

Minutes Of The

February 27, 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
John Linahan, 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
Chief Blair Rivette, Fire Chief
Lenny Cunningham, Captain/Fire Dept.

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

Adopt minutes of the February 13, 2008 Meeting = Moved by Councilwoman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting, subject to the following correction: for the vote of the introductory Ordinance #07-322/Junked Motor Vehicles, Councilman Guilbeau voted nay not yea. 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:

Adopt Ordinance #08-327/Cross Connection Control = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt 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	

Adopt Ordinance #08-328/Hwy. 92-Louis Datel Annexation = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt 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 Datel 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 #08-329/Stormwater Control = Bob Boese addressed the council. He stated we have to adopt this ordinance. We are a MS-4. We are behind the curve getting this passed. We had a public meeting about this. We had a large attendance with the public, contractors and the EPA. We have boiled down the EPA and the DEQ requirements. Basically it says if you are working a site, you have to keep your materials from running off of your site. The problem is this isn't a request it is a demand. The city of Shreveport has received 6 digits penalties for not getting theirs in on time. This shouldn't cause us any problems. We have designed a number of forms that they will need to file. The builders will get the forms from the code department. There is an inspection form and a check off form. We are filling in their calendar in for them with forms. The third form is our form. All we have to do is make sure the builder does the inspections. We convinced the DEQ that we could make the builder do the forms. Councilman Foco questioned Al and Walter if we have to do this? Walter stated yes, he has been doing this quite some time now. Al stated the way they handle this is that it is part of the contract and all the guidelines are part of the contract and the forms are attached to the contract and the builder has to maintain the records himself at his office. It is the contractor's responsibility to keep the forms. Councilman Rousseau questioned what does it mean in addition to what the state requires? Bob stated we make them tell us our guidelines, we don't make them give us nothing then they can be reported to DEQ. The only times this gets complicated is if a developer sells lots, the new owner is not allowed to piggy back on him. We have to follow the ordinance based on what the federal government has. Walter stated generally speaking his experience the bigger projects, they don't usually mess with this very much. Sarah will just have about 5 or 10 minutes more work for her to do. This will be done entirely electronic. Councilman Higginbotham stated the only problem he has is the compliance section. Councilman Rousseau questioned if the lender can't be involved? Bob stated not that wouldn't be feasible. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilwoman Batiste to introduce Ordinance #08-329, which controls the pollution from construction storm-water runoff. Roll call:

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

District III= Yea
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

John's Report:

Ida Road/LaFlamme Road Drainage Project = John stated the Ida Road/ LaFlamme Road Drainage project is substantial complete. Councilman Rousseau questioned where the new surface ends will it keep going? Al stated that there will be another lift. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to recognize the Ida Road/LaFlamme Road Drainage Project substantially complete. Roll call:

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

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

Al's Report:

St. Nazairre Road = Al stated because of the rain not much work was done. They are ready with the base from Home Depot to LaFlamme Road. The hump is the wearing course and that will get that fixed. We will make it turn at the trailer park. At Highway 96 their will be widening at the curve and then a left hand turn. Their will be a true an intersection, but as development occurs we will be able to extend it. Chief Decou questioned if there will be a right only turn from the intersection? Al stated there was some discussion of 18 wheelers being able to turn; but coming from St. Nazairre they will only be able to turn left and coming off of Hwy 90 they will only be able to turn right onto the service road.

New Sewage Pond = Al stated there will be a pre construction conference tomorrow morning at 10:00. And after that meeting then we will probably provide the contractor with a notice to proceed.

Walter's Report:

South Bernard Road/Fairfield Road Extensions = Walter stated he has provided a map of S.Bernard/Fairifield Road. Ronnie Reaux dropped off the ownerships to him and he will get them to the Mayor so we can have the meeting with the property owners.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene stated that everything is pretty much is the same. Gene stated that we pay paid the collector for various expenses. There was an increase in the cost. He asked the council to raise the collection cost by \$25,000. We budgeted \$50,000 and we need to increase that. This is the cost of operating their office and ours and their audits. We share with the cost of their audits. Gene stated he doesn't want to go over the budget. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to amend the budget and raise the collection cost from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Roll call:

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

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

We are \$800,000 ahead of our sales tax collections. Councilman Guilbeau questioned about in the general fund the under admin the auditing is over. Gene stated he spreads the audit cost out over the different departments and Tina doesn't spread it out. It really needs to spread out in all departments.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated he didn't have anything to bring up.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Yearly Report = Chief Decou gave the council members the statistics for last year. Most of everything stayed consistent. If they will like to discuss anything, please feel free to go see him. He has it broken down for last 4 years on it. We are staying pretty consistent as the city has grown. He thanked the council for giving him the manpower and the equipment they need. If their constituents go to them, please contact him about this. Councilman Foco stated he sees the juvenile arrests are down. Councilman Higginbotham questioned the signals on Highway 90? Chief Decou stated the signals have been changed at Albertson Parkway. What about the cameras? Mayor Langlinais stated he called Dean Tekell who will provide the research for the project. Mayor Langlinais stated he received a call from Buckles and he said he will aid with the research. Chief Decou stated he feels if we can't the cameras on Highway 90, he doesn't feel we should do the project. The state needs accident data before they even think of allowing the cameras to be installed on Highway 90. Councilman Foco stated he feels if we do it; we need to do it all or nothing. Councilman Rousseau questioned on page 3 he questioned the alarms amount? Chief Decou stated that is the business and residential alarms. Councilman Rousseau questioned how hard would it be to put an alarm ordinance in effect; how much time are we wasting? Chief Decou stated that they know the businesses we have that have reoccurring problems. Councilman Foco stated we could at look at this. City of Lafayette has such an ordinance in effect. The council agreed that they need to look at an ordinance to this effect. Councilman Rousseau would like the number of false alarms vs. real alarms. Chief Rivette stated they also problems with fire department false alarms. When all emergency vehicles are on the road with 2 pumpers for false alarms is very dangerous. Rousseau stated that is his point.

Junk Vehicles = Councilman Guilbeau questioned is vehicles is left at a mechanic shop because someone can't pay for the repairs and the people don't come claim vehicle, then why should it be the mechanic shop's fault. Attorney Landry stated the mechanic can file with the state and get the title or get rid of the vehicle. Chief Decou stated he feels the mechanic shops solution is they need to build a fence. Councilman Guilbeau stated who will pay for that? Chief Decou stated the mechanic shops.

Red -Flex = Al questioned if the red light camera violations will be including the speed violation on this? Chief Decou stated the cameras will detect speeding. Al stated the cameras

are the red light violation and there are wires embedded in the road to detect the speed. There are wires that will monitor your speed according to the tires measuring the distance from the vehicles.

Speed Limit Reduction Request on West Roosevelt = Chief Decou stated that he has a request for West Roosevelt for the speed limit to be reduced? The speed is not the issue on the street. There are big trucks going down the street. That was what brought to his attention. The vehicles are not speeding; it is just the problem with the big trucks. Councilman Foco stated he feels the person making the complaint needs to get us a license plate number. At this time the council refused to reduce the speed limit on West Roosevelt Street.

SRO Contract for Broussard Middle School = Chief Decou is requesting the authorization to move forward with SRO contract with Broussard Middle School and the school board. It is not to be put in place yet. He just wants it to be ready when it is time. Attorney Landry stated if the council votes on it he can have it ready in an hour. Councilman Foco stated he feels we need to see if the school board will be putting up some money. Chief stated at their budgetary time they will fund it. Mayor Langlinais and some of the council members stated that they feel the Sheriff's Dept, should contribute also. Chief Decou stated they are willing to put a deputy in the school free of charge, but he prefers a deputy from his department because he knows what is going on. Councilman Foco stated then we should do a 3 party agreement with us, the school board and the sheriff's dept. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels we need to put our officer in the school. Chief Decou stated he plans on using an existing officer. When school is out he will do enforcement in the community. Councilman Foco requested that the chief speak with the sheriff for contribution to this project. Mayor Langlinais stated that he has concerns with maybe the elementary and the catholic schools might want the same. Chief Decou stated the high schools already have the officer and they are now trying to get it in the middle schools first. Chief Decou will speak to the sheriff about helping with the funding and then he will report back to the council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Monthly Report = Chief Rivette stated so far they have ran 90 call since Jan. 1st and 15 were structure fires. The firefighters are working toward certifications with the training programs and software they received from the grant. They have 7 certifications done.

Station #1 Renovation = Chief Rivette stated the generators are just about finished. They are just waiting for the plumber to come do the gas connection. They also had the electrical service moved. Right now they are lost with the builder. Last they heard someone was speaking to the Mayor and Attorney Landry. Attorney Landry stated someone spoke to him and the gentleman stated he was out \$3,000. He told him to do what he had to do. It has to be a stamp set of plans. Mayor Langlinais stated the gentleman stated they were not formal plans. The estimated cost of the project is \$150,000. By law it has to be bid out. Sarah told them under 2,000 square feet it didn't need architectural plans. Attorney Landry stated the project started as a movable trailer and now it is a permanent fixture and it attached to the city of Broussard property. It is up to the city to decide who they want to use and if the council wants to do the project. Attorney Landry stated the architect to design this will charge money. Walter stated the

architect will also handle the bidding process. Mayor Langlinais stated there was a question at first when it was first designed for Station #2, because it was questioned whether to extend the addition further beyond the bay, because of the water tower. The architect that did those plans charged them \$8,000 and nothing was built and no plans were received. The project was moved across the tracks. Lenny stated it started at station 2 and it was moved around. They moved to station 1 for permanent fixture. The addition is 1406 square foot. Lenny stated they are not asking for money. The council budget \$75,000. Mayor Langlinais stated this is an efficient use of space. Lenny explained the \$75,000 is from the city and the \$80,000 from the parish. Councilman Foco stated he will get an architect with how much it will cost within a week.

Firefighter Pay = Councilman Bonin questioned Chief Rivette about if he spoke to the fireman being paid per call. Chief stated he spoke to some members who would like to leave it as is, due to tax purposes. Councilman Foco thanked the fire department for all they do.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Rep. Paige Cortez = Councilman Foco recognize Mr. Cortez and thanked him for coming. Mayor Langlinais stated he still has a problem with legislature can still accept contributions from special interest. He wished they would have just said no. Mr. Cortez thanked everyone for recognizing him. Mr. Cortez gave a brief discussion about the ethics bill that was just passed. Councilman Bonin questioned if the ethic board will enforce the law? Mr. Cortez stated the ethics board was an outside board. There names were submitted by university members.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Railroad = Councilman Bonin stated that he took a trip down Highway 182 and saw the railroad working between Cade and New Iberia. Hopefully they are on their way here.

Tags on City vehicles = Councilman Bonin stated he saw some city vehicles without any tags on them. He asked Larry to handle this. Larry stated a lot of the time they put the magnetic emblems on them and then they wash the vehicles and they take the emblems off and forget to put them back on.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Zoning Committee = Councilman Rousseau stated that they had meeting a couple of weeks ago. They are waiting on the maps. They did meet on that. This will be a grueling process.

District IV/Councilman Higginbotham:

Highway 96 turn lane = Councilman Higginbotham questioned what is the status of the suggested Highway 96 turn lane off of Highway 182. Larry stated that there are issues with

State. Larry stated will get traffic count. Larry questioned if will we fund it? Mayor Langlinais stated not to their level. Larry will work on this.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Article in the paper = Councilman Foco stated that there was an article in the paper recognizing Mr. Johnson as the first black elected councilman and Irvin Flugence as the first black police chief..

Another article = Councilman Foco stated there was another article about one of Broussard citizens who is Yvette Girouard, was described as a trader. Councilman Foco stated that he is proud she is from Broussard, and he is proud of her achievements. He wished that guy would put his achievements in the paper.

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