

**Minutes Of The**  
**January 27, 2009**  
**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  
Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper  
Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney  
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer  
Martin Poirrier, City Engineer  
Walter Comeaux III, Engineer  
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
Kenneth Wainwright, City Foreman  
Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief  
Kasie Mulkey, Secretary w/Broussard Fire Department  
Adam Mouton, resident  
Parish President Joey Durel

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

**Adopt minutes of the January 13, 2009** = Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2009 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:**

**Approval & Budget Amendment for purchase of new vehicle for the Mayor =**  
 Councilman Foco stated we talked about giving the mayor's vehicle to the fire department and purchasing the mayor another vehicle. Mayor Langlinais stated we opened bids last week. The only vehicles on state contracts are Fords and Dodges, which he is not to keen on. We did out a Toyota or equal too. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to amend the capital outlay budget in administration for \$31,500 to purchase a new vehicle for the mayor and give the other vehicle to the fire department. 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:****Martin's Report:**

**Sewer Pond** = Martin stated the sewer pond contractor is ahead of schedule. He has picked up his equipment because of the weather. He will come back after weather permitting.

**Jerry's Report:**

**Sewer Bids** = Jerry stated that the LCDBG Sewer Project is going up for bids for sewer re-hab and also the Broussard Street pump station project. Councilman Bonin asked if they will do the smoke and when? Jerry stated the project is being advertised and the bids should be coming soon. Councilman Guilbeau requested that Jerry notify him and the other council members if they are doing the smoke test in their district. Jerry stated they will be giving a handout to the citizens in the area when the project is being done.

**Walter's Report:**

Walter stated that he had nothing to discuss.

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:**

**Monthly Report** = Gene stated that last month sales tax collections were \$924,554.

**St. Nazairre Road** = Gene stated the St. Nazairre Road project is finally completed. Total cost of this project was \$3,030,000. He would ask that the council amend the budget for \$571,831 for the project completion total. It was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to amend the budget for the \$571,831 for the St. Nazairre Project. Roll call:

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

At Large = Yea

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

Attorney Landry had nothing to report on.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**Monthly Report** = Chief Decou gave the statistical information for 2008. The call load did increase. In 3 years we have a lot more traffic calls, per Councilman Foco. Chief Decou stated this year they had 4 less crashes than the prior year. He feels the firm traffic enforcement they are doing helps out. Chief Decou stated that violent crime did go down. Walmart has increased the call volume with shoplifters, but they are catching them. Councilman Foco questioned if they are coming from Albertsons and crossing Highway 90, can they go into Walgreens turning left? Chief Decou stated we don’t want them crossing 5 lanes. The road way right there is designed to go right in and right out. Councilman Rousseau questioned what is the assistance of other agencies? Chief Decou stated that is when they assist other agencies and they come assist us when in need. Councilman Rousseau stated the traffic calls are up. Chief Decou stated that includes some of the additional traffic violators being stopped. That lowers the crash rate.

**Salvage Vehicle** = Chief Decou stated that he has a 2001 Ford Crown Vic which needs to be declared salvage. It doesn’t run anymore. It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to declare B-7, which is a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN # 2FAFP71WX1X187578 as salvage and put it out for bid. Roll call:

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| At Large = Yea    |                   |

**Vehicle Damaged by Fire** = Chief Decou in reference to the unit that caught on fire. The insurance company has totaled it. They asked for an investigator of cause and origin to come out to. It is pretty certain that it is at the default of the automotive shop.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Kasie stated that there was nothing to report on.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Trailer Park on Avenue D** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that someone approached him about a trailer park off of Avenue D. There is a bad odor from the trailer park and it needs to be cleaned up. It is Councilman Higginbotham’s district. Councilman Higginbotham and

Councilman Guilbeau will go look at the situation.

**School Warning Lights** = Councilman Guilbeau questioned if there is any way that we could put up beacon lights for caution lights in the vicinity of Broussard Middle School.? Mayor Langlinais stated we looked at it in the past and it was extremely high; that is why we put the manual one in. Councilman Foco stated if we do it at Broussard Middle, we have to do it at 3 other schools.

**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

Councilman Bonin had nothing to report on.

**District III/Councilman Rousseau:**

Councilman Rousseau had nothing to report on.

**District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:**

**Property on Loul Street** = Councilwoman Batiste sated that the Loul Street property owned by the Thibeaux's has been completely cleaned with the help of Mr. Norbert and other people.

**District V/Councilman Higginbotham:**

**Nova Drive** = Councilman Higginbotham stated that Nova Drive had heavy road damage due to eighteen wheelers. The maintenance crew came in and repaired it and did a great job.

**Zoning Committee Meeting** = Bob Boese did a good presentation. We will do it in phases, starting with Ambassador Caffery. It will be very user friendly. We will use our existing planning commission and pay them a nominal fee. It looks pretty good.

**District VI/Councilman Romero:**

**Neighborhood off of Heart D Farm Road** = Mayor Langlinais asked Councilman Romero to get with Mel, because the west side neighborhood off of Heart D Farm Road and Amberwood it seems that there may be some trailers that are condemnable. It is apparent these mobile homes are being hauled there and the landowner is in the process of hauling other mobile home there.

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau....continued:**

**St. Etienne Intergovernmental Agreement** = Councilman Guilbeau questioned what is the status of the St. Etienne Intergovernmental Agreement. Councilman Foco stated that it was signed today and mailed back to the parish.

**Parish Improvements, Road and Bridges** = Councilman Guilbeau stated after he saw the list of the proposed roads in the parish that were going to be re-done; he noticed Bayou Tortue Road was not on the list. He contacted Purvis Morrison and he said they would he would look at it. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he did see that South Girouard and North Girouard are both on the list.

**Broussard Middle School** = Chief Decou stated at Broussard Middle School they are starting to pour the parent pick-up lot. The cars will be stacked on Morgan temporarily.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Ida Park** = Councilman Foco stated that he and Councilwoman Batiste met with Ms. Flugence about the equipment for the park. They are still looking at other options. Councilman Foco stated he needs to talk to Don about our guys or their guys putting it together. Larry stated he has no problem putting up the pad; but he has no experience nor does his employees putting up equipment. He would feel bad if they would get hurt because of their error in putting the equipment together.

**NEW BUSINESS....continued:**

**Lafayette Parish Capital Improvements Program for Roads/Bridges/Drainage w/Parish President Joey Durel** = Councilman Foco stated he met with Mel about the bridges. He and Councilman Higginbotham and Councilman met with Mr. Morrison with the parish also to discuss this proposed capital improvements program.

President Joey Durel addressed the council. The city parish council has authorized letting the people vote on the millage on the existing tax. The only reason people could be against it is the municipalities, is because it will be spent in the outer areas and not their towns. His attitude is that it is not worth put anything in any of the cities, because then some will get and some will not. He feels for the overall parish it is the right thing to do. The unincorporated areas pay about 23% of the millage. The truth is he was hesitating to ask any of the councils for it. His fear was that one municipality would run it against it. Mayor Langlinois at first he wasn't supporting this, but after speaking to the council members and President Durel and Purvis Morrison he has agreed to support it. Councilman Foco stated we did a bad job of incorporating some areas with bridges that we left for the parish. He would like to get the bridges done also. Councilman Guilbeau stated he would like to see a lot more streets done on this side of the parish. Durel said the list was done by the engineers not the council members. The roads that have been identified will become gravel roads if we don't do anything. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if these roads have to be re-constructed or just overlaid? The majority of these streets have to be re-constructed. After a short discussion it was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #250-09, which supports the proposed issue of \$26,000,000.00 of general obligation bonds for Lafayette Parish, to pay the cost of a proposed capital improvements program to include reconstructing of existing roads and improving public roads, highways and bridges within the parish. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

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

District V = Yea  
District VI = Yea

**Cypress Bayou** = Mayor Langlinais questioned if they have available drainage resources for this Cypress Bayou Project? Councilman Foco stated Purvis stated they will get it done. Joey stated he doesn't know if it is right of ways issues or what that is causing the hold up. Councilman Foco stated after first it was agreed we would their machinery and our resources. Councilman Foco stated it has been engineered twice. Councilman Rousseau questioned what can we do to get this job? Joey stated he doesn't know if it is a money issue. He assumed there are issues beyond our control. Joey requested that they get together with him and Tom Carroll and see what the problem is. Councilman Foco thanked Mr. Durel for showing up. It really means a lot. Joey stated they have all of the frustration that they have. Joey stated Lafayette is he lowest taxed area in the state. If this fails the taxes stay the same. Councilman Rousseau stated that all he is asking that we could make Cypress Bayou a priority. Joey stated they will meet next week about this.

**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 = Yea  
District VI = Yea

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

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