

Minutes Of The

December 12, 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
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
Al Reaux, City Engineer
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Mr. Steve Wright w/Camelot Nursing Home
Mr. Roy Brown, Citizen
Absent: Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Attorney Landry lead the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for boys still overseas.

Adopt minutes of the November 28, 2007 Meeting = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the November 28, 2007 Meeting.
Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Steve Wright w/Camelot Nursing Home = Mr. Wright addressed the council. Mr. Wright stated they are interested in putting medical complexes where the current sandbag

location for the city is. He feels this will be beneficial to the city. Attorney Landry stated if we sell it to them it has to be of fair market value or an exchange. Attorney Landry stated it doesn't have to be auctioned; we can sell it for the appraised value and then it will have to be published in the newspaper. Councilman Foco stated we could get them to buy us acreage somewhere else for a land swap. Councilman Foco stated it is not abandonment is declaring it a surplus piece of property. The word abandonment is misleading on the agenda. The first thing is the property would have to be declared not needed. Attorney Landry stated it is just for discussion tonight. The council had no resistance for this property to be exchanged for another tract. Our property would have to be appraised. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if the property exchanged has to be in the city limits of Broussard? Attorney Landry stated no. Mayor Langlinais stated he would like see about maybe incorporating a large meeting room at the property. Councilman Foco stated he would like a larger facility for the maintenance department. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to get the sandbag location off of Albertson Parkway appraised for a possible sale or land exchange. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #07-325/Placing certain items and telephone books on any property = Attorney Landry stated he will publish the notice that will be revised to include only telephone books. It was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Ordinance #07-325, which provides for the prohibition of littering, and the placing telephone books on any property, without permission, and on highways, streets, alleys, sidewalks, roadside parks and public right of ways. Roll call"

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

Introduce Ordinance #07-326/Amending Ordinance #06-300 = Attorney Landry stated the permit fees need to be incorporated into this ordinance. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if this will force the utility companies to move the utilities in the future at their own cost? Attorney Landry stated yes. Attorney Landry stated it is nothing out of the ordinary for them to request for it to be moved in the past. With this ordinance we will have some better control over this. Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't know of any other municipality that requires them to do this. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Higginbotham to introduce Ordinance #07-326, amending Ordinance #06-300 of the ordinances of the City of Broussard, Louisiana, to revise section 3 of that ordinance and to add section 4(a) to that ordinance.

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

Adopt Resolution #226-07/Procedures for Changing the Name of the Street =

Councilman Guilbeau gave a brief explanation of the procedures for changing the name of a street, per this resolution. Councilman Foco questioned paragraph about 1 vote for each physical address? Attorney Landry stated it would be each person, like each apartment complex. The residents get the vote, because it is the physical address of the person at that unit. Councilman Foco stated he is comfortable with what Terry did. Councilman Rousseau questioned what about a location that has one apartment complex and maybe a couple of other houses on the street; the apartment complex rules the vote? Councilman Foco stated it still has to come before the council for approval. Mr. Brown voiced his concern about 75% and stated he would rather see the vote be from the property owners. The individual seeking the street name change gets 75%, then he would prevail over the other percentage and it will be adopted. Councilman Bonin stated it still has to come to the council. Roy Brown stated it states it has to go to the planning commission if it has 75%. Mayor Langlinais stated it goes to the planning commission so they can check with 911 to make sure it is not duplicated. Mr. Roy Brown questioned about the councilmember going check with the citizens after the request. He feels it should be someone else. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels it should the councilmember, because he should check with the citizens in his district. Councilman Higginbotham stated he remembers the backlash he received from the people on Eola Road, when it was brought up for that road to be re-named. Mr. Roy Brown questioned if it is a councilmember who is opposed to change? Attorney Landry stated #5 takes care of that. Councilman Foco stated it will be a system of checks of balances. Mr. Reaux stated the cost to a business is a big factor. Councilman Guilbeau stated it can be declined even when it comes to the council. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt Resolution #226-07, adopting the procedure for changing the names of streets within the corporate limits of the City of Broussard, Louisiana. Roll call:

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

Home Depot Manager = Mayor Langlinais introduced Scott Fairman, the Home Depot manger. Mr. Fermann introduced himself and his assistants. The council welcomed them to Broussard.

City Employee Policy Guide Changes = Attorney Landry stated he remembers it being discussed that a committee would be formed if any changes or to be made. If they do not want to form a committee they can go ahead and make any revisions they want and it can be adopted by resolution. Mayor Langlinais asked Tina to check with Tim Breaux to see if the policy is up to guidelines, before any changes are made. Councilman Rousseau requested that the 3 weeks vacation be implemented after 5 years instead of 6 years.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

LaFlamme Road Project = Mark stated that drainage project at LaFlamme and Ida Road is progressing.

Al's Report:

Sewer Pond = Al stated we showed the sewer pond project to the prospected bidders (24 contractors). They have never seen such a large turnout for a bid. Mayor Langlinais stated breaking the project has really helped.

St. Nazairre Road = Al stated last Friday St. Nazairre the traffic was diverted. The old road is being ripped up. Mayor Langlinais questioned if it will done by Feb.7, when Home Depot opens? Al stated that is a question for the contractor.

Ida Road and LaFlamme Road = Councilman Guilbeau questioned how long will they be at Ida and LaFlamme Road, blocking the roadway? Jerry stated they are not supposed to have equipment on the road, unless they are doing something. Mel stated he thinks they were moving a power pole there that is why the road was blocked.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Red-Flex Camera = Attorney Landry stated Red-Flex is estimating Feb. 15th - March 1st before Red-Flex takes effect. Attorney Landry had a list of the intersections. Attorney Landry stated he is working on the large axle vehicle situation. Attorney Landry stated if the council wants to meet with the Red-Flex people there shouldn't be a problem with that. Mayor Langlinais questioned if the Red-Flex provides that a camera will be on Albertson Parkway for the number of axle vehicles that are allowed on that roadway? Attorney Landry stated no. It is not in the ordinance. Attorney Landry stated we will have to pass a resolution for when this go into effect. Chief Decou stated he remembers we talked to Red-Flex about this and he knows there was a concern about documenting the vehicle in the time frame needed for the information. Attorney Landry stated the intersections that will have the cameras will be Highway 90 at Smede, North Morgan @ Highway 90, Highway 90 at Highway 92 and Albertson after the construction is completed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Albertson Shooting = Chief Decou stated they have apprehended the shooter form the Albertson shooting last week. Mayor Langlinais stated these are people from New Iberia and we

want to send them a message, not to come here. Chief Decou stated they have booked them on several charges and now it is up to the judicial system. Chief Decou stated that the shooter was apprehended in Florida and they will have to go pick him up there.

South Morgan Speed Limit = Chief Decou stated we have had some issues with the speed limit on South Morgan and Albertson. We are looking to changing the speed limit from Main to Fairfield. Chief Decou stated he asked Mayor Langlinais if he could get with Dean Tekell about doing a study here. After Albertson Parkway was built the speed limit was never changed. They put a speed trailer and they got the data to come up with the speed. From Fairfield to Albertson 40 mph should be the recommended speed and 30 during school. Chief Decou stated with the sidewalks that should work. Chief Decou stated the Mayor Langlinais would like to pick it up all the way to Main @ Morgan for 40 mph. Councilman Bonin stated 35 mph is plenty fast enough with the 18 wheelers coming into town. Chief Decou stated since the signs have been removed people who have gotten citations have come back for their citations to be amended. Councilman Foco questioned what about 45 from Fairfield and 35 past Albertson Parkway. Mayor Langlinais stated we will get written confirmation from Dean tomorrow. Councilman Rousseau stated he agrees with the 35 in front of the school. Mayor Langlinais stated we will see if Dean is comfortable with that, then the necessary signs will be put up.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Councilman Higginbotham/District V:

Turn Lane onto Highway 182 from Highway 96 = Councilman Higginbotham questioned what is the status on the turn lane at Highway 182 and Highway 96? Larry stated he has called the state about this. There was a survey crew out there yesterday.

Councilman Rousseau/District III:

Morgan Street Sidewalk = Councilman Rousseau thanked the city council for approving the sidewalk down Morgan to the Sugartrace Subdivision. It was definitely beneficial to all parties.

Thanks for the Parade = Councilman Rousseau complemented everyone on the Christmas Parade. He also thanked the City and the Police Department and all departments for their assistance.

Holiday Wishes = Councilman Rousseau wished everyone on the council and all city workers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Guilbeau:

Katherine Drexel Drop Off = Councilman Guilbeau stated the drive thru has been completed at Katherine Drexel and should start on Jan 8th for dropping off the children. This should relieve the traffic out of the residential area. It is all ready to go. They are just planning on how they will do. It will be for the safety of our kids walking, kids riding to school and the

residents of that area. Councilman Guilbeau thanked the following individuals with the school board: Mr. Burnell Lemoine, Mr. Lawrence Lilly and Mr. Vernall Comeaux. He also thanked Mr. Mark Cochrane, school board member and Ms. Rae Ann Trahan, school board member and also Chief Decou. Chief Decou thanked Councilman Guilbeau and Councilwoman Batiste for getting involved in this and getting this done.

Councilman Foco:

Parade = Councilman Foco thanked everyone for the parade. It was great parade. Councilman Guilbeau stated he was stuck in New Orleans and didn't make it back in time.

Holiday Wished = Councilman Foco wished everyone a Merry Christmas since this is the last meeting of the year.

Mayor Langlinais:

Ambassador Caffery Extension = Mayor Langlinais stated the east half from Youngsville Highway to Highway 90 should be completed in 14 months per the contractor.

ADJOURN:

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

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At Large = Yea	

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY CLERK