

Minutes Of The

July 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
 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
 Mr. Oscar Reed, City Attorney
 Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Mr. Tom Sehkani, candidate for Parish Councilman District 7
 Residents of Nellie's Acres/Moulin Cove/St. Des Porres
 Mr. Roy Brown, Citizen
 Mr. Page Cortez, Candidate for State Representative

Absent: Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Chief Decou lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our troops that are still in Iraq.

Adopt minutes of the July 25th Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt the minutes of the July 25, 2007 Regular Meeting, subject to the following revision submitted by Chief Decou: On page 6, second paragraph, the last line should read: "Chief Decou stated that he believes that he will be within his budget, but if he is over he will request for the budget to be amended." It was incorrectly written that "he stated he understood that and he would definitely not be out of budget."

Roll call:

District I = Yea
 District II = Yea
 District III = Absent

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

At Large = Yea

Councilman Foco requested that Mr. Walter Comeaux, III be addressed first, because he had another meeting to attend.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Roundabout/Mr. Walter Comeaux = Walter stated that the intersection is closed right now and as of today, because we are not finished with the center media section. Tomorrow we will lay asphalt and Saturday the contractor is scheduled to finish. Walter advised us not to open the road till all regulatory signs are up. Most signs should be in Friday or next Wednesday. He is checking with Consolidated Government to see if we could get signs from them. The roundabout is new here to us. The roundabout here is seems smaller than the Ridge Road roundabout, but it is actually quite bigger, because the inter-mountable apron is used for the big trucks to pass on. Walter stated you don't stop at a roundabout. The Mayor asked him what could be done in the middle section of the roundabout. Walter stated they encourage landscaping in the middle, because you only have to look to your left. We can't open it without the signs. Councilman Guilbeau stated we will have to get a police car next week there, because people will not be able to get around, because of school starting. Mayor Langlinais stated he wanted feedback if we want to make it all asphalt or put some landscaping. Walter stated also the cost of this roundabout was included in the contract for cypress crossing which was \$65,000. Walter stated he and Dean Tekell worked together on this and they did make some adjustments at the request of the Mayor. Walter stated they will put some topsoil in the middle section. Councilman Foco stated he feels first the people need to get used to the roundabout before anything is planted. The council agreed after everyone is used to it, then the landscaping can be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Tom Sehkani re: Candidate for Parish Councilman District 7 =

Mr. Sehkani addressed the council. Mr. Sehkani stated that he used to be the owner of Chef's Fried Chicken in Broussard. He is running for Parish Councilman of District 7. He is interested in serving his community. He would rather be a volunteer, instead of being a paid councilman with the parish. Councilman Guilbeau stated he is only asking that the city get their fair chair of everything that is owed to us from the parish. Councilman Foco stated he is only asking that if he wins, he votes for us, not against us. Mr. Sehkani stated in the interest of the community he doesn't see a problem with that. If everyone works together, we can accomplish a lot. Councilman Higginbotham stated that none of the municipalities outside of the parish voted for consolidation. We have never seen a road done in the city done by the parish. The history hasn't been good. Mr. Sehkani stated we can hold him to that. He feels all of the money we give to the parish, we should get something. Councilman Higginbotham stated all he hears is that we are a donor community, but we are never able to get anything in return. Mr. Sehkani stated he will do his best. Councilman Foco stated he appreciates way of thinking and he wishes him luck.

Sunset Estates of Broussard (low income housing located off of Moulin Road) =

Councilman Foco stated the Mayor brought this to their attention. They have an application to do low income housing on Moulin Road, 42 units. Mayor Langlinais stated this project he has been hearing is moving forward. He called the realtor involved and she said there was no contract involved. Right now he is not sure if there is a contract. Every time there is a low income development they need to get a resolution approving it. But Friday he got a letter from the State about this. Boyd Anderson informed him that he knows a contract was not in place. Councilman Higginbotham stated this is Councilman Rousseau's district and he is not here, but he wanted Councilman Higginbotham to state for him that he is not in favor of this, because it will not improve the quality of life in that area. Councilman Foco stated he will stay away from it, because he has property in the area adjacent to this development. The council asked all interested parties who here tonight make their comments be known to the council. The following comments were heard:

Tex Plumley/Billeaud Companies = Mr. Plumley stated that the Billeaud Companies has property in the area. He has a resolution from his board stating they are against this development. They feel this is not a real asset to their property value.

Tom Schexnayder/ENSCO International = Mr. Schexnayder w/ENSCO stated that they have a 30 million investment on Moulin Road. They use this facility to support their worldwide company. They are opposed to any residential development in the area. They don't want anything to interfere with their business now. They just bought more acreage in that area for development.

Michael Landry/Spokesperson for Nellie's Acres = Mr. Landry stated he is a resident on Nellie's Lane. Most of the residents of the subdivision are here tonight because they are completely opposed to this development. With a show hands it was unanimous that all of the residents of Nellie's Lane are opposed to this development.

Tom Billeaud/Behalf of daughter Heather Cormier = Mr. Billeaud stated he is representing his daughter Heather Cormier who lives in that area, but was unable to attend the meeting tonight, because of here medical condition. Mr. Billeaud stated that his daughter is also opposed to this development.

Mr. James Billeaud/owner of property on St. Des Porres & Moulin Road = Mr. Billeaud stated that he has property on St. Des Porres and Moulin Road and he strongly opposes this development.

Therefore is was motioned by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to instruct Attorney Reed to draft the letter opposing this development off of Moulin Road for Sunset Estates of Broussard. Roll call:

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Resolution #210-07/Entering into an Agreement for Red-Flex =

Mayor Langlinais questioned if this ordinance and resolution ties us into Reflex specifically? Oscar stated no it does not tie us into just Red-Flex. Mayor Langlinais stated he is getting

information from other competitors beside Red-Flex, right now. Moved by Councilman Bonin second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt Resolution #210-07, which authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement to provide for the enforcement of certain traffic signal violations, and to establish and authorize the use of photographic vehicle speed enforcement systems for certain traffic signal violations, and declaring them to be civil violations by automated means and to provide for civil penalties for traffic signal violations enforced by automated means. Roll call:

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

Adopt Ordinance #07-318/Enforcement of Red-Flex Cameras = Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Resolution #07-318, which provides for the enforcement of certain traffic signal violations, and to establish and authorize the use of photographic vehicles enforcement systems for certain traffic signal violations and violations of speed limits, declaring them to be civil violations by automated means and provide for civil penalties for traffic signal violations and speed limits violations, enforced by automated means. Roll call:

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

Adopt Ordinance #07-319/Increasing Water and Sewage Rates = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Ordinance #07-319, which increases the water and sewerage rates by three percent (3%), effective July 1, 2007. Roll call:

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

Adopt Ordinance #07-320/Increasing Garbage Rate = Councilman Foco stated right now our garbage rates are the best deal in the parish. We currently have 3 years left on our contract. Gene stated we just need to revisit the cost again when the CPI goes up. Mayor Langlinais stated there have been some complaints about the service, but is improving. Mayor Langlinais stated he will talk to Waste Management to see if they won't to entertain the idea of extending the contract. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Ordinance #07-320, which increases the garbage rate to the sum of thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per month effective Jul 1, 2007. 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:

Mark's Report:

Mark stated that he had nothing to report on.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene stated he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Reed stated that neither he nor Don had anything to report on.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

National Night Out = Chief Decou stated he appreciated everyone's help and they had a good turnout. It was very hot though.

Junk Vehicle Ordinance = Chief Decou stated that he and Attorney Landry are work on the junk vehicle ordinance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Rivette stated that he had nothing to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:**Mayor Langlinais:**

Roundabout = Mayor Langlinais stated the he told Tex that Walter reported about the roundabout. Mayor Langlinais stated he just wanted the council and the public to be aware that it didn't cost us anything, because the Billeaud Companies paid for the roundabout. The only cost is for the landscaping that the city will do.

Councilman Foco:

Sunset Estates of Broussard = Councilman Foco stated that Keith is out of town and he also told him he was opposed to this housing development on Moulin Road.

Mr. Sehkani stated to the council that enjoyed this meeting and he feels this council conducts them very well. Councilman Foco informed Mr. Sehkani about the \$10 million dollars we are spending on to build Ambassador Caffery. Lafayette Consolidated Government refused to put up \$5 million dollars for Ambassador Caffery. Mr. Sehkani stated he is all for the community.

Ambassador Caffery = Councilman Foco stated we did the unveiling of the parkway.

Mr. Matt Stuller has done a lot behind the scenes to get this parkway done. Mr. Stuller was unaware that the name of the parkway was going to be Stuller Parkway. He and his entire family were very excited.

BESED = Mayor Langlinais stated the BESED is trying to let the sewage project out for bids. Mayor Langlinais has instructed Bob Boese to get a wetland determination west of Sagness Girouard. That is where we will deposit this, instead of dumping it somewhere else. We don't have a permit for the construction materials. Oscar will reach agreement with the Sagness Girouard sometimes in the next 2 weeks.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Higginbotham 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

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY CLERK