

Minutes Of The

August 22, 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
Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney
Gene Chiraulli, City Bookkeeper
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor

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

Adopt minutes of the August 9, 2007 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the August 9, 2007 Regular Meeting Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Disposal @Highway 92 Dirtpit.....dumping and burning fees = Mayor Langlinais stated that we have been dealing with storm debris and other debris for along time. Once upon a time our garbage pickup wasn't automated and it was picked up. The automated system has kept our cost down. We have reasonable service for the price. We have the issue of a contract with Waste Management and they will pick up with a call basis and charge the customer. It has come about with the abuse of the system.

Councilman Foco stated if we put a fee on all of the customers, we will be opening up a can of worms. Councilman Guilbeau stated he spoke to the Mayor this morning and perhaps giving each councilman a key to the dirt-pit and then the citizen would call their councilman to go open the gate for them. Attorney Landry stated we need to check with Bob Boese, because we don't want to risk the permit we have. Attorney Landry stated he pays more for his service, but they pick everything up. It might be cheaper to bid that part out. Attorney Landry stated we can adopt the ordinances and control that aspect of it. Councilman Higginbotham stated this is storm debris. Attorney Landry stated we may have something that can control it, but we might have to take action against the property owner. Mayor Langlinais stated we have problems with people putting it in front of their neighbor's also. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels the city could afford to pick up the branches after the storm damage. Attorney Landry stated he doesn't recommend the city get into the branch pick up business. Councilman Foco asked Attorney Landry if he could check with Bob Boese to see if we could do that. Attorney Landry stated he feels we should check with Bob Boese before we do anything. Councilman Guilbeau questioned what about a tree falling, what are they suppose to do with? Attorney Landry stated he feels it should be bidded out. Councilman Guilbeau stated he would prefer to do this instead of charging the citizens. Councilman Bonin stated we are the only city that doesn't pick up debris. Councilman Rousseau stated we can touch basis with Bob Boese and we could see about a bid on as call basis for pick-up. It is not fair if you have no trees in your area. Councilman Higginbotham stated he has no problem with helping them unlock the gate to dispose of trees. Mel stated he feels we need to talk to Bob Boese about this. Councilman Guilbeau questioned Larry how much trouble would it be to run a truck twice a month to pick up branches? Larry stated he doesn't have a problem, he just needs an answer. Mayor Langlinais asked Don to visit with Bob Boese about this. Chief Rivette stated his parents' lives in Youngsville and the garbage hauler makes a note and then they send another truck later if there is something besides household garbage.

Adopt Resolution #211-07/Authority for Mayor Langlinais to sign the necessary documents =Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt resolution #211-07, granting the authority to Mayor Charles Langlinais to sign and submit all the necessary documents in connection with the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for the Prime Marine Services, Incorporated Street Improvements Project. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #212-07/Authorizing City Officials/Employees to Sign LCDBG Documents =Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt resolution #212-07, authorizing city officials/employees to sign the request for payments forms for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. Roll call:

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

District V = Yea
District VI = Yea

Adopt Resolution #213-07/Adopting Section 504 Policy Statement & Appointing Compliance Officer = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #213-07, adopting a section 504 policy statement and appointing the Mayor as accessibility compliance officer for the Louisiana Community Block Grant Program. Roll call:

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

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

Adopt Resolution #214-07/Adopting Residential Antidisplacement & Relocation Assistance Plan & Appoint Officer = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #214-07, adopting a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan and appointing the Mayor as antidisplacement/relocation officer relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. Roll call

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

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

Adopt Resolution #215-07/Procurement Procedures for LCDBG = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #215-07, adopting procurement procedures relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. Roll call:

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

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Jerry stated he had nothing tonight to report on.

Al's Report:

Al stated he had nothing to report on tonight.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene gave the council the monthly report for July and he stated that there was nothing unusual. On page 3 the Sales Tax Collections we are ahead of what we budgeted.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Red-Flex Camera System = Attorney Landry stated that he met with the Chief and Charlie Buckles with Red-Flex. The Chief was impressed with the ease of operation. We also had someone else who submitted another quote. He will be looking at this proposal also and unless he sees a big difference in prices, then he will leave the decision up to the mayor. The council had no problem with this. Councilman Rousseau questioned if they will do a press release? Attorney Landry stated yes they will. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we will allow a 30 day grace period as Lafayette is? Chief Decou stated yes, he will come back to the council for the effective date. Chief Decou complimented Gene Chiarulli for attending the meeting and handling the financial dealings. Attorney Landry stated he will report to the council after he talks to this other company. Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the prices they are talking about? Attorney Landry stated the red light is \$125.00 and there are other prices for other violations. Chief Decou stated the speeding ones were fair prices. Councilman Higginbotham questioned when will someone be arrested? Chief Decou stated the Red-Flex cameras are civil not criminal and if the fines are not paid it is turned it into the credit bureau.

Grass Ordinance = Councilman Bonin complained about the habitual grass offenders. He questioned Attorney Landry if we can't prepare an ordinance for habitual offenders of the non-compliance of grass cutting. Attorney Landry stated you have to give them a notice. Attorney Landry stated if they don't cut it we will and bill them.

Railroad Crossing = Councilman Bonin complained that the guy he and Councilman Foco met with is not with the Railroad anymore and they still haven't received any help. Attorney Landry will check into who is any charge now for help.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Junk Vehicle Ordinance = Chief Decou stated the junk vehicle ordinance will be presented at the September meeting for introduction. Chief Decou stated he will get someone from the City of Lafayette to come in and discuss how it works. Chief Decou stated he has samples of everything that we will need. The only thing we didn't address is the auto repair yards; do we require them to have a fence or what. Chief Decou stated those are the ones that stick out the most.

Problems with traffic @ Katherine Drexel Elem. = Chief Decou stated they are having problems with the traffic at Katherine Drexel. Parents line up on Leon Street and Paul Street. Chief Decou stated only option is to close Paul Street. They tried to educate the motorist, but then they had problems with the citizens living in that area. Chief Decou stated he met with Tom Brown and he wanted him to utilize the back of the

school, but that was never done. Councilwoman Batiste stated she had several calls from the residents in that area that they did not want their driveways blocked. Mayor Langlinais requested Chief Decou and Attorney Landry go meet with Mr. Brown about this. They need to solve the problem. Councilman Guilbeau stated he is talking to the wrong people. Councilman Guilbeau instructed him who to talk to. Chief Decou stated the adjacent property that was abandoned will help them to get the cars to the back and come back out on Leon Street. Councilman Guilbeau stated he would prefer to meet with the Chief and see what he is talking about. The committee is Councilman Guilbeau, Councilwoman Batiste, Chief Decou and Attorney Landry. Councilman Guilbeau stated it would be safer for the vehicles and the children.

Unexpected Expenditure = Chief Decou stated he has unexpected expenditure in his office. One of the units on the heat side is not working, estimated cost is \$6,300. Chief Decou stated he just wanted the council to know what was getting on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Rivette stated he had nothing to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Commendation = Councilman Rousseau commended the police department, because one of his co-worker's got into an automobile accident on Albertson Parkway. The officer was very courteous and very helpful. He thought it was handled great.

District IV/Councilman Higginbotham:

Roundabout = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he is getting a lot of compliments on the roundabout. Everyone is excited about it. Councilman Rousseau stated he got positive calls and e-mails about this. Councilman Guilbeau stated he passed with his bus and had no problems on it.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Problems with Entergy = Councilman Foco stated the little storm we had; he was personally involved in two calls that closed a business down. Larry's tree service man cut the trees down, because Entergy never came cut the trees down that were in the power lines. Those guys took care of Entergy's work. The first two days he needed the tree people. Councilman Higginbotham stated this wasn't even a hurricane and we had this kind of problem; so we definitely need to get someone's attention. Councilman Foco stated we also have 3 citizens that paid to take trees off of their lines, which should have been Entergy's responsibility. They have the contract and service and it is time they do their work. Mayor Langlinais stated he received notice that everyone will have to pay a \$10.00 extra fee to re-cover the cost of the hurricane damage in New Orleans with

Entergy, so he instructed Attorney Landry to do something about this. Councilman Foco stated he doesn't believe in 60 years contract like we have with Entergy now. Mayor Langlinais stated assuming we buy this system, the other potential servers don't have the right, and we only have the right. Mayor Langlinais the cost could be high for a city owned wholesale system. Mayor Langlinais stated Attorney Landry has been instructed to meet with the representatives from Entergy about this. Mayor Langlinais stated if we wouldn't be trimming trees with the city resources, we would always be out of electricity.

Mayor Langlinais:

Village Square Variance = Mayor Langlinais stated that there are residents in Village Square subdivision that are upset with the variance that we recently gave to Jeff Spiehler. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels it is a legal civil matter between the neighbors. Councilman Foco stated he went measure and the resident complaining still has foot. Attorney Landry stated he will talk to her about that. Attorney Landry stated we did not have anything to do with that.

Compliments = The council and Chief Decou complimented everyone with the city about all of the help for the storm. It was a good practice. Everyone was thanked. Councilman Guilbeau stated Entergy was out that night, because he did call Liz Duhon and she jumped right on it. Mel stated they did take first priority that night.

Citizens:

Mr. Roy Brown/Mosquito Spraying = Mr. Brown questioned if there is a special time for mosquito spraying; because on August 9th at 6:45 p.m. they passed and sprayed and the following day they came again on McNary. Mayor Langlinais stated if they have particular problems in an area, they spray more. Mr. Brown questioned if it harmful during daylight hours. The council stated no.

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