

Minutes Of The
July 8, 2008
Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles E. Langlinais
Tina M. Emert, City Clerk
Councilman Terry Guilbeau, District I
Councilman David Bonin, District II
Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III
Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV
Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V
Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney
John Linahan, City Engineer
Al Reaux, City Engineer
Martin Poirier, City Engineer
Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Kenneth Wainwright, City Foreman
Bryan Champagne, Assistant Fire Chief
Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief

Absent: Councilman Albert Romero, District VI

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and stated he would like to dedicate this meeting to Sidney Broussard, Sr. who just passed away. Mr. Broussard was a citizen of Broussard and was previously a councilman also. He passed away on Monday, July 7, 2008. Chief Decou lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for boys still overseas.

Adopt minutes of the July 8, 2008 Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the June 24, 2008 meeting. Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Intergovernmental Agreement with Lafayette Parish Parks and Recreation for \$15,000 for improvements for asphalt parking at Arceneaux Park = Councilman Foco stated that we previously had \$15,000 last year in the budget for Arceneaux Park for an overlay project that BYYA requested; however they hadn't come back for their money and it was removed from the budget and we appropriated that money this year to Council On Aging. BYYA was waiting for an Intergovernmental Agreement to be done that wasn't done. Larry stated the price now is \$42,000 rather the \$15,000 it was last year, because of the increase cost of asphalt. It was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to table this, till we get more information from BYYA and Lafayette Parish Parks and Receptions about this project. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #08-336/Revising Ordinance #05-291 Drainage Regulations = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to introduce #08-336, which enacts ordinances and sections to amend Ordinance #05-291, which provides for the drainage regulations in the corporate limits of the City of Broussard, Louisiana. Roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

REDFLEX/Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate an agreement for the use of photographic vehicle speed enforcement = Attorney Landry stated it is just a request from Redflex. One concern the council had was maintaining the cameras at the intersection. The city of Lafayette will maintain at Redflex's expense. Attorney Landry stated the hold up is in Baton Rouge. Attorney Landry stated they have to have someone to maintain the cameras, but they don't have anyone on staff. Mayor Langlinais requested that if we do intergovernmental agreement he would like us to include the Morgan and Albertson intersection. Much discussion was done about this. Councilman Foco stated he doesn't feel the City of Lafayette will come here and maintain the equipment. Councilman Bonin stated he feels they won't come here every time we have something go wrong each time. Attorney Landry stated it is the state that is asking to do this. Mayor Langlinais stated we previously requested an intergovernmental agreement with the state to maintain the Albertson and Morgan signal, but they didn't want to do it that at time 7 or 8 years ago. Attorney Landry stated the bad guy in this is government in Baton Rouge, not Redflex. Attorney Landry stated this is the last thing to be approved; prior to Redflex being implemented in Broussard; Baton Rouge just wants someone to come in maintain the intersections when something goes wrong. If we can enter into an agreement with Lafayette it may done quicker. The state is trying to pass the maintenance onto someone else. Attorney

Landry stated the intergovernmental agreement will state that the City pays nothing. Councilman Guilbeau stated the way he sees it on the paper, he is not for it. Attorney Landry stated it will be at no cost to the City. This is just to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with them. Nothing will be approved tonight. Councilman Bonin questioned if we get a percentage on each of the tickets that Redflex issues; will the maintenance fee come out of the tickets? Attorney Landry stated there will be no maintenance fee. Councilman Rousseau stated that he just wants to clarify that it will be at no cost to us for the maintenance. Councilman Higginbotham stated first they needed the data and now this; they keep making demands. Attorney Landry stated Redflex is not making demands, the State is. The only difference is if this is approved, we will call the City of Lafayette instead of the State. Attorney Landry stated he and the Mayor just need the authority for the Mayor to negotiate with Redflex and the State. It was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Redflex for this Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Lafayette for the maintenance of the intersections.

Roll call:

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

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Al's Report:

St. Nazairre Road = Al stated that H & S plans to go work on St. Nazairre this Monday. After they start again, it should take about another month to a month and half before this project is completed.

New Sewer Pond = Al stated the sewer pond is 30% complete. They are still doing dirt work.

John's Report:

US 90 and Ida Road Deceleration/Acceleration Lanes = John stated that he has the estimates for the acceleration and deceleration lanes at Ida Road. Councilman Higginbotham stated Ida Road used to be a cul-de-sac road and now it has to handle the traffic of 50 businesses. He was looking to do something at the entrance of Ida Road to handle the commercial and industrial tractor/trailer vehicles there and the high volume of traffic on Highway 90. Plus when Walmart opens this will increase the traffic more. Cost estimates are as follows: 1) deceleration/acceleration lanes \$359,500.00 and 2) turn-out \$167,500.00. Councilman Higginbotham stated he didn't talk to Rep. Cortez for the State yet; but he will hoping that the State will contribute on this. He just wants to gets the council feelings on this. It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilwoman Batiste requesting financially assistance from the State for this project involving US 90 and Ida Road Intersection for deceleration/acceleration lanes. Roll call:

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

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

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Introduce Ordinance #08-337 for La 92/Randy Viator Annexation = Mayor Langlinais stated that he has requested any future requests, needs to come to them first. Mayor Langlinais stated the question, is what kind of services they want. The council asked that the information be sent to them and they will look into this. The council did not act on this.

Property Leases = Attorney Landry stated that previously someone wanted to lease Broussard property. Mr. Lapari contacted Attorney Landry and stated that his client was no longer interested. He sent the resolution to Mr. Lapari. We have it on record, but they don't want to go forward with this. Mayor Langlinais questioned if they are not going forward, how are they producing that well? Mayor Langlinais requested Attorney Landry get with Larry Hebert on this and ask those hard questions. Mayor Langlinais stated he finds it kind of strange that they backed off of this unit. Mark Lapari is representing the prospect.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

SRO Officer for Broussard Middle School = Chief Decou stated he confirmed with Mr. Lemonine that they have approved the funding for the SRO Officer for their portion with the school board. He just needs Attorney Landry to prepare the agreement. The sheriff department didn't come forward. This has already been authorized. Chief Decou stated they just need the final agreement.

Homicide = Chief Decou stated we had a homicide on South St. Pierre and it is still under investigation. The suspect is in custody. City hall helped us with information on the resident at the location for the utilities.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Building Office = Asst. Chief stated they are just trying to push the ball forward on the building office previously budget. He stated that Councilman Foco has been very helpful with this project. Councilman Foco stated this needs to be started or finished before November to get the \$80,000 funding from the parish. Mayor Langlinais questioned if they have an agreement. Asst. Chief stated it has been going on for years now.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Traffic Light Highway 182 and Highway 90 = Councilman Guilbeau stated he called Dean Tekell about the light on Highway 182 and Highway 90 that is leaving a line of traffic coming from Walgreens. He suggested more green time on Alberston. Chief Decou stated they are still seeing backup coming off of Albertson to Highway 182. That is 2 lanes of traffic backing up. More green time is needed on that section also. Chief Decou stated he is also getting complaints about traffic build up on Highway 182. We are having problems coming from New Iberia turning onto Albertson Parkway. Councilman Foco stated that you can expect some tweak, because that is a major intersection. Councilman Guilbeau stated it is basically around lunch and 5:00 in the afternoon. Councilman Guilbeau stated he just hadn't heard back from Dean Tekell about this. Mayor Langlinais stated generally it has been worked out.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

4th of July = Councilman Rousseau stated that he had a couple of people in his district, ask if they could go to ENSCO to watch the firework display and they said it was a good show. Councilman Rousseau stated he would prefer to do a display after the Christmas Parade instead of New Year's Eve. Mayor Langlinais stated Mrs. Pitre with the Broussard Economic Development Committee has already suggested this putting it after the Christmas Parade and that is more what we are leaning to.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Traffic in the Walmart area = Councilman Higginbotham stated we need to put some kind of master plan with Walmart opening to move people around in that area. Maybe widen roads and improve roads. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels a master plan can be done. Something was previously basically done. He will get with Dean on this. Councilman Higginbotham stated LaFlamme is not wide enough to handle the traffic on that road after Walmart is opened. Al stated we have plenty of rights of way along LaFlamme to improve it from St. Nazairre to Ida Road. Councilman Higginbotham stated we need to start thinking about this. The traffic on Highway 96 is backed up to the concrete plan. Councilman Foco stated he feels we can talk to Rep. Cortez and the delegation to do something about this. The right of way is there. The problem is the highway department didn't keep the turn lane simple, which is why the price is enormous to do it. A turn lane will eliminate some of the problems on Highway 96 at Highway 182.

Mayor Langlinais:

Ambassador Caffery Utilities = Mayor Langlinais stated that we previously held off on acquiring utility easements on Caffery. We were hoping the providers would participate in the acquisition of the easements. So he met with Don, Oscar and Don Bertrand. We decided not to call the utility companies. If we go to the property owners and get 10 foot utility easement, exclusive to the City of Broussard no one else can use it. The highway department agreed they

would not acquire utility easements, 5 years ago. That is why we developed this utility easement. The second question he asked Oscar is if we acquire 10 foot utility easement; could we acquire another easement. Yes we can go forward, but we won't have imminent domain. Mayor Langlinais stated he needs authorization to go forward and acquire utility easements and some direction to handle if exclusive or non-exclusive. Councilman Bonin questioned if we don't run sewer to Stine's, where will they get sewer? Mayor Langlinais stated Mark and Jerry have met with the property owner where the easement is needed and she refused to talk to us. Mayor Langlinais stated he instructed Jerry and Mark to bring the force main on the back side. His only other alternative is to send a "dear john letter" to see if something can be worked out in the future. Mayor Langlinais stated \$200,000 - \$250,000 should be able to acquire most of those easements. Mayor Langlinais stated that we will send offers out and he feels everyone will be willing to participate. Councilman Foco stated you could stop all of the growth without any municipal sewage, if you don't develop at all. Councilman Bonin stated a few of these package plants do not work. Mayor Langlinais stated he needs guidance and authorization for this and this doesn't include putting pipe in the grounds. Mayor Langlinais stated that is why he called the amount infrastructure in the budget instead of road improvements; because he knew we would need this money for this. Mayor Langlinais stated there is a process for making a water connection. Our sewer connection fee is maybe 20% of where it needs to be. Mayor Langlinais stated that is why we have the permit process. Attorney Landry stated he would have to prepare an ordinance for the next meeting to permit Mayor Langlinais to acquire these easements. We will have to amend the budget at that time for this also.

Moulin Road = Chief Decou questioned about Moulin Road will it be closed for 2 months and what about the area that is dug up? Mayor Langlinais stated that section is going to be eliminated and the road will veer left 300 feet down to Ambassador Caffery. You will have to get onto Ambassador to get onto Moulin Road.

LEDA Rep. = Ryan LaGrange with LEDA introduced himself to the city. He asked the council to look into their districts that may need assistance with businesses in their district for tax incentives and work force programs and training grants. Any private business in Louisiana for 3 years can apply for the grants. They can do some seminars with them. Councilman Rousseau stated he can vouch on the training grants, because his company has just received one of those grants.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilwoman Batiste 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 = Absent

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK