

Minutes Of The

January 9, 2008

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 Albert Romero, District VI
Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
Walter Comeaux, City Engineer
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Chief Blair Rivette, Fire Chief
Several Firefighters

Absent: Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V
Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Chief Decou lead the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our boys who are still overseas.

Adopt minutes of the December 12, 2007 Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau
and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the December 12, 2007 Meeting. Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Pride Oil Property and Gas....re: Application for oil, gas and mineral lease =
Attorney Landry stated he was contacted by Mark Lapari with Pride Oil and Gas. He brought him the package in December regarding this lease. We can retain Larry Hebert

our Oil and Gas guy to handle this. Mayor Langlinais stated we don't need the mineral board to act as our agent. Mayor Langlinais requested that Larry write the lease. Attorney Landry stated he asked Larry if he should handle this for us or should the state do it for us. Mayor Langlinais stated the problem is it is extended 3 or 4 months with the process if the State handles it. Attorney Landry stated he will contact Larry about this. We might be adopting the resolution at the last meeting in January 2008. Mayor Langlinais stated he would like to see the map they are looking at. Attorney Landry will get the map to the Mayor. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero authorizing Larry Hebert to go forward on this or on his advice should we go thru the State Mineral Board. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Ida Road/La Flamme Drainage = Jerry stated he has a change order on the Ida Road/La Flamme Drainage order project. The drainage has not been done in the front of the businesses. He will present a change order for an additional \$13,562.00 to the Mayor for approval.

Red-Flex = Attorney Landry stated they had a meeting with Red-Flex people today and there are some diagrams that need to be approved for the intersections by the engineer. Jerry stated he has the diagrams to be approved and he will take care of that.

St. Nazairre Road Improvements = Councilman Rousseau questioned how far will we be on the St. Nazairre road project once Home Depot is opened? Mayor Langlinais stated they are finishing up rocking the front end. Mel stated it should be pretty close to their opening date weather permitting. They will have asphalt passed their driveway. They are working on the sub-grade on the old part. Councilman Foco questioned when will the signage and stop lights be done? Mel stated once everything is finished it will be striped to work with the new road.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene gave them the November report. The police capital outlay they are over their limits. The reason is there were some radios that were ordered that was in last years' budget and they came in the first part of the July. It was budgeted in the previous budget

\$237,122.00 for police radios. It was moved by Councilman Guilbeau to amend the budget for the police due to this technicality and second by Councilman Rousseau. Police Capital Outlay will change from \$122,500.00 to \$237,122.00 Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Absent
District II = Yea	District V = Absent

District III= Yea
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Railroad Crossing = Councilman Bonin requested that Attorney Landry contact the railroad regarding the crossing? Attorney Landry stated he will contact them. Councilman Bonin stated it is the St. Etienne and Albertson Parkway crossing.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Junk/Surplus Vehicles = Chief Decou stated he has 2 cars that need to be declared junk/salvage and put out for bid. It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to declare the following vehicles junk/salvage:

Old B-9	2001 Ford Crown Vic	VIN
#2FAFP71WX1X187581		
Old B-11	1998 Ford Crown Vic.	VIN #2FAFP71W3WX131294

Roll call:

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

Portable Speed Light = Councilman Guilbeau stated the traffic light for the Sheriff Department that they are using on Bismark Drive is very helpful. Councilman Rousseau requested that it be put on Fairfield next.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Rating = Chief Rivette stated they received the report from the fire rating and they will remain a Class 4. Last year they had 557 calls and they have already had 20 calls since the first of the year. They have had 3 structured fires. He thanked his guys for saving the houses.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Reimbursing the Fire Department = Councilman Bonin stated that he would like the council to think about reimbursing the firefighters in some sort of way. They are volunteers that have expenses like gas and lights. Councilman Foco requested that Councilman Bonin meet back with the committee which was Councilman Romero and Councilwoman Batiste and see what they come up with. Councilman Guilbeau stated he was on the committee, but he did have to step off the committee, but he is now eligible to go back on the committee if they need him

Councilman Bonin stated he would also like to see about paying the two assistant Chiefs. Councilman Foco stated get together with the committee about that also and see what ya'll come up with.

Saggy Pants Ordinance = Councilman Bonin asked if the council would like to see about entertaining the idea of the sagging pants ordinance. Councilman Guilbeau and Councilman Foco stated they would like to see how the other communities do with it first, it is challenged.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Katherine Drexel Parking = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he is glad to say the parking renovations at Katherine Drexel he feels it is working very well. The teachers are upset, because the car riders are taking a while, though. The problem is Katherine Drexel is the only school in the parish that was letting their car riders out first. Chief Decou stated we accomplished what the city wanted to accomplish. Councilman Rousseau stated the ultimate goal was accomplished which is the children's safety.

Fire Department..... continued:

Station #1 Renovation = Lenny Cunningham addressed the council and stated that they entertained the idea of the portable building, but they decided to do an addition instead. Lenny presented the council a set of the plans and questioned what will the next step for them. Can they start the bidding process? And do they need architect? Walter stated it has to go thru the State Marshall. Mayor Langlinais requested he get the information plans to him and he will get it to a local architect to get an official set of plans done to submit to the State Fire Marshall to start their bidding process.

Engineer's Report (Walter).....continued:

South Bernard/Fairfield Road Extension = Walter stated that he met with the Mayor for the routing for South Bernard. They are putting all of the proposed tracts on that map. That is for Bernard Road/Fairfield Extension. At the first of the month meeting next month, he will try and have an aerial map of that area. The offers for donation will be for 60 – 70 foot right of ways. This could work in donation whereas their set-back will be different. The council agreed they would prefer to buy it all right now instead of donations. This is providing for the future. Councilman Foco stated this will not affect one homeowner.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Thanks = Councilman Foco stated that he hope the new city parish council will be good. He thanked everybody.

Mayor Langlinais:

Mail-Out for Major Retailers = Mayor Langlinais stated that he drafted mail-out that will go out next week to the major retailers for the Las Vegas convention. He would like the council to give him some feedback on this.

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 = Absent
District V = Absent
District VI = Yea

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

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY