

Minutes Of The

April 28, 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 Johnnie Foco, At Large
 Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
 Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney
 Mr. Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
 Mr. Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Martin Poirrier, City Engineer
 Walter Comeaux III, City Engineer
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Kenneth Wainwright, City Foreman
 Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
 Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief

Absent: Councilman Albert Romero, District VI

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

Adopt minutes of the April 28, 2009 = Councilwoman Batiste moved and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the April 14 2009 meeting. Roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #09-348/Abandoning alleyway off of First Street = Elmo stated that they found a sewer stub out on the back side of the property near the Fabre's. Attorney Landry stated according to Elmo the stub out is on the property belonging to Ben Hogan. Mayor stated Ben has agreed to map it and take it. Being the ordinance needs to be change Councilman Rousseau moved and Councilwoman Batiste second to table till the adoption of this Ordinance #09-348 until the next meeting on May 12, 2009. Roll call:

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

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's & Mark's Report:

Bids for BESED = Jerry stated a week ago we opened bids for the screen and grip for the sewer pond. We had one bid from Johnson Equipment for \$295,000. The estimate cost was more. BESED will have to approve the bid first, and then it will come back to the council for approval.

Sewer Districts = Mark stated they had some discussions with the Mayor for package plants and to provide sewer to all areas of Broussard. They came up with some sightings. They have been looking at this layout for quite a few years. After the infrastructure is done, we may have to adjust the lines. Mayor Langlinais stated the intent was we would have to provide sewer to the old incorporated areas of Broussard. Mayor Langlinais stated after thinking about the DEQ Loan money and looking at this including the package plants, he was thinking we could let them pay a prorated share. Mayor Langlinais stated the intent is to go talk to DEQ and tell them what the intent is. The idea may be for Shenadoah is to have a sewer lift station. They would come and tie into the system. Councilman Rousseau stated we want to provide sewer to the citizens that don't have sewer now. Mark stated the whole idea for setting up the districts is to do the package plants first, so that would it would be less cost to the city to give sewer to everyone else. Mayor Langlinais stated the for the outlying areas of Broussard, the intent is to not have to pay for it, but to set-up sewer districts instead and the residents would pay a portion of it along with the package plants. Councilman Foco stated everyone wants sewer and water, but if you tell them its \$5,000 they change their mind. If it is a package plant the operator will sign on with us. Mark stated if you are in a subdivision that has a package plant we will provide the sewer to the provider of the package plant and all others they would provide the sewer. Councilman Rousseau stated he just wants to make it clear, that we don't have a sewer and water connection for \$4,000. The user will pay the cost to hook-up. The people that don't have packaged a plant, that is a different story, they will have to pay the hook-up cost for the sewer districts. Councilman Foco stated he approves the sewer the district map, but it is not a free ride, the sewer districts will have to pay for it. Mayor Langlinais stated the concept is being brought forward.

Martin's Report:

New Pond = Martin stated we are waiting for the contractor to come back.

Walter's Report:

Broadview Drive = Walter stated that he completed the plans for Broadview Drive. They have sent the plans out to 3 pipeline companies for approval and the DOTD.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Sewer Budget Amendment = Gene stated that last month Elmo provided us with a list of repairs that need to be done in the sewer department for a total \$230,000. This should complete all of the repairs in that department throughout this budget year. Gene recommended that he budget be amended for this. Therefore Councilman Bonin moved and Councilman Rousseau second to amend the budget for repairs and maintenance in the sewer department for an additional \$230,000. Roll call:

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

Prime Marine Project = Gene stated that the Prime Marine Project came in \$20,000 less than anticipated. This was a direct pass thru the state, being it was a stated funded grant.

Sales Tax Collections = Gene stated that the sales tax collections in March were \$794,000. We are down \$90,000 from the previous month. We are still in good shape. The next few months will tell.

Budget = Gene stated he will start preparing the budget for next year and he will be meeting with all department heads. Obviously with economy slowing down we will have to look at the budget very serious and conservative.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Don stated that he is still working on the Michael's case; and he will have recommendations at the next meeting. They had a meeting with the ABC Board about this, but it was continued.

Railroad = Councilman Bonin questioned about the status with the railroad track repairs. Attorney Landry stated he did write a letter to railroad. Councilman Bonin stated that they did fix the tracks on Morgan Street.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Champagne stated that everything is going good. The Fire Station renovations are finished.

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

Ida Park = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he has been hearing good things about the merry go round in the park.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Councilman Bonin stated that he had nothing to report on.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

MPO Meeting = Councilman Rousseau stated that he made a small presentation at the MPO meeting and he was extremely disappointed at the meeting. We did get money from the state, thanks to Governor Jindal, Senator Hebert, Senator Michot, Rep. Paige Cortez, the Mayor and everyone else. There were three separate committees that made presentations and the MPO made their decision to go with their plan. It was an absolute waste for him to go. The MPO is the city-parish council. It was a disgrace to the three committees the way the MPO made the decision. Councilman Rousseau stated he is glad to be on the council in Broussard. The money sent to them was economic stimulus money to be used by everyone. Mayor Langlinais stated that the parish is upset that legislation had been introduced to change the MPO.

District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

Ida Park and Cross Walk = Councilwoman Batiste stated that she has received a lot of phone calls about the merry go round in the park. And she has also received a lot of phone calls thanking us for re-marking the cross walk to Drexel.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Councilman Higginbotham stated that he had nothing to report on.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

BYYA Funding = Councilman Foco stated that he received another phone call today about the money for BYYA. We need to decide how we will give them the money. Don stated we can't give it to them. Councilman Foco questioned if we give it to Economic Development and they give it to them. Gene stated no. And the parish does not want the money, because they

do not want to hire someone else. Gene stated we can hire this person part-time as a temporary employee. We have to get permission from the parish for him to work at the park. Gene stated we can hire that person for that amount of time. Gene stated we have to get an intergovernmental agreement for that to work in the park. Councilman Foco stated that BYYA has already paid that person in their funds and now funds are running run low. They were expecting a \$9,000 from us like Youngsville. Gene stated we told them from the get go that we couldn't do it. Youngsville pays him, because Youngsville owns their park. We have to get permission to put our guy over there. There was talk about buying a sponsorship thru BYYA. Don stated he is against that. The council agreed to perhaps run person thru a temp service.

Mayor Langlinais:

Sewer Districts = Mayor Langlinais stated that the preliminary on the sewer districts were done. Mayor Langlinais asked the engineers if anyone has any experience on sewer districts. Mark stated the City of Scott did it. Mark stated he worked with LUS on this. Mayor Langlinais asked them to get the information on this and then get with Don on this and then we will get with Donnie Cunningham. They will try to meet next week on this.

Adam Mouton:

Ambassador Caffery = Mr. Mouton questioned what will be the completion date of Ambassador Caffery? Mayor Langlinais stated they are way ahead on the east end. They are 97% complete. If there is a 2 month difference with the west and east half the east half may be opening earlier, which will probably be in September.

Bernard Road = Mr. Mouton questioned about the status on Bernard Road? Walter stated that they are laying the road out. Then they will be looking at the drainage. He recommends we wait till it is fleshed out. A draft set of plans should be ready in 60 days.

Councilman Rousseau.....continued:

St Etienne Road = Councilman Rousseau questioned where are we on St. Etienne Road? Mark stated he talked to the parish and the parish will discuss it on May 15th and the cost will be \$30,000 for both parties. The parish will piggy back on us.

Ambassador Caffery Crossing at crossing St. Etienne = Councilman Rousseau questioned how long this crossing will be closed? Mayor Langlinais stated he thinks they said 60 days. Chief Decou stated we have about 1 month left. They are running a little behind.

Councilman Guilbeau.....continued:

Hardware at Ambassador Caffery = Councilman Guilbeau stated on Hardware they laid the cement and there is a bad drop. Larry will see about getting it raised.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Rousseau 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 =Absent

S/Charles E. Langlinsais, MAYOR

S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK