

Minutes Of The
February 10, 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
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Jerry Grooms, 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
 Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief

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

Adopt minutes of the January 27, 2009 = Councilman Guilbeau stated that there is a correction that needs to be made the minutes. Under the topic "St. Nazairre Road" it should read that the budget was amended \$75,831. It is incorrect stating that the budget was amended \$571,831. With the correction stated it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the January 27, 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:

Resolution for requesting US 90 for Stimulus Money = Mayor Langlinais stated he was notified with a packet last week. The packet was a stimulus packet for \$7 million for overlay of streets in Lafayette. He had it amended to include Highway 90 from the airport to the overpass. We will get \$5 million from the state to the overpass. He finds it strange that no one from the parish notified him that they amended the stimulus packet. There is a meeting on March 4th for this. The issue is a modified MPO was expanding into northern Iberia and the western half of St. Martin and we have no representation by this MPO. Mayor Langlinais stated that he has arranged for a helicopter furnished by Rotocraft, at no cost to the city, to fly from the airport to Highway 88 with KLFY to show the amount of traffic on the roadway. He feels Consolidated Government is going to have a surprise for them. He has spoken to all the legislation, including Senator Troy Hebert. Councilman Foco stated we had someone tells us about regionalism a few weeks ago; what happened to this? Therefore Mayor Langlinais asked the council to adopt a resolution requesting that US 90 from the Airport to the overpass be included in the Stimulus money. It was moved by Councilman Foco and second by Councilman Guilbeau to include Highway 90 in the stimulus money, from the airport to the overpass for improvements. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II= Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Yea

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

Councilman Higginbotham questioned if he talked to Mike Michot or Paige Cortez about this? Mayor Langlinais stated that they are not responding to him.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Al's Report:

Sewage Pond = Al stated he was contacted by the contractor for the pond and we have checked the site for him, because it looks like he might be coming back in and getting geared up to start again.

Mark and Jerry's Report:

Mark and Jerry didn't have anything to discuss.

Walter's Report:

Walter stated he is surveying on Heart De Farm. Mayor Langlinais stated that Dean will come meet him to include the crossover at Caffery Cove. Walter stated he came by and left his card, but he didn't leave any plans.

NEW BUSINESS.....continued:

Caffery Cove = A representative with Central Control addressed the council about

Caffery Cove. He explained what Caffery Cove will have. They will have a community care center. The approximate cost is \$60,000,000. It will be done in stages. The age restriction is 55 and above. The architects are looking at the plans right now. They are looking at 70% sales prior to construction. It will be on the back side of Camelot facing Ambassador Caffery. This will absolutely be top notched. They will provide road access to Ambassador Caffery. Mayor Langlinais asked him what is required for the crossover? The highway department has verbally committed to the main gate. We need to engineer the crossover to the south. The estimated cost is \$200,000. Mayor Langlinais would like to use this money out of the \$600,000 for the Infrastructure in the budget. Mayor Langlinais would like to include the crossover in this. We need to concentrate on our resources. We have crossovers at every major property on Ambassador Caffery. In reference to the sewage we have enough to help them with the first phase. Mark talked to Youngsville and they would have to upgrade one pump station and they will pay the betterment to come to us. In reference to the pump station to the pond, Al stated they are waiting on some numbers for the pipe. The rep from Central Control will get some numbers of what he will need for Caffery Cove. Question is we will provide the sewage for south Broussard setting up sewage districts and in the area of Copperfield. Mayor Langlinais stated he offered to let them participate 3 months ago and they had no response and now we heard from. Councilman Foco questioned how much will the project cost for them to come to meet us? Mark stated they will pay for the upgrade to come meet us with the bid when it is bid out. We will do two separate bids. The bottom line is we need to take care of Central Control and perhaps Youngsville. We need some numbers so that we can engineer it. And we can incorporate the crossover. We encourage development. The rep from Central Control stated he appreciates the help and he will be back with the information that is requested.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Bond = Gene stated that the bond issue was closed. We have received the funds and they are in the bank ready to be spent.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

BYYA = Councilman Foco questioned a call from BYYA about the money we are holding for him. We told them we would give them the money they needed for the maintenance person they were to hire in the park. Gene stated he spoke to Parks and Recreation and they would not put the man on fulltime, because of the benefits they would have to pay. We cannot give money directly to them, because they are not a non-profit organization. We are trying to figure how they are getting the money from Youngsville. We cannot give the money to the BYYA Board to spend. The city of Lafayette hired him part-time. It is the parish' park, we could hire him with an intergovernmental agreement. Councilman Foco stated there has to be another way we could do this. The Parish does not want to enter into Intergovernmental Agreement. What can we do to give them the money is the question? Attorney Landry stated we can't. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we can hire a third party to do this? Councilman Guilbeau stated we would have to have an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Parish because it is their park. Gene stated the law says we can't. Attorney Landry stated the parish provides maintenance for their park, they just don't provide up to the satisfaction of the

people that use the park. Councilman Foco asked what can we do to give them a donation? Attorney Landry stated that he will contact the parish about this and our insurance carrier. Mayor Langlinais asked if we can discuss this at the meeting. Councilman Foco asked what we can do to get BYYA the money? Gene stated the only way is the parish government is paying this man, which will not happen or we can put him on as a part time person with the city. We cannot do it as a contract labor. It would require our insurer to be comfortable with this. Councilman Higginbotham stated it is in the winter months; can't we get bid a bid to do it in the winter months? Mayor Langlinais stated is would be rather expensive. The council will discuss this further at the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police Unit = Chief Decou stated that the unit that caught on fire, the insurance is still trying to get the mechanic shop's to come look at the vehicle which they still haven't done. The insurance will give us \$7,000. The council agreed that we should take the \$7,000 for the car. The conflict is our insurance company totaled the vehicle and the mechanic shop doesn't feel the vehicle is totaled. Mayor Langlinais instructed Don to start filing a legal suit against the mechanic shop and instructed Chief Decou to start looking for another vehicle.

Michael's Men's Club = Chief Decou stated that they have been working this case for several months now as an undercover operation at Michael's. They have arrested 3 out of 15 people in this raid. The owner and the establishment have been cited for the exotic dancer ordinance. The ordinance in 2006 is in reference to the 3 strikes ordinance. The 5 counts that they were charged doesn't go before magistrate court; it goes before the council for ordinance #295. Attorney Landry stated they have to see the reports first. There are a lot of state agencies involved. The alcohol people may shut them down. There are no open and shut cases. Don stated we need to see what the state agencies will do. It will require a vote from the council if we intend on shutting them down.

St. Nazairre Road = Councilman Rousseau questioned if can put some delimiters on St. Nazairre turning into Walgreens left to stop the vehicles from turning left. It would be a liability situation, per the engineers. Councilman Bonin suggest we perhaps put a separator. No decision was made on this matter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Parish Funding = Chief Champagne stated they did get their \$10,000 from the parish that was voted on. He submitted a request for those funds to be given to us. They will purchase new equipment with the money. It will pay for half of the equipment.

Vehicles = Chief Champagne stated that they did receive the expedition from the Mayor and it is at the paint and body shop. It will be for emergency use only.

Training = Chief Champagne stated he will be leaving on Friday to attend a class in Maryland. It is a Federal Funded class. It will cost the city very little. He and another captain

will go. He will be sending two other firefighters in June to another class.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Ida Park = Councilman Foco stated that had some catalogs on the playground equipment that they are researching on purchasing for Ida Park.

Mayor Langlinais:

School Warning Lights = Mayor Langlinais stated that he did contact the parish about the larger lights that are used around the schools for warning. The parish is cost is \$15,000; so he contact ESSI Corporation and they will change the bulbs and put larger bulbs for \$1,000.

Employees = Mayor Langlinais stated that he did terminate an employee today and reprimand another one. He also did some reassigning of employees. Elmo is back in charge with Kenneth and Ted under him. There will be no more mess ups.

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