

Minutes Of The

Sept. 9, 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 Albert Romero, District VI
 Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
 Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Martin Poirier, City Engineer
 Al Reaux, 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, Fire Chief
 Asst. Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Dept.
 Mr. Bob Boese, City Attorney
 Mr. Randy Viator

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Asst. Chief Champagne lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our troops that are still overseas and the people we lost in our last storm.

Adopt minutes of the August 26, 2008 Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt the minutes of the August 26, 2008 meeting. Roll call:

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduce Ordinance #08-337/Randy Viator Annexion = Mr. Viator addressed the council. Councilman Foco stated we have the water available in front of his home; but the sewer will be awhile. Councilman Rousseau informed Mr. Viator that he will be his councilman if he needs anything. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilwoman Batiste to introduce Ordinance #08-337 which provides for the annexation of certain property located in Section 9, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana being known as the LA 92/Randy Viator Annexation. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #238-08/Authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit all the necessary documents for the grant = Mark stated that this company will put up 45 jobs. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt Resolution #238-08 which grants the authority to Mayor Charles Langlinois to sign and submit all necessary documents in connection with the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for the Wadleigh Energy Group, Inc. Cummings Road Improvements Project. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #239-08/Authorizing City Officials to sign and request payment forms and authorizing one individual to witness their signatures = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Resolution #239-08 which authorizes the City Officials/Employees to sign the request for payment forms for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #240-08/A residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan and appointing the Mayor as the Antidisplacement and Relocation Officer relative to LCDBG = Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Resolution #240-08 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. Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
District II= Yea	District V = Yea
District III= Yea	District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

Hurricane Gustave storm clean-up = Councilman Foco briefed the council. He stated we had a contractor lined up picking up the debris; because Lafayette had a lower bid we stopped the contractor. Don stated he stopped the pickup. The first part of the pickup was for public safety for 70 hours and the contractor didn't get to that point. We only had one company who submitted any information for the pickup. Don stated he contacted Bob Boese and Bob said we had to make sure whoever we got followed the FEMA guidelines. Don stated we sent out some more proposals and we have several proposals to pick from. Bob congratulated Cindy and Mel because of the job done with Lilly. They have made contact with FEMA and got the forms and have already started on the forms. FEMA's concern is that the price falls within a standard emergency. The 70 hours was only to get the roads cleared. That is a separate contract. What we are looking at is bids from locals and other companies. DRCES is a company from Alabama who has a way to deal with things like this that the local companies don't and they are national company. We would have more intimate control over the local contractor, Teche Construction. There is a \$100,000 cost difference between the two companies. The reimbursement will not be 100%; there will be limitations. Councilman Foco stated he would like to ask Attorney Landry some questions. Last time we were involved with the other company DRCES, we had enormous fees and they threatened litigation, but they didn't file any suit against us. Councilman Bonin stated he remembers seeing several locations that were picked up with only half of loaded trailers. Larry stated they have no one from the company to monitor the clean-up. They hire a third party. Councilman Foco questioned about the Teche bill; will we get most of it reimbursed from FEMA? Bob stated he can be comfortable by saying we will probably get 75% back. Bob stated there is a list of bid items that Teche is lower on and we are talking about cleaning debris on the right of ways. Bob stated there will come a time when people will ask for help with cleaning up on their property and that FEMA will reimburse us for some of the expense. Councilman Foco stated he would like to make a statement because the news media is here that we will disqualify the low bidder DRCES because of the money they cost the city the last time. Councilman Higginbotham questioned what about the trees on private property? Mel stated the last time FEMA had to pre-approve everything first before anything was done. Bob stated they are looking at trees within 50 feet of an inhabited dwelling. Councilman Guilbeau stated Ms. Garfield contacted him about her tree that feel in the back of here property. Larry stated he hasn't been able to get with a FEMA rep yet; because they are so busy. Bob stated we are required to show them pictures and they are not required to pay for anything they haven't approved or haven't seen. Bob stated there is no guarantee that FEMA will approve them. Walter stated he is doing the contract for St. Martin. Walter stated hazardous tree removal came at the end last time and they had to identify the tree with the Core of Engineers. Attorney Landry stated if it is not an emergency, why take a chance and do it. Councilman Bonin stated if it is not an emergency and the fellow takes care of this, will we pick it up? Larry stated he has talked to the contractor and he will work with us on this. Larry stated his packet is approved; he spent the money by getting it approved himself. Councilman Rousseau moved and Councilman Guilbeau second to accept the second bid from Teche Construction for the hurricane debris removal and the low bidder was not approved because of our prior experience with the company. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

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

District V = Yea
 District VI = Yea

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Al's Report:

H & S Construction = Al stated that there are only a couple of things lacking and the signage for the completion of St. Nazaire. Councilman Higginbotham explained the problem with coming out of Walgreens about everyone making a left turn and if they don't make a left turn they make a u turn in the road. Chief Decou questioned if we can put those tall reflectors like was on Kaliste Saloom Road; because the markings are very deceptive. Reaux stated he will get with Dean on this.

New Sewer Pond = The sewer pond despite the weather he is 48% complete; which makes the contractor twice the time ahead of schedule.

Mark's Report:

Monthly Report = Mark stated he is working with Mr. Minvielle on the Cummings Road grant.

Ida Road = In reference to Ida Road he is still working on the improvements.

Walter's Report:

Compliments = Walter stated the hurricane came and went and crews were already clearing the right of ways. He praised the maintenance crews.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated he had nothing to report; but if they are comfortable with the hurricane clean-up bid; so is he.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Thanks = Chief Decou thanked everyone with the City for working with his department during the storm. He feels our emergency plan worked very well. He hopes everyone was kept well informed thru the hurricane. We faired very well. We had team effort. We had a few incidents that happened during the storm that they are working on. Traffic was definitely an

issue. Councilman Guilbeau questioned how did the curfew work for them? Chief Decou stated they cited 4 people. They had 2 arrests with 2 curfew violations.

Motorcycle Police Officer = Councilman Bonin asked Chief Decou to entertain the idea of a motorcycle officer. Chief Decou stated he will check on this. There are lease programs for motorcycles. Councilman Bonin stated he feels that will benefit with traffic control and the small streets of the town.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Station #2 Renovations = Asst. Chief Champagne stated that they submitted a final walk thru for the fire station renovations. It should be out for bid on Thursday and Friday. Councilman Rousseau questioned if the bids will have to be presented to the council? Don stated yes. Councilman Foco stated we are on a deadline with the parish to get the money from them.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Thanks = Councilman Guilbeau thanked everyone who volunteered for the hurricane. He stated he received a card from someone in his district thanking everyone including the council for the job done during the storm. He also thanked Chief Decou for bringing them in and keeping them updated about the storm

Capital Outlay for Maintenance Department = Councilman Guilbeau stated that there must have been an oversight by Gene for the list of items for the maintenance department that was originally given for the budget. There were 2 pickup trucks in the budget for \$48,000. Gene apologized for the error. Gene stated we will have to amend the budget to include it back n. It was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to amend the budget for capital outlay for the maintenance department for \$48,000 for the purchase of 2 new vehicles. Roll call:

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

Thank for the Hurricane = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he had plenty of calls about the transformers that blew for the storm. He took notice and made notes and called Liz Duhon with Entergy. He added that Liz was a great help during the storm. He thanked our citizens for their help also.

Councilman Bonin:

Hurricane = Councilman Bonin stated that he feels we faired pretty good for the power

situation during the storm. He feels after the storm pickup we need to look at other trees that may need to be cut. We didn't have the total blackout that we would have had if those trees wouldn't have been cut.

Councilman Rousseau:

Thanks for the Hurricane = Councilman Rousseau thanked the police, fire and city workers for all their help during the hurricane. He stated that everyone did an excellent job.

Councilwoman Batiste:

Ida Park = Councilwoman Batiste stated that she met with Ms. Flugence Monday afternoon. She is going to the Lafayette Council Meeting and she will give us the results from them. Councilwoman Batiste stated that she gave her some brochures of what she wanted put in the park, but she told her that we did not enough room for that. Councilman Foco stated there was an article in the paper about the money the parish has for the unincorporated areas of the parish for the parks and he wondering if the City will get their share. Councilman Guilbeau stated he will call our parish council members about this.

Councilman Higginbotham:

Hurricane = Councilman Higginbotham thanked police, fire, and city workers for their help during the hurricane. He thanked the Broussard Fireman that went door to door in his neighborhood after the storm. He also complimented Liz Duhon for her help during the storm.

Councilman Foco:

Hurricane = Councilman Foco thanked all our workers who worked for the hurricane the city workers, the volunteers and the police department. They left their families to take care of the city. Councilman Foco stated that he was fortunate he had a generator to watch the news during the hurricane. However, it seems the storm was a let down for the news media. The news media they had a play and it didn't come out the way they wanted. He complimented Dave Baker on KATC 3 for the great job he done. Mr. Baker kept calm and explained thoroughly what would happen. He was born and raised here; other places have tornadoes and we have hurricanes; you just prepare for them. He was disappointed in the news media. We can't say enough of our employees that took care of our city. We gave away over 100,000 sandbags for a town of little over 7500. We dodged the bullet, but the money we spent on drainage and clearing power lines helped out.

Mayor Langlinais:

Hurricane = Mayor Langlinais stated David really did beat Entergy up when we cut those trees, but it did work out well.

Ida Park Extension = Mayor Langlinais requested we put in the next budget the funding

for purchasing the additional property near the Loul Street park.

Larry thanked the council for the compliments and asked them all to send him a list for all private property issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Attorney Landry stated that there is a personal issue we have to discuss, therefore we need to go into executive session. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to go into executive session. Roll call:

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

Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to come out of executive session. Roll call:

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

Attorney Landry stated that the discussion in executive session was several issues that were discussed. The council will discuss the issues with the Mayor and the council will make recommendation to Mayor, due to him having to leave prior to executive session being finished.

ADJOURN:

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

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK