

Minutes Of The

Sept. 23, 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
 Mr. Roy Brown, Citizen

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Councilman Bonin lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our troops that are still overseas.

Adopt minutes of the September 9, 2008 = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting.
 Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduce Ordinance #08-341/Franchise fee set for entities providing cable and video service = Mayor Langlinois questioned if these ordinances are in conflict with our other ordinances. Attorney Landry stated he will check with Oscar on this. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if this will eliminate the situation like occurred on St. Nazairre regarding the cost for moving utilities. Attorney Landry and Gene stated the franchise agreements now take care of this. Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Rousseau to introduce Ordinance #08-341, setting the franchise fee to be paid by those entities providing cable or video service within the City of Broussard's municipal limits under a state – granted franchise authority and otherwise providing with respect thereto. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #08-342/Requiring the payment of public, educational, governmental access programming support to the City by cable or video service providers= Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Rousseau to introduce Ordinance #08-342, which requires the payment of public, educational, governmental access programming support to the City of Broussard by cable or video service providers operating within the City's municipal limits under a state-issued certificate of franchise authority and otherwise providing with respect thereto. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #08-343/Requiring a permit for use of municipal property for business operations in the city= Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Rousseau to introduce Ordinance #087-343, requiring a permit for use of municipal property for business operations in the City of Broussard; requiring the provision of certain information prior to issuance of such permit; and otherwise providing with respect thereto. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #08-344/Authorizing the exchange of certain immovable property (sand bag location) = Attorney Landry stated we had a lot of discussion about this at previous meetings. We did publish this 3 times in the newspaper. We did not get any other proposals for exchange of this property. Now this ordinance will authorize the Mayor to sign all the necessary documents to exchange the property. We now have to publish it and put a purpose for the exchange. That is all clarified in the proposed ordinance. We should be able to adopt it at the next meeting if we can get to The Advertiser. The canopy won't be cost effective to move

it off of the land and now it will belong to the new owner. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to introduce Ordinance #08-344, authorizing the exchange of certain immovable property belonging to the City of Broussard, Louisiana, and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Broussard to sign any and all documents necessary to exchange said property. Roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #08-337/Randy Viator Annexation = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Ordinance #08-337, to provide 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 Ordinance #08-338/Acquisition of right of ways along Ambassador Caffery from Highway 89 to Highway 90 = Attorney Landry requested that this item be tabled, because we didn't get our affidavit of publication back yet. Mayor Langlinais stated he did the mail out 2 days ago for the property owners along Ambassador Caffery. Mayor Langlinais stated in the future property owners may have a cost incurred to them to develop their property. Attorney Landry stated this ordinance doesn't have that in it though. It was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to table Ordinance #08-338 providing for the acquisition of servitudes and right of ways along that segment of Ambassador Caffery Parkway from the Youngsville Highway to US Highway 90. Roll call:

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

Adopt Ordinance #08-339/Fire Lane Ordinance = Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Ordinance #08-339, providing for the prohibition of stopping or parking in designated fire lanes. Roll call:

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

Adopt Ordinance #08-340/Joseph Anzalone Annexation = Moved by Councilman

Higginbotham and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Ordinance #08-340, to provide for the annexation of certain property located in section 10, township 11 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the LA 92/Joseph Anzalone Annexation. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Al's Report:

St. Nazairre Road = Al stated the only thing remaining is the signs. It has been delayed because of the hurricane. The contractor has 2 subs doing the work. Councilman Higginbotham stated the island that was put on the service road is not working. Al stated that he is still waiting for Dean to see about putting the delimitators on the road.

Pond = Al stated the contractor has just been pumping water our since the hurricane. He is ahead of schedule but we still need to sit down with him and see what his plans are.

Mark's Report:

Smoke Test Sewage = Councilman Bonin questioned that a few months ago we applied for a grant for smoke testers of sewage. Did we get the grant? Mark stated yes. He will get a map of the areas to be tested to Ms. Gert, David and Terry. Smoke testing will take 2 or 3 days. Mark will give them info of when this will happen.

Sewer Pond = Councilman Foco questioned Mark about the sewer pond? Mark stated they did some revisions.

Walter's Report:

South Morgan Street Lift Station = Walter stated that the Mayor asked him to talk to Oscar about the South Morgan street lift station site, but he hasn't heard back from him yet.

South Bernard and Fairfield Road Extension = Walter stated that we will need a little bit more courthouse work done. Right now they are processing the maps. Mayor stated he is going to the bond commission on October 20th for a match.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene gave the council the monthly report. Gene stated he added the capital outlay for the streets additional equipment in the budget for Larry at the request of Councilman Guilbeau.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated he had nothing to report on.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Radar Trailer = Chief Decou stated the radar trailer came in yesterday. It is in the travel mode. Chief Decou stated it is not real big. There is a big screen to put a message. Chief Decou questioned if they have any areas that they want the trailer at; he asked them to e-mail him where they want it set-up.

Motorcycle Patrol = Councilman Bonin questioned if he checked on the motorcycle. Chief stated he is checking on this.

Car Jacker = Councilman Foco questioned about the car jacker? Chief Decou stated he was apprehended. He is from St. Martinville. He was apprehended in Breaux Bridge.

Broken Windshields at Maintenance Building = Chief Decou stated they are working on the windshields at the city facility. The evidence has been processed to see if prints can be lifted, but they were not able to lift any prints. Chief Decou stated it is obvious that it is someone that has something against the city.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No one was present.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Hurricane Debris = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he feels that Teche did a great job with picking up the branches and limbs. He is wondering if we can't do a 3 year contract perhaps with the fuel adjustment cost, going up each year. Mayor Langlinais stated the only way you can do it is with the fuel adjustment cost and then you might have problems with FEMA. Walter stated we need to be aware that FEMA is making the rules. Now they have a pilot program they are paying straight time and overtime. He is working for St. Martin parish in doing their pickup. Mayor Langlinais stated in the 90's we did the pickup ourselves, but then you get into other issues. Councilman Guilbeau stated his concern is if we would have had a contract with Teche and the other storm would have come we would have been in a jam. Larry stated that September 30th will be the last day to get your branches to the road to be picked up.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Councilman Bonin stated that he had nothing to bring up.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Councilman Rousseau stated that he had nothing to bring up.

District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

Appliance Pick-Up = Councilwoman Batiste thanked the city for the appliance pick-up.

Ida Park = Councilwoman Batiste stated that she has a meeting with Mrs. Flugence and Lafayette Parish Parks Commission next Thursday. Ms. Flugence stated that the gentleman will come to our park and they (her and Councilwoman Batiste) will show him what they want and where it will be placed in Ida Park. Councilman Guilbeau stated he did speak to our parish representative and he stated the parish will vote on Sept. 30 for equipment for the park. He asked them to get items of what they want to him. Mayor Langlinais stated that it doesn't stop us to acquire the adjacent property to the park at the beginning of next year. It may give Lafayette Parish more incentive to add to the park.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Councilman Higginbotham stated that he had nothing to bring up.

District VI/Councilman Romero:

Councilman Romero stated he had nothing to bring up.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Hurricane = Councilman Foco stated we are getting everything picked up from the hurricane. He feels that by cutting the branches that helped out alot. The only thing is how you tell people you can't furnish them with sandbags. He feels the news people blew it out of proportion. We gave out 100,000 sandbags.

Mayor Langlinais:

Highway 96 Widening = Mayor Langlinais questioned about the widening of Highway 96? Larry stated Al will get with him on this. Mayor Langlinais stated basically we just want to widen the road. Al stated that Larry has talked to him and he will prepare it and turn it over to us.

Red Light at Morgan and Albertson Parkway = Chief Decou questioned Councilman Guilbeau if he met with Dean Tekell about the light at Morgan and Albertson? Chief Decou stated at 7:30 it is backed up to Robicheaux Road. Councilman Guilbeau stated he will call Dean again. Mayor Langlinais stated it needs to be adjusted at the peak times. Councilman Guilbeau stated he will check the times on Morgan and Albertson.

Broussard Middle = Councilman Rousseau stated eventually we will have to work on

the drop off at Broussard Middle. Chief Decou stated he will meet with Mr. Lilly at the school board to solve the problem this problem hopefully.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Higginbotham 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 = Yea

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK