

Minutes Of The

April 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  
Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV  
Councilman Albert Romero, District VI  
Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large  
Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney  
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer  
Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper  
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief

Absent: Councilman Keith Rousseau

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

**Adopt minutes of the March 26, 2008 Meeting** = Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting. Roll call:

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Declare vehicle SW-10/1996 Ford Explorer** = It was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to declare the 1996 Ford Explorer with VIN #1FMDU32X0TUD52800 also known as SW-10 as salvage. Roll call:

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

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **Jerry's Report:**

**Highway 96** = Jerry stated the estimate for the Highway 96 turn lane is \$87,791.00. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if the State will help us with this? Councilman Foco stated we haven't talk to them yet. Larry stated the State previously told him that the traffic count doesn't justify putting this turn lane in. Mayor Langlinais stated he will talk to Bill Fontenot with the State about this.

### **Al's Report:**

**St. Nazairre Road** = Al stated that the contractor is working on the intersection at the end of St. Nazairre Road. The project is 85% complete.

**New Sewage Pond** = Al state the contractor is 25% with the striping. Next week he should start some excavation work.

**Highway 96 @ St. Nazairre Road Turn Lane** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned what is the timetable for the Highway 96 and St. Nazairre turn lane? Al stated we are waiting on the state. Councilman Higginbotham talked about the condition of the rest of St. Nazairre that is not being improved because it is not in the city limits. Al stated we can always incorporate that part and do it.

### **Walter's Report:**

**Engineering Services for South Bernard and Fairfield Extension** = Walter stated he had the contract for preliminary survey for S. Bernard and Fairfield Ext. He needs approval for the Mayor to sign the contract. It was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Higginbotham to amend the budget to approve the preliminary survey work not to exceed \$30,000 for South Bernard and Fairfield Extension and authorize the Mayor to sign the contact for this project with Comeaux Engineering, LLC. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II= Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Absent

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

## **ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Gene stated he spoke with Chief Decou regarding the Capital Outlay. The money was spent for the drug seizure fund. Chief Decou stated he purchased a car out of the asset forfeiture fund. Gene stated they have to budget it in the flow. It came out of capital outlay instead of asset forfeiture fund. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to amend the capital outlay for the police department to reflect \$15,000 increase for the forfeiture purchase. Roll call:

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

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

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**Baker Hughes Sales Tax Refund** = The second part of the audit shows that we owe them \$182,296.09. They previously took money out of our sales tax and this is the remaining balance we owe. They will take it out of our March check and this will clear the money owed to Baker Hughes. Gene stated this arose out of audit of Baker Hughes a couple of years ago. It was discovered that Baker Hughes had overpaid their sales tax. The city of Broussard does not audit the sales tax division. We simply take what they give us. We have no active part in the collection of sales tax. Councilman Foco stated he would like to go on record and state in the future that he does not want the Lafayette Parish School Board Sales Tax Division to negotiate for the City of Broussard. We had no say so in this. Councilman Higginbotham questioned what documentation that we have that they will not come back on us? Councilman Foco stated they paid us the money in 5 years and we have to pay them back in less time. Mayor Langlinais stated Baker Hughes agreed to waive the interest. The council agreed for them to take the money owing out of month's check for Sales Tax.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Three-Laning of US 90** = Chief Decou questioned about the 3 laning of US 90? Will it be to us or from us? Mayor Langlinais stated he will talk to Bill Fontenot about this. The state is working with the feds about this. We are hoping this goes all the way to Albertson Parkway. Another question is will they put another lane over the Vermilion River Bridge? Chief Decou stated his concern is if they stop before that they get here, the traffic will be congested. Mayor Langlinais stated he will be talking to Bill Fontenot about the plans for this.

**Future Ambassador Caffery** = Chief Decou stated at the request of the Mayor and the contractor they were requested them to do some enforcement on the future Ambassador Caffery area. There have been a lot of 4-wheelers and motorcycles in that area. They have just caught someone who was issued a misdemeanor summons and his bike is currently being picked up. Chief Decou stated they are using the 4 wheelers from the sheriff's department. They were allowed to use it, as long as a hold harmless agreement was signed. Chief Decou stated he is also currently using the stationary radar from the sheriff's department for traffic areas with speed.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

No one was present.

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Council Meetings** = Councilman Guilbeau stated he spoke to Councilman Don Bertrand and Councilman Theriot with the parish council. He would like to see about moving the meeting back to Tuesdays. Some of the council members are fine with Wednesdays and some would prefer for Tuesdays. Councilman Foco stated he did attend the parish meeting last week when they were discussing the trash situation. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to move the City Council Meeting back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month instead of Wednesdays. Roll call:

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

Attorney Landry stated we will have to adopt an ordinance to that effect next meeting, so this will probably not take effect till the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in May 2008.

#### **District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**Railroad Condition at Crossings** = Councilman Bonin stated that the railroad is about to come apart. It is getting very dangerous. The crossing at St. Etienne is coming apart. Councilman Higginbotham stated he spoke to a retired railroad employee and he suggested that we speak to someone with the State under the Highway Department under railroads. His name is Bill Shrusberry. Councilman Bonin stated we have complained a lot about this. Attorney Landry will attempt to contact Mr. Shrusberry.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

**Recognition for David Bonin, Jr.** = Mayor Langlinais stated he would like to offer a resolution recognizing David Bonin, Jr., in his success in wrestler. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt a resolution recognizing David Bonin, Jr. for his athletic achievements in wrestling. Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
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At Large = Yea	

**Lift Station for Stine's** = In reference to providing sewer service for Stine's Home Improvement, Councilman Foco stated they feels they will have to pay for some of the force main. We can pay for the lift station. Jerry stated we don't have to do the upgrade now. The money that they would pay for a plant, they can pay for a force main. Jerry recommended they put a 6" force main. Attorney Landry stated we have nothing on the agenda and feels we need to talk them first. Councilman Guilbeau questioned how close we are to PSC with sewage? Walter stated the one at Broussard Middle will pump down Morgan to Albertson and across Highway 90. The one down Morgan takes all of new development and the school wants to get rid of the sewer plant they have. It will be designed with an upward mobility. You can't move sewer into it. Mayor Langlinais stated we can put it next year's budget.

**Land Swap for Camelot** = Mayor Langlinais stated he has an appraisal for that property for Camelot. He made the appraiser do the land appraisal as is and another one subject to a proposed right of way. Councilman Foco stated there are two pipelines running thru the property that we are suggested getting for the land swap. He doesn't feel that we are coming out ahead with this property. The council agreed with Councilman Foco. Mayor Langlinais stated he will see what other property they can come up with.

**St. Nazairre Road** = Larry asked what are we going to do with the rest of St. Nazairre road that is in bad shape? Councilman Guilbeau questioned if we can't overlay it. Larry stated it needs to be re-constructed. Councilman Guilbeau stated he will talk to Don Bertrand about this first to see if the parish can aid us on this. In the meantime Larry will get a price on it. And Councilman Guilbeau will get Don Bertrand to meet with Larry about this also. Al stated he doesn't think the parish has any interest in helping on this though. Councilman Guilbeau stated Don did tell him that they have money for Shenandoah drainage improvements. Mayor Langlinais questioned if we have re-construction in the H & S contract? Al stated we will have to check with H & S.

**ADJOURN:**

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

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

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

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S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

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S/Tina G. Denais, CITY CLERK