

Minutes Of The

November 28, 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
 Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V
 Councilman Albert Romero, District VI
 Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
 Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Mr. Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
 Mr. Roy Brown, Citizen
 Mr. Adam Mouton, Citizen

Absent: Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Adam Mouton lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for boys still overseas and our veterans.

Adopt minutes of the November 14, 2007 Meeting = Gene stated that the minutes do not reflect he was here at the last meeting; but he was here. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt the minutes of the November 14, 2007 Meeting. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

Adopt Resolution #225-07/MWPP Resolution = Mark stated we have to do this every year. The score went up a little this year. The new pond will address the problems that we currently have. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Resolution #225-07, which pertains to the municipal water pollution prevention (MWPP) environmental audit report, required for Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Permit Number LA0020613. Roll call:

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

LaFlamme Road Project = Mark stated that the contractor started on LaFlamme Road and they should be finished by Christmas. All the relocations have been done. There are a lot less problems.

Al's Report:

Al was not attendance at the meeting due to a scheduling conflict, but he sent the following report for the council.

St. Nazairre = The contractor will begin asphalt overlay this Friday and continue thru Sunday. Upon completion of this phase he will begin removal of the existing roadway.

Sewer Pond = There are eight contractors that have requested plans and specs, which indicates a large amount of interest in the project.

Mayor Langlinais questioned Larry if he talked to the dirt contractors? Larry stated yes. Mayor Langlinais questioned if the old road will be tilled in? Larry stated the asphalt base will be removed and taken out. It has to be removed because of elevation.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene stated there is nothing unusual in the report. The sales tax revenues have gone down. We are still ½ million dollars ahead of our budget.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Don had nothing to report on.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Holidays = Chief Decou asked the council to acknowledge the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday. The Governor declared it an holiday. The city doesn't acknowledge that day. Chief Decou explained that we are off that day and employees take either a day of vacation or sick

leave for that day. This year he has an employee that has no time and will not be able to get compensated for that day. Chief Decou questioned if the city would like to amend the current policy and include that day. Chief Decou stated the Mayor said the best way is to bring it up to the council and maybe the council could see about re-doing it. Attorney Landry stated that nothing can be decided tonight, because this is not on the agenda. Attorney Landry stated that the employee policy guide was adopted by resolution. Councilman Foco asked that it be put on the next agenda for the next meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Grant Awarded = Chief Rivette stated that the department applied for a grant. They were awarded over 100,000. They have already purchased some training equipment. They are currently bidding out new generators that will be purchased with the grant. Councilman Guilbeau questioned the Chief regarding the fire training expense, because as of September they spent \$3635.00. Chief Rivette stated that was for three personnel that attended a training conference in California and for the association meeting attended by himself and the assistant chief. This training conference that they attended in California will enable them to build the system for Firehouse. Councilman Guilbeau questioned why didn't the secretary attend the seminar? Chief Rivette stated they attended the seminar to come back and build the system, which enables the secretary to put the items into the system where it goes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District IV/Councilman Higginbotham:

Highway 96 = Councilman Higginbotham complained about the traffic congestion at Highway 96. We are going to have to do something about this. Councilman Higginbotham stated he is talking about at Highway 96 and Highway 182, there is no turn lane. Mayor Langlinais asked Larry to talk the state about this.

Accident/Compliments to the Police Department = Councilman Higginbotham stated that his daughter was in an accident Saturday. He wanted to commend the Broussard Police Department for their quick response and their help. It wasn't in the city limits, but they were there to aid assistance anyway.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Christmas Parade = Councilman Rousseau questioned when is the Christmas Parade. The parade will be on Dec. 9th at 2:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting on December 26th = Councilman Rousseau stated the last meeting of December is on Dec. 26th and the council might want to consider cancelling the meeting. The council agreed to cancel the meeting and send notice to The Advertiser about the cancellation.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Cypress Bayou = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he watched the Lafayette Consolidated Meeting last night. They had 5 – 7 people that had not signed for Cypress Bayou and they are on the verge of expropriating their properties. He just thought the council would like to know that.

Electrical Lines in the old sewer pond = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Elmer if he got with SLEMCO to take the old electrical lines out of the sewer pond. Elmer stated he met with and Glenn is in the process of doing that. Slemco will have to come in and look at that. Councilman Guilbeau asked him to keep him posted on that.

At Large/Councilman Foco'

Concern of Red-Flex = Councilman Foco stated he would like the council to think about very stiff fines for all eighteen wheelers that run the lights on highway 90 or other large axle vehicles, because this is very dangerous.. He would like to see any fine over one ton a very substantial fine. He would like the council to think about it. Attorney Landry stated he will check with Mr. Buckles about this. The council agreed they would like to see this also. Councilman Higginbotham stated if the vehicle that size commits the violation, then it should become more of a serious violation. It raises another element. Attorney Landry stated the way we have it set-up it is okay no. Chief Decou stated they had the kick off meeting with Red-Flex and if they want to change that, we have to change the ordinance and change the business side. Attorney Landry stated we might have to do it by accident. Chief Decou also added that we had an accident like that Monday, that the driver dropped his load of bricks to avoid hitting any cars on the highway.

CITIZENS:

Adam Mouton – Mr. Mouton asked for a brief update on how the Zoning Issue was coming along. Councilman Foco stated that Kenny got some stuff from St. Martin Parish and they will start on that after the holidays. They will make something very user friendly.

Mr. Brown = Mr. Brown raised stressed his concerns about the Nov 14th meeting. He would like to clarify that, he wasn't on that committee. He was on the committee regarding duplicate street names. He voiced some concerns about the resolution that is being prepared. Mr. Brown stated what was discussed regarding the street name change. The Mayor had advised them to come up procedure to change street names. Mr. Brown stated he thinks Mr. Guilbeau contacted citizens in different districts and they gave him suggestions. Councilman Guilbeau explained that the Mayor had left the meeting early and the Mayor told them to come up with a procedure to change the street names. Councilwoman Guilbeau stated Councilwoman Batiste didn't want to do the procedure and suggested he do it. Councilman Guilbeau stated he put the procedures together and sent it to the council and the attorney for recommendations. Councilman Rousseau stated all of the council members voiced their recommendations on this policy. Mr. Brown stated he feels that everyone that is not a property owner should not have a

voice. He doesn't feel renters should be allowed to sign the petitions. Councilman Bonin stated that some people rent forever. Councilman Rousseau stated some businesses' rent property. He gave the scenario of a business's expense that this would cost them to change a street name. This resolution will be brought up for adoption at the next meeting. Mayor Langlinais stated the council felt that there is a move from their citizens to do this.

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 = Absent

District III= Absent

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY CLERK