphielier stated the city of Lafayette does. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels we can set policy for that. Gene stated the developer is sometimes willing to pay for it. The council agreed that any above cost extra we can charge the property owner or developer for boring for all new connections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #07-318/Establish and Authorize Photographic Vehicle Speed Enforcement Systems (Red-Flex Cameras) = Attorney Landry stated the ordinance is not ready to be adopted yet, because it had not been advertised. He spoke to Mr. Buckles about adding some restrictions about trucks on Albertson Parkway. Mayor Langlinais stated we could say no trucks. Attorney Landry stated we wrote the ordinance the only way we could, because we have no way of enforcing the weight limit. He stated Mr. Buckles has to bring it to his people with Red-Flex. There is also the problem of photographing the trucks if they are on a delivery. Attorney Landry stated he and Mr. Buckles want to meet with the Chief to see if they can work this out. Chief Decou stated that he can put a traffic unit on Albertson for 2 days and enforce this ordinance and then they can get see if there is a potential problem. Attorney Landry stated we can't adopt the ordinance tonight, because it wasn't advertised. It will not cost us to implement the plan. Attorney Landry stated we can adopt this at the next meeting in July. Mayor Langlinais stated you pop them for 2 or 3 days and then you might solve the problem. Councilman Bonin questioned after the ordinance is adopted how long will it take to start? Attorney Landry stated about 30 – 60 days. They could probably do ours the same time they do the City of Lafayette's cameras.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

Ida/LaFlamme Raod = Mark stated that we received a \$50,000 grant to redo the drainage at Ida Road and LaFlamme Road. They will advertise for bids in about a week. Councilman Bonin questioned about the other pipe? Savoie stated that is for the parish. This will enable them to lengthen the pipe under LaFlamme Road.

CDBG grant for sewer = Mayor Langlinais stated that he directed Jerry to give him some estimates to redo the Broussard Street lift station. Another pump needs to be added, along with some piping. Mayor Langlinais stated he and Gert also talked about the sewer on the no name road. There is a meeting on the 25th with the grant administrator. The grant is to be \$600,000. It is a numbers game.

Al's Report:

Loan commitment RDA = Al stated back in the 90's we received a \$700,000 commitment with a 40 year term with a low interest rate thru Rural Development for sewage improvements. Based on the recent comments of our attorneys, it appears we could do better and we have been advised not to accept this money. These monies have been setting there for about 10 years. If we do not want to use these, we will have to send them a letter stating that we do not need the funds. Attorney Landry thought we passed a resolution in the past stating we did have chose not to use the funds. Attorney Landry stated we did also talk about the title opinions. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to contact Mr. Gerard Labat with USDA and inform him that we are no longer interested in the loan that was awarded to us in the 90's for \$700,000. Roll call:

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

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

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Railroad crossings = Attorney Landry stated he hasn't been contact by the railroad. Councilman Foco stated he and Councilman Bonin met with the railroad, but they still haven't come back out yet.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Monthly Report = Chief Decou stated he has been working with Attorney Landry on the Red-Flex Cameras. Chief Decou stated his officers will be working Albertson Parkway for the problem with the truck situation. The council asked that the individuals be given warnings before issuing them citations on these days. Chief Decou stated they tried to do that before. The ordinance regulating the trucks on Albertson Parkway has been in effect since 1999.

Compliments to the Police Department = Councilman Foco stated he has seen a lot of officers running radar all over town. He compliments the Chief for that.

Speed Bumps = Mayor Langlinois questioned on how are the speed bumps working out? Councilman Bonin stated some are loose; and some people are sitting on them and burning tires. Some people seem to be happy and some or not. Councilman Bonin stated his thing is maybe wait for the Red-Flex cameras.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Rivette stated he had nothing to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

South Girouard Road Bridge = Councilman Higginbotham questioned the status on the bridge on South Girouard Road? Larry stated that he hasn't heard from the parish about this.

Councilman Foco stated that he saw Senator Craig Romero this morning and he gave him a number for OFF System, which does work for the state for small bridges. We did lower the wait limit on the bridge though. We have 3 bridges in the city that are in bad shape. Mayor Langlinais stated that he feels the council should de-annex those areas. Attorney Landry stated the citizens will not be happy. Mel stated all 3 bridges are about 100 feet in the city limits.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Grass Cutting = Councilman Bonin stated we have an ordinance on grass cutting, but we have some citizens and contractors building subdivisions that are letting there grass grow out of control and it totally ridiculous. Right now we are also in a rainy season. If we get a bad mosquito season it is pretty hazardous. Councilman Bonin suggested if we have to send the letter more than 3 times in one season, we should have to charge them a fine. Attorney Landry stated we have to send a letter. The council asked him to check the ordinance and perhaps do 3 strikes and you out like for habitual offenders. Attorney Landry stated we have ordinance agriculture pasture. Attorney Landry will look into this.

Mayor Langlinais:

Ambassador Caffery = Mayor Langlinais stated he brought the funds to Baton Rouge today for Ambassador Caffery for \$10 million. The low bid was only \$50,000 higher than estimate.

Cypress Bayou = Mayor Langlinais stated he will be visiting with the Parish for Cypress Bayou. We have gotten the other 3 signatures. By next month we should have all right of ways.

Police Department....continued:

Junk Vehicle Ordinance = Chief Decou sated he and Attorney Landry will be meeting on redoing the junk vehicle ordinance. Chief Decou stated we have a lot of auto repair shops that have junk vehicles. Attorney Landry stated we can perhaps ask them to

put a fence around the vehicles. Mayor Langlinais and Chief Decou will go visit with these repair shops first.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Bonin to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District II = Yea

District III = Absent

At Large = Yea

District IV = Yea

District V = Yea

District VI = Yea

**S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR
CLERK**

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY