

Minutes Of The

March 24, 2009

Broussard City Council Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles 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
 Martin Poirier, City Engineer
 Walter Comeaux III, Engineer
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Kenneth Wainwright, City Foreman
 Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
 Kasie Mulkey, Secretary Broussard Fire Department
 Frederick Vallot, Citizen
 Dean Tekell, Consultant
 Senator Troy Hebert

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

Adopt minutes of the March 10, 2009 = Councilman Rousseau moved and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the March 10, 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:

Frederick Vallot re: Request set-back waiver for 302 West Broussard Street = Mr. Vallot came a couple of months ago to request this waiver. The council requested at that time that he get permission from his neighbor. His neighbor did sign off on a document giving him permission, stipulating that he must install a gutter and the water drain to his ditch. Therefore it was moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Rousseau to approve the set-back waiver for Mr. Frederick Vallot at 302 West Broussard Street from 5 feet to 2 feet on the side set-back between his property and the property adjacent to him owned by Joy Groth at 304 West Broussard. 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 #09-348/Abandoning a right of way formerly dedicated as First Street = Councilman Bonin questioned why didn't we keep going along the railroad to include the Fabre property for this abandonment? Attorney Landry stated we can research this and we can change it at the next meeting. Mayor Langlinais asked Elmer Girouard to check and see if we have any utility lines along this abandonment. Mayor Langlinais stated we can abandon it subject to servitude for utilities. Therefore it moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Ordinance #09-348, which is abandoning a right of way, formerly dedicated as First Street in Sections 28 and 58, T-10 South, Range 5 East. Roll call:

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

Mayor's Report:

MPO Process = Mayor Langlinais stated he talked to Don about the time limit that they are allowing for us to make our presentation at the MPO meeting. We also need to talk about the corridor. Mayor Langlinais stated Dean can get all of his guys to combine their time. Dean stated it was originally a 3 minute rule and then the council could decide whether to give them more time. Mayor Langlinais requested that Dean and Senator Troy Hebert write and ask if they can extend the time limit. Senator Hebert and Dean Tekell addressed the council. Mayor Langlinais stated Bill Fontenot originally stated he could get to Morgan Street and then maybe to Albertson Parkway. Mayor stated that he and Senator Hebert are wanting the Highway 90 Extension to go forward. Dean stated the MPO is the organization that is responsible for the distribution of the stimulus money. Years ago these committees the CAC and Tech Committee approved a package without priorities. US 90 wasn't even on the list. But by the time it was inserted and they met with the Policy Committee they voted for it. Reps from St. Martin and Iberia and Scott and Carencro spoke there. When they got ready to present to the city council, Mr. Trammel presented it as a shopping list and stated the lower committees voted on some things they didn't know what they wanted. Some council members of the parish have ideas of

where they want to spend the money on. They will be trying to work with these council members. Mayor Langlinais stated it is all part of the process that projects are added to the list. Dean stated the other point Bill Fontenot made is you take out their University Avenue Project, then you can do Highway 90 and their other road. Senator Hebert addressed the council. He is impressed with this council and the Mayor. Senator Hebert stated that is why we have Ambassador Caffery going on, because of this council. If we want to make I-49 a priority we have to do this. We have to get a little further south, including going to Albertson Parkway and he also wants to see it go south towards St. Martin and Iberia Parish. Because of the reality of the project, he hopes the parish council votes for this. As a Senator from Iberia and St. Martin, they are using our people, but we have no representation. Councilman Foco stated with Ambassador Caffery Project, the tripartite agreement that they wanted the city to sign off on; we wouldn't have had representation if we would have signed off on it. Senator Hebert stated he will ask the office of legislation to change the MPO and let the representatives from the towns and parishes have a seat at the table. Mayor Langlinais stated he asked Mike Hefner to come up with a plan for re-doing the MPO. We need to make sure this committee is not stacked. This project here will help all of these areas. Councilman Foco stated we have never turned our backs on these people and we don't get anything from the parish. Councilman Foco stated we put the \$10 million up for Ambassador and we had a budget of \$11.2 million. Councilman Guilbeau stated the parish has a \$550 million budget and they didn't put up anything. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels that we have a new group of council and he feels they will work together and we will see more getting done. Senator Hebert stated they would like to go to Highway 88 and they have some ideas of how to get from Albertson to Ambassador and eventually to Highway 88. Mayor Langlinais stated that the second thing is that he wanted Senator Hebert to trust us. Senator Hebert stated he knows that Senator Michot is committed to this. Dean will put the presentation together to include Iberia, St. Martin and everyone along Highway 90. Senator Hebert stated that they will draft up that legislation. He feels it will be fair. Dean and Senator Hebert thanked the council.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

On Call Roadway Patching and Overlay = Mark stated we re-bid the overlay and patching project, because of the prices we got. The project came in \$140,000 less. Mayor Langlinais questioned if part of this project will be substituted in lieu of the St. Etienne project. Mel stated the city will save \$20,000 and the parish will save \$10,000. Mark stated this is an on call project. This is the best prices they have seen in 3 years. We put \$150,000 for St. Etienne. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to accept the low bid from H & S Company, Inc. for \$690,660.00 for the on-call roadway patching and overlay. Roll call:

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

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

Bids for Screening Tank = Mark stated that they went ahead and Friday will start advertising for the modular bar screening tank.

Martin's Report:

Sewage Pond = The contractor on the sewer pond is planning on returning the first week of April.

Walter's Report:

South Morgan Lift Station = Walter stated that they are working on the South Morgan lift station. They are working on force main from that lift station to the Walmart lift station. They are working on getting the permits in place with the railroad.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Sales tax collections for February was up. He doesn't expect that every month. Gene stated that the Mayor's new vehicle was \$31,208 and didn't think the budget was amended for this. Tina stated we did amend the budget at a previous meeting to include this.

Everything looks good, but the sewer department is about to go over budget. We have had extraordinary repairs at the pond and lift stations. We put in a bunch of new chlorine equipment and aeration equipment that was done per Elmer. We also had a lot of lift station repairs. Gene stated he was watching this stuff. Councilman Foco questioned about the extra package pumps? Kenneth stated the prices to re-build versus new isn't much difference, they don't have anything left on the shelf. The past 6 weeks the discharge levels have been okay. Councilman Rousseau asked Elmer to give them a list of what he needs. Councilman Guilbeau stated he needs to put some spares on the shelf. Kenneth stated they have changed everything, and have nothing left on the shelf.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated that he had nothing to report on.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Junk vehicle programs = Chief Decou stated since program started they have had 93 vehicles that were submitted for removal. As of today there are only 4 that have not been removed as of today. As a city we only had to remove 2 of them. Some of them were tagged and moved within the 15 day period.

Thanks = Chief Decou thanked the council and Mayor for the MPO stuff that they are battling. It will make our city safer if this goes thru. He feels this is a great step forward. He is also concerned about it stopping at Morgan or Albertson. He would like to see it go over the overpass. It really means a lot to him and his department. Mayor Langlais stated he is hoping

Caffery will help us also.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Nothing

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Garbage Pickup = Councilman Bonin stated that the citizens are complaining about our trash pickup. Chief Decou stated they didn't pick up along Larrivierre Road also. Mayor Langlinois stated he is at a point to consider getting a new hauler. Councilman Foco stated we won't get a price of \$14.00 per household. Attorney Landry stated that they do have breakdowns. Tina will get the name and number to the council members of the contact for Waste Management.

Railroad == Councilman Bonin stated that the railroad semi-fixed at Moulin Road and he feels we need to contact them again for Albertson Parkway railroad tracks. Attorney Landry stated he will contact them again.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Thanks = Councilman Rousseau stated that he appreciates Senator Hebert coming to the council meeting. It is an effort for them coming out here. He appreciates the comments and compliments that he gave us. He feels all of the council does what it does for the good of the city.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Clean Up of Avenue D Area = Councilman Higginbotham stated that they had had problem with a trailer park off of Third Street and Avenue D with a lot of debris from the tenants. Sarah sent out letter to all of the tenants and it has been taken care of. He complimented Sarah for doing a heck of job with this.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Compliments = Councilman Foco stated he talked to some of the employees getting some of the new electronic wavelength. This is enabling them to do a better job for all of us which make everyone more efficient and look better.

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