

Minutes Of The

March 12, 2008

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles Langlinais
Tina G. Denais, City Clerk
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
Mark Savoie, City Engineer
Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Representatives from Stine Lumber Company
Absent: Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I

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

Adopt minutes of the February 27, 2008 Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the February 27, 2008 meeting, subject to the following revision: Councilwoman Batiste stated it was printed Councilwoman Rousseau instead of Councilman Rousseau in the minutes. Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Stine Home Improvement Center.....re: Sewer Contribution = Mr. Dennis Stine, Mr. Gary Stine and Garrett Stine addressed the council. They are from Sulphur, LA. They have 11 Stine stores. They are very excited about being here. This project will be the largest project they have built. They bought this property about 6 or 7 years ago, anticipating Ambassador Caffery being built. He feels this project will jump start the development on Ambassador Caffery. They

are requesting sewer to the development. They will be spending 16 – 18 million building this site. Their hope is the city will help them with the sewer. Councilman Rousseau questioned the linear footage we are looking at? Gary LeBouf, architect discussed the proposed layout. On the northeast middle of the site, there is a proposed lift station. A four inch force main will take care of this and a gravity line on Highway 89. The pump station is about 14 feet. Mark stated you would want to go 29 feet with that. Mark questioned what kind of improvements will be made downstream? Mark will coordinate with the Stine representatives and come back to the council with some figures. They should start the GO Zone in 3 to 4 weeks, so they can get this built by the end of the year. Mr. Stine also requested that the city allow the Enterprise Abatement of the sales tax. The council asked him to let them work with the sewer first. Mayor Langlinais questioned if they would have a problem with a sewer lift station on the corner of their property of Ambassador? Duplantis stated he doesn't foresee a problem with that. Mr. Stine thanked the council and there should be some figures by the next meeting for the cost of this sewer. Councilman Foco stated this council is a business friendly community. Mr. Stine complimented the council on their contribution of \$10 million for Ambassador Caffery.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance#07-322.....RE: Junked Vehicles = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Ordinance #007-322, which ordains the procedures for removal of junked motor vehicles. Roll call:

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

Chief Decou stated that he has already seen some sites being cleaned up.

Adopt Ordinance #08-329/Stormwater Control = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Ordinance #08-329, which controls the pollution from construction stormwater runoff. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

AI's Report:

AI was unable to attend the meeting, but he e-mailed the following report to Tina.

Sewer Pond = A pre-construction conference was held on February 28. Specialty Contractors presented a project schedule indicating completion in about one year. In edition late spring or early summer of 2009 is when the project will be completed. The contractor was issued a "Notice to Proceed" on April 1, 2008.

St. Nazaire Road = The project is approaching 80% complete. Since the last meeting the contractor has laid the initial course of asphalt on the south half of the road from Home Depot entrance to LaFlamme Road. This will be followed with a final wearing course from Home Depot to LaFlamme and on LaFlamme from St. Nazaire to the existing pavement section on LaFlamme. This last wearing course will eliminate the current hump at the existing section of LaFlamme. It was excavated for the base course from LaFlamme to the end of the project.

Mark's Report:

Eola Road Pump Station = Mark stated the contractor is working on it. It should be finished within a month.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene stated he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated he had nothing to report on.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

SRO Program = Chief Decou stated since the last meeting he met with the Sheriff for sharing the cost on SRO Program. His final thing was he will not be able to participate because he would have to do the same for all municipalities. He told him we are trying to help them in the long run. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if they will be required to have an officer in the long run, is it a law? Chief Decou stated it is set by the referrals at the school. Mayor Langlinois stated he suggested we say we will contribute with a match from the Sheriff. Chief Decou stated the School Board budget should be done by May 1st. Councilman Foco stated he feels this needs to be exposed. Chief Decou stated he told him the city is looking for the city's tax dollars to come to the city. Mayor Langlinois requested that we pass a resolution stating we will put up 1/3 of the cost along with the sheriff and the school board. Councilman Bonin questioned if the other communities received anything from them? Chief Decou stated he spoke with Mr. Lemoine to see if they will increase the funds on the school board side and he said no because they are maxed out. Councilman Foco stated he would like someone to make a resolution that we will fund 1/3 and let the school board and the sheriff dept fund the rest. Chief Decou stated he doesn't think they will ask us to fund the entire amount. Councilman Higginbotham questioned about Carencro Middle and Youngsville Middle? Chief Decou stated we are fortunate we have Broussard Middle and not Carencro. They have problems there daily and they have a Carencro officer their daily. Scott Police does have an officer at Acadiana High. The sheriff is committing to do Judice Middle, Milton and he doesn't know about Youngsville. Councilman Rousseau stated he said if he has to participate in Broussard, then he would have to commit to everyone, but why is committing to Judice Middle and Milton Middle? Chief Decou stated those schools are in the unincorporated area. Attorney Landry stated this is a school board problem and they need help. Chief Decou stated he is fortunate that our school only qualifies for \$20,000 because we have fewer problems than anyone. Attorney Landry stated

they are not exposing anything, because the sheriff is providing the service for unincorporated areas. The school board is trying to get help from the municipalities, financially wise. Councilman Foco stated he doesn't feel we could move forward on this right now. Mayor Langlinais requested that the council moved forward and adopt a resolution that the school board comes up with \$20,000 and we come up with the other half along with the sheriff condition that they come up with their money. Attorney Landry stated it is not a sheriff's problem. Councilman Higginbotham stated we contribute the majority of the tax money to the sheriff, so we would like something in return for our money. Councilman Bonin stated he feels it should be printed in the newspaper. Attorney Landry stated maybe we can contact our school board member and ask him to go to the sheriff for assistance. Chief Decou stated he will try that.

Mr. Pat LeBlanc = Chief Decou stated that Mr. LeBlanc passed away in the plane crash on Monday. It was a terrible thing. He was one of his officer's uncle. He asked everyone to keep him in their prayers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Bid Proposal = Councilman Foco stated the original plans grew. We need to decide how much we want to spend this. Councilman Bonin stated they will get money from the parish and we will give \$75,000 and they have some money in savings. Mayor Langlinais questioned why are we building a building with bedrooms if FEMA reimburses us during storms for bed quarters? Councilman Bonin stated he would like to see this for the future. Mayor Langlinais stated he sees himself and the future council doing a fulltime fire department in the future, but not now. Councilman Foco stated he can get pretty close numbers, so he will go meet with them again and then come back to the council.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Holidays = Councilman Rousseau asked everyone to be safe for the upcoming holidays.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Highway 182 @ Highway 96 Turn Lane = Councilman Higginbotham questioned the status on this? We have to get a traffic count and we need to decide what we want to do. Larry stated we have to contact the Highway Department requesting that we can do it. Larry stated the mayor or the council has to turn in the cost estimate along with the request. It was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Rousseau to go ahead and do turn lane on Highway 182 to Highway 96 and the city incurring the cost contingent that the state approves it. Roll call:

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

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

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Ambassador Caffery = Councilman Foco complimented the request from the Stine representatives and state he would like to put some stores on Ambassador that are really pro business.

ADJOURN:

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

District I = Absent

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