

Minutes Of The

May 12, 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
 Mr. Don Landry, City Attorney
 Mr. Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Al Reaux, 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
 Mr. Paul Landry, resident
 Mr. Beaulieu
 Mr. Roy Brown, Citizen
 Mr. Adam Mouton, Citizen

Absent: Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper

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

Adopt minutes of the April 28, 2009 = Councilman Guilbeau moved and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the April 28, 2009 meeting; subject to the following revision on page 5, we will save a total \$30,000 (\$20,000 for us and \$10,000 for the Parish) in the St. Etienne project. Mark stated now they will re-bid in June to wait and see what the prices will be. Our price will still be good in June. We can't do it and send them a bill. Mark

stated we can start the project and do St. Etienne last. Councilman Guilbeau stated he would rather let them do their bid first. Roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #09-348/Abandoning alleyway off of First Street = Attorney Landry stated we wanted Mr. Hogan to revise his map, but he hasn't received the map yet. Mayor Langlinois stated he spoke to Mr. Hogan and informed him what to do with the map. Councilman Guilbeau moved and Councilman Rousseau second to adopt Ordinance #09-348 abandoning a right of way, formerly dedicated as First Street in Sections 28 and 58, T-10 South, Range 5 East, said right-of-way outlined in red on the attached plat, which has been revised. 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:

Mr. Paul Landry re: Variance request for 103 Abaco = Mr. Landry addressed the council. He is building a home at 103 Abaco. His home sits in a cul-de-sac. He is requesting a 12 ½ foot set back from the road instead of 20 feet. Mr. Beullieu stated that the owner of the subdivision has no problems with this. Mayor Langlinois stated he would probably have to get the deed restrictions changed and get the property owners to sign off on it. The home is in a cul-de-sac which is taking up a lot of his backyard. Councilman Higginbotham stated we have given variances, but never because a property owner wants a bigger backyard. Mayor Langlinois recommended that they check on the deed restrictions first and then talk to the property owners. The council requested that he come back with something in writing from Ms. Castette approving this.

Ms. Geraldine Flugence re: Ida Park Improvements = Ms. Flugence was not present.

Declaration of Items Salvage = Councilman Foco stated he would like to see if other municipalities are in need of some of this equipment. Chief Decou stated that some radios may be beneficial to some departments. Mayor Langlinois requested that Chief Decou get with LMA and see if they could send out the salvage list to other municipalities. Chief Decou stated the XTS 3000 portables are probably the most valuable. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to declare the listing of the 88 from the Utility/Maintenance/Fire and Police Department as salvage. The list is attached. Roll call:

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

District V = Yea
District VI = Yea

Attorney Allan Durand re: Michael’s Men’s Club = It was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to go into executive session to discuss Michael’s Men’s Club litigation. Roll call:

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

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

It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to come out of executive session and go back into regular session. Roll call:

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

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

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Mark’s Report:

Mark stated he had nothing to discuss.

Al’s Report:

Sewage Pond = Al stated that the contractor started re-pumping water last Monday. He is also in the process of moving equipment to do dirt work.

Walter’s Report:

Walter stated that he had nothing to report on.

ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT:

Gene was not present.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated that everything has already been covered.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Radar Trailer = Chief Decou stated that the radar trailer was on Jared Road. It lasted a

day. It seems someone tried to vandalize it. They don't think it is messed up. They pulled it out of there. He will have to find some other alternatives. He doesn't know if any speed data was available to be retrieved. Chief Decou asked the council if there are any other areas that they would like to put speed trailer. Councilman Bonin stated that the speed bumps are on Madelyn are working and some people thanked him for that.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Nothing

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Councilman Guilbeau stated that he didn't have anything to bring up.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Councilman Bonin stated that he didn't have anything to bring up.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Councilman Rousseau stated that he didn't have anything to bring up.

District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

Ida Park = Councilwoman Batiste stated that she will have a meeting with Ms. Flugence about the merry go round that was placed in the park. Councilman Guilbeau questioned what is the problem with the merry go round? Ms Flugence is not satisfied. Councilman Guilbeau stated it wasn't put up for Ms. Flugence, it was for the children. Councilman Guilbeau and Councilman Foco and Councilwoman Batiste will schedule a meeting with Ms. Flugence to solve her concerns. Councilman Guilbeau questioned Larry about the information he gave them regarding the repairs that was done to the park. We have already spent \$102,000 in the park. Councilman Guilbeau stated he hears how good news about the merry go round.

House on McNary that is abandoned = Chief Decou stated that there is a house on McNary Street that has no trespassing signs on it and is probably abandoned. He would like us to condemn it. Mayor Langlinais asked Tina to get someone to look at to see if is condemnable. Attorney Landry stated we have to go thru process.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Councilman Higginbotham stated that he didn't have anything to bring up.

District VI/Councilman Romero:

Councilman Romero stated that he didn't have anything to bring up.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Thanks to the Fire Department = Councilman Foco stated that he would like to make the public aware about the Fire Department, because we don't thank these people enough. He has an alarm call at his camp because someone hit a telephone pole on Highway 96 at almost one o'clock in the morning. These volunteers get out bed at that time of the morning. They were there when he went check out his property and they were still there when he came back. He wants to thank them. Chief Champagne thanked him and said they very much appreciate it.

Mayor Langlinais:

MPO Meeting = Mayor Langlinais stated that we are due to go before the committee in Baton Rouge relative to the MPO. He thinks consolidated government may have 3 seats on this committee. As he everyone he talks to in the parish, states that it is clear to him that consolidated government doesn't work. He would like to write a letter to the appropriate authority stating that we have no representation with consolidated government.

Gondron Lane Issue = Attorney Landry stated he waiting to hear from 2 attorneys about this, that is the hold up. Mayor Langlinais asked that he takes the map and segregate it and abandon the other end. He is going forward with additional servitude on his side on the south part. He is requesting that we do it by ordinance to abandon the portion from B to C.

Citizens:

Mr. Brown = Mr. Brown questioned if received any calls or complaints regarding missing recycling bins? His disappeared. He did call the city about this and they gave him another bin.

Mr. Mouton = Mr. Mouton stated that he would like to extend an invitation on the 22nd of May a military appreciation day at the recruiting station across from the Cajundome from 1 -4.

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