

Minutes Of The  
December 23, 2008  
Brossard 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  
Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper  
Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney  
Mark Savoie, City Engineer  
Al Reaux, City Engineer  
Walter Comeaux III, Engineer  
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief  
Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief  
Donnie Cunningham  
Charlie Sides

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Walter Comeaux III lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our troops that are still overseas and for Mr. Don Bernard, who passed away last week.

**Adopt minutes of the December 9, 2008** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that there was error in the Walmart sales tax typical error issue. It should be 8% for non-food and 3% for food. Gene Chiarulli stated that he was present and the Mayor wasn't present. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting subject the revisions listed above. 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:**

### **Cypress Bayou Coulee Project re: Intergovernmental Agreement = Attorney**

Landry stated we adopted a resolution previously regarding this agreement. Attorney Landry stated they just want to let us know that things should start happening. The agreement was signed in June 2006 by us and Lafayette-Parish. Mayor Langlinais stated he thought we adopted up to \$400,000. Don stated it was approved for \$500,000.

**Zoning** = Attorney Landry stated that he and Bob Boese are working on this. They are looking at zoning along the new Ambassador Caffery right now. We are looking at maybe Ambassador being completed in June 2009. In January Bob will be here and we will be reviewing what he sent to us. Mayor Langlinais stated he instructed Don and Bob to bring this forward. Councilman Foco stated they went to a meeting in St. Mary Parish and their ordinance is simple, it's not 200 pages. Mayor Langlinais stated he would like to get the zoning started along Ambassador Caffery. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we can do just part of the town? Attorney Landry stated we can and the ordinance will be made user friendly. Bob Boese is working on the ordinance. St Martin is incorporated in the ordinance that Bob is preparing.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Adopt Ordinance #08-346.....re: Intergovernmental Agreement for St. Etienne**

**Road Improvements** = Mayor Langlinais stated regarding this improvement we will be piggy backing on the parish's contract. The cost will be 38% for them and 62% for us. Gene stated we need an amount for the budget. Councilman Guilbeau stated we could take it from the \$650,000 for the infrastructure. Gene stated that was for the rights of ways to be purchased along Ambassador Caffery. Councilman Guilbeau stated he wouldn't have put \$650,000 for that if he knew it wasn't going to be for overlay. Mayor Langlinais stated we still need to amend the budget for this project. Attorney Landry stated it still would have to be amended at some time. Now we know numbers and percentages. Gene stated we could amend the budget for the estimated cost. The estimates cost is \$127,000; but it might cost more because the road is deteriorated more than when the estimate was done. \$150,000 would be a good estimate. Attorney Landry stated we could put this in the ordinance. Gene stated the infrastructure was put in the budget to acquire right of way along Ambassador Caffery if we could spend it. Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't see any roads that really need to be overlaid. It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt Ordinance #08-346, which authorizes the Mayor of the City of Broussard to enter an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government for the improvement of St. Etienne Road and to amend the budget up to \$150,000 for this project. Roll call:

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

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

**Adopt Ordinance #08-345.....re: 2008 Bonds** = Attorney Landry stated we will also use this part of the meeting as a public meeting for this. Charlie Sides and Donnie Cunningham addressed the council. We introduced this ordinance sometimes back. No one wanted to comment on this bond ordinance. The interest rate is right at 5.57% at a 30 year fixed rate. We do have a AAA rating. The average coupon is 5.395%. The other side is we had to fund the other 10%. It will be a double benefit for the economy. The trustee will invest it. They are planning to close by Tuesday of next week. Mayor Langlinais stated he previously sent the council an e-mail to decide what they want to spend the money on. We have 3 years to spend the money. It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Ordinance #08-345, which is a supplemental Ordinance amending and supplementing Ordinance # 05-288; providing for the sale of the Public Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, of the City of Broussard, State of Louisiana, pursuant to the Bond Ordinance; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on such Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. 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:**

### **AI's Report:**

**Sewer Pond** = AI stated he doesn't have an update on the sewer pond progress. Councilman Foco stated we had a change order to get the dirt moved. He spoke to the contractor to give us a break and the change order will be signed tomorrow.

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

**MWPP Resolution** = Mark passed out the yearly copy of the audit report. The score was a little bit higher than last year. This year we had some permit excursions on the chlorination not working. In the resolution a number of items will be addressed. Mark stated the discharge location has changed. We have a back up system and we fixed the aeration system. Mayor Langlinais stated he wants Mark and Elmo to sign off on this report and he wants it graphed. Everything is being corrected right now. Mark asked the council to adopt the resolution

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #248-08, pertaining to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Environmental Audit Report, required for Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Permit Number LA0020613. Roll call:

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

Councilman Guilbeau questioned what they are running at the pond right now, regarding the

electricity? Mark stated they are running it on the side to get the electricity out of the pond. It is being done as we speak. Councilman Guilbeau stated he thinks they are putting a generator to run the aerations. This is an interim condition.

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

Walter stated that he didn't have anything to report on.

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

**Monthly Report** = Gene stated on the third page the sales tax collected was \$963,000. This is not including Walmart sales. We will not see any Walmart sales until January. Everything is in line. In the streets department in 5 months they are above where they are normally at and this is because we have \$363,000 of Hurricane Clean-up and we will be reimbursed, but we don't know how much yet. That is the only number we out of.

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

Attorney Landry stated that he didn't have anything to bring up.

**Bonding Attorney Fees** = Councilman Higginbotham questioned what is the bonding attorney's fees on this bond? Gene stated they will provide us a complete breakdown as soon as the final papers are done. We don't know the final numbers yet.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Holiday Greetings** = Chief Decou wished everyone Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

**Monthly Report** = Chief Decou stated that everything is on track and he did receive the two new units for the budget year and they are on the road.

**Radar Trailer** = Councilman Foco stated he has been seeing the speed trailer seeing in different places. Councilman Rousseau questioned if we can get a traffic count with the trailer? Chief Decou stated yes when the trailer comes in into the office. Chief Decou questioned if the council would like to be put it in any particular place? The council had no response. Gene recommended it be put on Highway 96. Councilman Foco stated he even witnessed someone coming down a road at 45 mph in a 25 mph. Councilman Foco thanked Chief Decou for taking care of that.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Monthly Report** = Chief Champagne stated that everything is moving along. We had a truck breakdown during the parade. The computer control that controls the transmission needs to be replaced for about \$4,000 - \$5,000.

**Revenues from the Parish** = Councilman Rousseau questioned Chief Champagne if he heard anything about revenues that were taken out the parish budget that are allocated to various fire departments? Chief Champagne stated it is to be adopted in January 2009 for approval to be put back into the budget.

**Holiday Greetings** = Chief Champagne wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**St. Etienne Road** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he doesn't want anyone to misunderstand that is all for getting the road re-done; he just thought the money was in the infrastructure item of the budget.

**Holiday Greetings** = Councilman Guilbeau wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Have A Safe Holiday.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

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**District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

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**District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:**

**Holiday Greetings** = Councilwoman Batiste wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Have A Safe Holiday.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

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**District V/Councilman Romero:**

**Holiday Greetings** = Councilman Romero wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Have A Safe Holiday.

**Councilman Foco:**

**Holiday Greetings** = Councilman Foco wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Have A Safe Holiday.

**Economy** = Councilman Foco stated that is has been a great year and we are a little cocoon in South Louisiana. There are massive layoffs all over the country. We had a fabulous year and let’s not let it get to our heads. Our budget is not based on all revenues, but we have heavy oilfield concentration in this town. Let’s keep these people happy and keep them here. We are not immune to the layoffs. Let’s have a good year in 2009. We need to watch what we are doing and hope it continues.

**Mayor’s Report:**

**Walmart** = Mayor Langlinais stated he did speak to Walmart today and their numbers are right at \$5,000,000, even though November and December are holidays. Councilman Higginbotham stated once Walmart in St. Martinville closed, the Chinese restaurant closed and the Popeyes down the road is struggling. They took a hit and these jobs came to Broussard.

**ADJOURN:**

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

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| At Large = Yea    |                   |

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**S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR**

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**S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK**