

Minutes Of The

July 22, 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  
 Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV  
 Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V  
 Councilman Albert Romero, District VI  
 Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large  
 Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney  
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer  
 Martin Poirier, City Engineer  
 Walter Comeaux III, City Engineer  
 Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper  
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
 Elmer Girouard, City Foreman  
 Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief  
 Chief Blair Rivette, Police Chief  
 Mr. Bobby Quebedeaux

Absent: Councilman Keith Rousseau, District III

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Councilman Bonin lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for boys still overseas and Ms. Flo Dumensil and Mr. Whitmess Bourque who recently passed away.

**Adopt minutes of the July 22, 2008 Meeting** = Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the July 8, 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:**

**Adopt Resolution #230-08/Requesting the legislative delegation for Acadiana to seek the prompt and appropriate amendments to and clarification of Act No. 472 of the 2008 Regular Session of Louisiana Legislature to clarify and resolve issues pertaining to the financial disclosures pertaining to members of the Boards and Commissions** = Attorney Landry stated when this law came into effect; there were a lot of questions instead of answers. This is just asking the legislature for clarification on the law. Councilman Foco stated the way he understands it is that some boards won't have to disclose financial information. Attorney Landry stated our boards were in pretty good shape. Mayor Langlinais stated the entire Economic Development board re-applied. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels the legislature will revisit this. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #230-08, requesting the legislative delegation for Acadiana to seek the prompt and appropriate amendments to and clarification of Act No. 472 of the 2008 Regular Session of Louisiana Legislature to clarify and resolve issues pertaining to the financial disclosures pertaining to members of the Boards and Commissions. Roll call:

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

**Adopt the following resolutions for the LCDBG Grant for the Sewer Rehabilitation**

**Project:** = It was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt all of the following resolutions for LCDBG Grant for Sewer Rehabilitation:

Resolution #232-08, granting the authority to Mayor Charles Langlinais to sign and submit all necessary documents in connection with the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for a Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Resolution #233-08, authorizing City Officials/Employees to sign the request for payment forms for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

Resolution #234-08, adopting a Section 504 Policy Statement and Appointing the Mayor as accessibility compliance officer for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

Resolution #235-08, adopting a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and appointing the Mayor as Antidisplacement/Relocation Officer relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

Resolution #236-08, adopting procedures relative to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

Roll call:

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Ordinance #08-335.....amending Ordinance #07-325** = Moved by

Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Ordinance #08-335, amending Ordinance #07-325 in regards to the prohibition of placing of telephone books on property without permission and on highways, streets, alleys, sidewalks, roadside parks, and public right of ways. Roll call:

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

**Adopt Ordinance #08-334/Bobby Quebedeaux/Albertson Parkway Annexation =** Councilman Foco stated there are no pre conditions with this ordinance regarding sewer and water services. Mr. Quebedeaux stated he understood that. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Ordinance #08-334, to provide for the annexation of certain property located in section 60, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Bobby Quebedeaux/Albertson Parkway Annexation. 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:**

### **Mark's Report:**

**LCDBG Sewer –Rehab Grant =** Mark stated this grant is for the old part of town around the Broussard Street area. Mark stated there is \$25,000 for repairs on private property included in the grant. This is to smoke the system and see where the leaks are. Mark stated we basically fix it till we run out of money. We will fix the main lines first. The plans have to be ready in August. Mark stated the plans entail a price list for everything that is to be done. Councilman Guilbeau questioned where will they start the testing? He is currently having a problem on Third Street with a bad sewer smell. He thought it might be from the lift station; but he went there and smelled nothing. Mark stated it is based to the block income area and an older part of town. Mel informed Councilman Guilbeau that the meter base at the new lift station blew out and the lift station wasn't on since yesterday and that might have been the problem. Councilman Guilbeau stated this has been going on for a week, so he doesn't think that was the problem. Mayor Langlinois stated this grant was done by Richard Minvielle.

**Asphalt Patching and Overlay Bids =** Mark stated we received two bids for the on-call roadway patching, overlay and reconstruction bid. The bids were as follows: Glenn Lege Construction, Inc. for \$757,665.50 and H & S Construction, Co., for \$890,675.00. Low bid was Lege Construction \$890,675.00. After reviewing the bid Mark stated he was contacted by the contractor that stated that they can't get the asphaltic concrete/polymer. Attorney Landry stated then his bid has to be disqualified, because he was given the same bid as everyone else. Mayor Langlinois questioned about the bid bond forfeiture? Bid bond states he will show up for the

work and do the work. A bid bond was required. Randy with Lege Construction addressed the council. He contacted all producers of the polymer mixture and they are not supplying it anymore. Mayor Langlinais questioned if the other bidder can get that product? Mark stated the other bidder stated they are able to get the product. Larry stated H & S didn't tell him that they couldn't get it. The council asked Mark to clarify with H & S if they can get the polymer mixture. Mark stated he also needs to speak to them about one of the items that is priced high price. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to table this matter. Roll call:

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

### **Martin's Report:**

**St. Nazairre Road** = Martin stated that they cut the soil cement today. They are anticipating about a one week and a half, before the road is opened. Martin stated around the 4<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of August it should be opened. They will be able to open it, but the dress up work will still need to be done.

**Sewage Pond** = Martin stated they are still moving along with the sewage pond.

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

**South Bernard Extension** = Walter stated they are working on the survey for South Bernard. They did the hard part first. They are rapidly approaching South Bernard and Pinhook Road and he will need some guidance on that. Maybe by the next meeting he will have the field work done. The next logical step they will prepare the drawings and they will have to prepare the toggle research. Mayor Langlinais stated Caffery is moving quickly and they need to know where the crossing will be. Walter stated he just doesn't want to start moving drainage.

### **ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Gene stated the final report looks great. The good news is the revenues are good and we are really in good shape.

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

**Ordinance for Right of Ways for Ambassador Caffery Extension** = Attorney Landry stated that he sent the council a letter for the right of way acquisition and he didn't get any response yet in reference to introducing the ordinance. At some time he is requesting the council introduce the ordinance. Mayor Langlinais stated he has someone working on the current property owners along Ambassador Caffery and she will do the mail-out. Councilman Foco stated if they want the utilities they need to come to us. Councilman Bonin questioned how much easement are we talking about? Mayor Langlinais stated 10 foot for the utility and 15 for that

hybrid easement. Walter stated that raw acreage when they come to the planning commission, they will have to give the easements. Councilman Bonin stated it will probably cost us more than that after the road is built. Mayor Langlinais stated we have been talking about this for about 5 years. Mayor Langlinais stated we will ask for a right of way donation for exclusive water and sewer. The hybrid slot is turned over the city and if we charge a fee is not yet determined. Mayor Langlinais stated that those who want to get in first, you give them a slot. This will ordinance will be introduced in August 2008.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**National Night Out** = Chief Decou stated that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday August 5, 2008. Hopefully next year it can be held in October, because this is a National Event.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Capital Outlay Budget** = Chief Rivette asked Gene to switch money in his budget, because they purchased the ice machine and the filter was not included in the cost so it made the cost go over the budget amount. Gene stated the filter is a repairs and maintenance item. His intention was to take the money out of the telephone expense that was put in for the air card for the laptop, because it won't be needed with the new phones. Gene stated that is not needed.

**Fire Department Plans** = Councilman Foco stated he brought the plans to David to get started.

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

##### **District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Ida Road Widening** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that we had discussed widening of Ida Road with the State. He and Johnnie met Paige Cortez and Mike Michot. They stated we will get the money verbally and we can start the project anytime. Attorney Landry requested that they get in writing about the funding reimbursement. Gene stated that we need to put this on the next meeting agenda for approval of the funding for the budget. Estimated cost is \$167,000 which includes the engineer fees. Their next year's budget also includes the 6 lane of Highway 90 from the Vermillion River bridge to our bridge, which is why we don't need the accel and decel lanes. Higginbotham stated it looks like the 6 lane will stop at the bridge. Mayor Langlinais stated that Bill Fontenot told him that he feels he could get the money elsewhere for the 6 laning to Ambassador Caffery. Chief Decou stated he had a traffic meeting today and he expressed his concerns about dumping the traffic all at the bridge.

##### **District me /Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Albertson Parkway** = Councilman Guilbeau questioned the Mayor if Dean Tekell did anymore green on 182 or Albertson? Mayor Langlinais stated that he did talk to Dean and he

was going to reevaluate and try to sell it to the Highway Department. Question is if we need to expand that green span. Mayor Langlais stated that Dean didn't state there wouldn't be a problem.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

**St. Etienne Railroad Tracks** = Councilman Bonin stated that the railroad tracks are finally fixed at St. Etienne. They didn't fix the barricades though. Question is if they will move to Albertson Parkway.

**District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:**

La Belle Maison Funding = Councilwoman Batiste states she spoke to Mr. Landry pertaining to La Belle Maison money allocated for them and they are working on that.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

Ida Road = Councilman Higginbotham questioned the council if we want to move now on the funding for Ida Road? Don stated he will have an ordinance ready at the next meeting for this.

**Walter Comeaux/Engineering:**

**Cypress Bayou** = Walter stated one of his clients got a notice in the mail about Cypress Bayou and evidently they are going thru the notification process. This means we will get the permit within the next 3 months.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Comments** = Councilman Foco stated he and Kenny met with Cortez and Michot and they were very responsive for what they asked for. Councilman Guilbeau stated this council here if we see we need it we try to get it done. He picks on Kenny, but if is needed in that area so we need to get it done. They see what the needs are and how we get it done. Mike is in charge of the appropriations now.

**ADJOURN:**

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

District I = Yea  
 District II = Yea  
 District III = Absent  
 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 M. Emert, CITY CLERK**