

Minutes Of The
December 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 Albert Romero, District VI
Councilman Johnnie Foco, At Large
Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
Al Reaux, City Engineer
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Kenneth Wainwright, City Employee
Officer Bobby Goodrich, Police Chief
Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief
Mr. Mark Gallagher, Developer
Shane Morrison, Developer of Santa Fe Steakhouse

Absent: Councilman Kenny Higginbotham, District V

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 November 25, 2008 = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the November 25, 2008 meeting.
Roll call:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Mark Gallagher re: Boundary lines for Village South Subdivision Property = Mr. Gallagher addressed the council. Mr. Gallagher stated he is the middle of waiting to build some townhouses on Village Square Drive, because Comeaux Engineering is still doing boundary line work. Councilman Foco questioned Walter about what they talked about a few meetings ago? Walter stated he was working on this and he spoke to Don about this. In the meantime Mark contacted him. In reference to the City they want to adjust the southern right of way line. Mark needs a simple waiver of the rear set-back. He doesn't need a front waiver set-back, he needs a rear waiver set-back. Mr. Gallagher stated he has 5 feet in the back and he needs 10 feet. The council had no problem with this. It was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to give Mr. Mark Gallagher a waiver for the set-backs for his lots 159 and 160 in Village South Subdivision, so that he may develop townhomes on the property. Roll call:

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

Santa Fe Steakhouse = Shane Morrison addressed the council along with Roger Black, Mr. Morrison's father and Jack Castle. They are developing a Santa Fe Cattle Company, like Logans' Steakhouse in Lafayette which will serve lunch and dinner. This will be a franchise unit owned by him. They have submitted their plans to everyone. They are here to ask the council to provide water and sewer on Celebrity Drive, the road which is to be dedicated. Larry stated the sewer is already there. The water was approved at the last meeting. Morrison stated he thinks they extended the sewer line, when the theatre was developed. Councilman Foco stated at the last meeting this was discussed, but no one was present. Larry stated there is a manhole right across the coulee on the theatre side and that is where they would have to come from for about 300 feet. We will have to make one bore under Celebrity Theatre for the water. Larry stated for a gravity line they are looking at \$9.00 a foot. We won't have to go under coulee. Estimated cost \$3,000 - \$4,000 for the sewer line. The steakhouse will be 6,000 square feet and will seat 200 people. The closest one is in McComb, Mississippi. It does very well in out skirts area. There are currently 30 in the United States. They feel it will do great here. The cost of the project will be \$3.3 million dollars. Attorney Landry stated the council had some concerns about the sign at the Celebrity Theatre, in reference to the dedication of Celebrity Drive and Mark had some concerns about the drainage. Attorney Landry stated the legalities in reference to those two concerns have been resolved. Attorney Landry requested that the council accept the dedication of the street and servitudes on Celebrity Drive and approve the water and sewer. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to accept the dedication of Celebrity Drive and the servitudes on Celebrity Drive and the approve providing water and sewer to them. Roll call:

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

Mr. Morrison stated they should break ground in January and open in mid May.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Faust re: Approval of Drainage easement on Burgess Drive =

Larry stated we will change the pipe. Jerry stated there was shift in the drainage for the easement, but the study has been approved. Therefore it was moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Guilbeau to approve the drainage study done by Mr. Faust and to approve the drainage easement. The last 60 feet had to change and the middle section will have to be relieved. We will do the back and he will do the front. We will pay for the pipe and he will do all of the work and we will inspect it.

Roll call:

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| At Large = Yea | |

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Al’s Report:

Sewer Pond = Al stated that we have a change order for the new sewer pond. We talked about increasing the west end, so the city could build some storage sheds. The cost is approximately \$169,000. We talked about stock piling some items the town has. The contractor would like use to install (2) 24 inch valves for he could do his tie-in. Jerry stated if we need to shut it off, then we will use them again, that will be in line valves. It will be an additional 3.4 acres for the pad. We were talking about building a storage shed in the front, but we can build it in the back. No problem with the embankment and building the storage shed for approximate \$169,000. Gene stated Broussard Environmental needs to approve this. Councilman Foco asked Tina to call Oscar to ask him if they need to have a meeting to approve this.

Jerry’s Report:

Sewer Re-Hab Project = Jerry stated the project plans have been submitted to the state. After their review, we will put it out for bids after the holidays.

Walter’s Report:

Walter stated that he had nothing to discuss.

ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing to discuss.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Waiver Granted - Attorney Landry stated he would like to comment on the waiver granted this evening. He stated we don't have the authority to give property back. He feels the property owners should come to council for approval for variances. Attorney Landry stated he feels it is a good ultimate goal.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou was not present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Remaining Office Equipment = Chief Champagne gave the council a list of the remaining equipment needed for the office. He has down scaled the list from the previous meeting. The original amount was \$75,000 for the office and then only \$23,000 was needed and with the remaining office equipment, all he is asking for is \$26,000. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to amend the budget for \$26,000 for the remaining equipment needed for the office project for the Fire Department. Roll call:

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At Large = Yea	

Councilman Guilbeau complimented Chief Champagne about following thru with the parish and receiving the parish funds, otherwise it would have been lost.

Parish Funds = Chief Champagne stated the funding from the parish which is a line item for the local fire departments was cut for the local fire departments on a rotating basis, but they the parish council members will meet again in January 2009 to see about this. Next year they will get \$10,000 for radio upgrades, if this funding is re-instated by the Parish.

Social = Chief Champagne stated that they are giving a social this Friday for the firefighters and it will be in the council chambers. All of the council members are invited to attend.

Fire Department Moral = Mayor Langlinois questioned Chief Champagne if they have any moral issues for changing of the guard? Chief Champagne stated no, he feels the moral is getting better. Certification trainings are going on for new testing for the firefighters. His goal is to get everyone Firefighter I Certified in the Department. Chief Champagne stated there weakness is training with PIAL and that is one of the goals he is working on.

Councilman Rousseau refers back to the City Parish Government line item. The city parish had \$140,000 total for all departments to be divided between 7 departments. That money is not there. The area Chiefs are working with the parish council members to get this put back in the budget. Councilman Rousseau stated he just wanted this to be stated for the record.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

Walmart Sales Tax = Councilman Guilbeau stated he got with the Mayor on the 1st about Walmart. They were charging 8 ½ and 4 ½. It should be 8% on non-food and 3% on non-food. Councilman Guilbeau stated he went there on December 7th and they are still charging the wrong amount. Councilman Foco stated if we didn't authorize the 8 ½ they can't charge the 8 ½. Gene stated it is designated thru the school board, because that is their jurisdiction. Gene stated he can recommend that we can call Karl Meche with the school board, sales tax office and ask him to get this straight. The Mayor will call Karl tomorrow. Mayor Langlinais will get back with the Councilman Guilbeau on this.

District II/Councilman Rousseau:

Ambassador Crossings = Councilman Rousseau stated where Ambassador crosses St. Etienne it is bad. Mel will get with the Highway Department on this. Councilman Guilbeau stated also on Hardware Road. Larry stated he will ask them to asphalt this being winter is coming.

Christmas Parade = Councilman Rousseau reminded the council about the parade on Sunday at 3:00 and fireworks display after the parade.

Mayor Langlinais:

La Neuville Roundabout = Mayor Langlinais stated that he sent copies of the request from Consolidated Government regarding a roundabout on Bonin Road and La Neuville Road. Mayor Langlinais stated he told the parish he would ask the council. Councilman Foco stated in reference to the three landowners and the roundabout the train has passed. The remaining council felt the same way.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Boy Scouts = Councilman Foco expressed to the Boy Scouts that the council works together. We get businesses here and we get them to stay here. We use sales tax to buy police cars and fire trucks. We get things done in this town. It took the landowner of Santa Fe Steakhouse to get water and sewer less 3 minutes. Councilman Guilbeau stated the bottom line is our citizens can go eat a steak right here in town. Mr. Richard Duchamp introduced the scouts from troop 55 and 446 and recognized them by name.

Santa Fe Steakhouse Water and Sewer = Larry asked if they can start installing the water and sewer for Santa Fe? Attorney Landry stated yes, after Sarah gets the documents.

ADJOURN:

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

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

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK