

Minutes Of The

February 13, 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 Kenny Higginbotham, District V
Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV
Councilman Albert Romero, District VI
Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
Walter Comeaux, III, City Engineer
Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
Al Reaux, City Engineer
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Peggy Durel, Citizen/Property Owner

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Walter Comeaux,
III lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for
boys that are still overseas.

Adopt minutes of the January 23, 2008 Meeting = Moved by Councilwoman Batiste
and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the January 23, 2008 meeting. Roll
call:

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Condemnation of Peggy Durel Property = Ms. Durel addressed the council. She stated
she is here to discuss the house that is part of a family estate that is being brought up for
condemnation. She stated that the house holds sentimental value. It was destroyed in Hurricane

Lillie and has been abandoned since then. She stated they will tear the house down; but she would like time to work on the demolition. They will complete it as soon as possible. She is looking at 45 – 60 days. The council agreed to give her 60 days to tear it down. The council had no problem with that. It was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to table this matter for 60 days allowing the property owners to demolish the property by April 18, 2008, with the sixty days starting on Monday. It has to be done by 60 days or she has to come back to the council. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #08-327/Cross Connection Control = Elmer stated that the state has sent us some demand letters because we do not have this ordinance in effect. A cross connection is a connection between a potable and a non-potable water. Elmer stated most of the big businesses are required to put a back flow preventor. Jerry stated there are a number of requirements that the city also had to do. The ordinance is a model ordinance form DHH. Attorney Landry stated he also sent a letter to Ms. Loflin with the DHH telling her we are in the process of passing this ordinance. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how much are we talking about for putting in the check valves? Elmer stated it is no cost to us, because they put in the check valves and the plumbing inspectors could check the valves when they do the inspections. This ordinance is coming from the State not Consolidated Government. Attorney Landry stated pretty much everyone is using the same thing. The other deficiencies have been handled. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to introduce Ordinance #08-327 which provides for the institution of requirements implementing cross-connection control devices or methods as mandated under state law and state regulations, being known as the cross connection control ordinance. Roll call:

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

Stine Home Improvement Center re: Sewer Contribution = No one with Stine's was present. Mayor Langlinais stated 2 years ago they approached him for sewer and they were going to apply for a grant; but they failed to do it on time. Now they contacted him in reference to contributing to them putting in a sewer lift station. He requested they come to the council. They would probably put in a mechanical plant. Councilman Bonin stated they will be the first business on the road, so eventually we will have to run sewer down there. Mayor Langlinais stated he will e-mail them stating that the town will perhaps be interested. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman to table this matter regarding the request from Stine Home Improvement Center for sewer contribution from the city. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #08-328/Hwy. 92-Louis Dattel Annexation = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilwoman Batiste to introduce Ordinance #08-328, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section 10, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the LA 92/Louis Dattel Annexation. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #07-322/Junked Motor Vehicles = Attorney Landry stated it was put back on the agenda, because the Mayor had asked it be brought back up. Mayor Langlinais stated the way the ordinance is now; we cannot remove the vehicles on our own. This ordinance is modeled after Lafayette. Mayor Langlinais stated it will help everyone. It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Ordinance #07-322, which provides for ordaining the procedures for removal of junked motor vehicles. Roll call:

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

Preliminary Route for South Bernard/Fairfield Road Ext. = Walter addressed the council. Mayor Langlinais stated one property owner e-mailed him and stated that she is in general agreement with the proposed right of way in the map. The other property owner Mr. Mouton was concerned that it had changed (the alignment of the road), but Mayor Langlinais stated it hadn't. A concern was about the speed on the road. Walter stated he thinks the mayor wants to start talking to some property owners. We are trying to keep it at 90 degrees at the intersections. Mayor Langlinais stated he asked Walter to straighten it out, when it crosses Albertson Parkway. Walter stated his question is if they meet and going for commitments with these property owners; do we have to do some research to make sure these are the property owners? Mayor Langlinais stated we could have a special meeting with the property owners. Councilman Foco stated he feels the property owner should have the final say so; not the people who don't have property there. Councilman Foco also stated that he owns property to the west of that and he doesn't want that road anywhere close to his property. Walter stated they were first looking at the crossing and the coulee crossing. He stated he feels we will probably have to tweak it even more. His question is what do they want him to do next? Councilman Foco stated he would like the property owners be contacted first to meet with them. Mayor Langlinais stated he would like an agenda item at the second meeting in March 2008 at the end of the meeting to meet with the property owners to get their opinions. Walter stated we also need to start looking at what width of right of way we want. He was also looking at a boulevard look for additional lanes. Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't see why we can't put dirt in place for the future. He asked the council how they want to proceed with this. Councilman Higginbotham questioned maybe we should do a cost comparison? Walter stated it will be basically the same. Councilman Foco stated we would like to see us obtain the additional right of ways for a two lane road that can later be a four lane road. Councilman Guilbeau questioned how will Youngsville come with this? Councilman Foco stated that Youngsville is not on board and we need go ahead and

acquire right of ways. The meeting with the property owners along the route will be held at 2nd meeting in March.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Sewer Force Main Materials = Last year's provider did not want to renew at the same price. The low bidder was LA Utilities Supply for \$217,483.86. It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to accept the low bid from LA Utilities Supply for \$217,483.86 for sanitary sewer and sewage force materials. Roll call:

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

Sewage Force Main Installation = It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Bonin to accept the low bid from Bihm Construction for \$366,235.00 for sanitary sewer and sewage force main installation. Roll call:

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

Al's Report:

New Sewage Pond = Al stated he checked with the contractor for the sewage pond contract. He thought he sent it in. We will pursue that to locate the contract.

St. Nazairre Road Project = Al stated the project is 70% complete. The roadway to Home Depot is substantially complete. The project was let out for bid with the utilities not being relocated. At the time the Billeauds' were negotiating with Walmart. Then the council authorized the job to be bid out. They then decided not to get the utilities adjusted till Walmart signed. The utility relocation was not done in a timely fashion. The contractor has experienced 68 rain days. The contractor thinks he has 90 left, which is 90 days over; which is a penalty of \$500 a day. Councilman Rousseau stated he has no problem waiving the penalty because the contractor has been good to us. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to extend the contract for 90 more working days. Roll call:

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

Al stated Home Depot has been satisfied with their property. Walgreens will open in May and Walmart in Sept. What is left is the back part of project. Mayor Langlinais questioned about the Walmart traffic signals? Al stated they are handling that. Al stated that will be the biggest intersection in Lafayette Parish once it is completed.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene stated there was nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Memo from Bob Boese Regarding Stormwater Ordinance = Attorney Landry stated everyone should have received a copy of a letter along with the Stormwater Ordinance dated Feb. 11, 2008. He stated in the letter that the City must file an annual report with LDEQ regarding the stormwater program that is being enforced by the City. Filing of this report is mandatory and one previous failure has already resulted in monetary penalty against the city. As part of this annual report, the City must confirm that it has in place and is enforcing a stormwater ordinance covering construction sites. However, the ordinance has not been enacted. He is concerned we will get more penalties. He states that there are no exceptions to passing this ordinance. Attorney Landry stated he agrees with this. It can be introduced tonight and adopted in March.

We can introduce it on the 27th, because it was not on the agenda. And the council recommended that Bob be here for the introduction. Attorney Landry stated he doesn't think it will be any more expense to the city; it will probably cost the contractors more. Walter stated this law has been around a long time. Councilman Rousseau stated the last two pages have frequently asked questions. This matter will be set to be introduced at the next meeting.

Railroad Crossings = Councilman Bonin asked Attorney Landry to call the railroad again. Larry stated he contacted a new person with the railroad. He is telling him the repair crew is in Berwick and moving west and they should be here in April.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

No one present

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one present

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District V/Councilwoman Batiste:

Durel Property = Councilwoman thanked the council for allowing Ms. Durel to work on her family property.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Morgan Speed Limit = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he noticed the speed limit signs were changed to 40 mph? He questioned if Mr. Tekell checked this? Larry stated yes and he sent us a map with the speed limits and where to put the signs.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Red-Flex = Councilman Rousseau stated the wanted to make the comment that red-flex works.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Article in the newspaper regarding Red-flex Citations = Councilman Foco stated he wants it in the minutes to reflect the following. Councilman Foco stated the article in The Advertiser stated he received a ticket from Red-Flex, but the article was misleading stating he was driving a city vehicle. There two tickets were issued to a Broussard policeman in city vehicles. His ticket was delivered to his post office box. No one told him he had to pay his ticket. His ticket was on Pinhook Road doing 50 in 40. He does not have a city vehicle and he has never driven a city vehicle and he paid his citation himself. The only vehicle he drives is the one he owns.

Red-Flex Cameras = Mayor Langlinais stated we got a letter from Bill Fontenot stating the Highway Department will not approve the Red-Flex cameras on Highway 90, where the city is intending on putting them. Mayor Langlinais stated he has a meeting with Bill Fontenot about this. We will have to see what the outcome will be.

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= Yea
At Large = Yea

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina G. Denais, CITY CLERK