

Minutes Of The

July 14, 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. Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
 Mark Savoie, City Engineer
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Martin Poirier, City Engineer
 Walter Comeaux III, City Engineer
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief

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

Adopt minutes of the June 22, 2009 Special Meeting = Councilman Rousseau moved and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the June 22, 2009 Special Meeting. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II = Yea

District V = Yea

District III = Yea

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

Adopt minutes of the June 23, 2009 Regular Meeting = Councilman Rousseau moved and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the June 23, 2009 Regular

Meeting. 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:

Mark and Jerry's Report:

Stine's Pump Station = Jerry recommended the council approve the Stine's Pump Station as substantial complete. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to approve the substantial complete and approve payment for this project. Roll call:

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

Broussard Street Pump Station = Jerry stated that the Broussard Street Improvement Project for the Pump Station was done and funded by the State to install another pump. It is operational and he is requesting that the council approve this pump station also. It was moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Romero to approve the completion of the Broussard Street Pump Station. Roll call:

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

Presentation on Area Sewage Treatment Consolidation = Mark stated that several months ago the Mayor asked him to look at sewage packaged plants. They looked into this. The plants were operating correctly. Cost wise it wasn't feasible to pipe the ditch and there wasn't enough drops in it to offer sewer to one area, being serviced by the package plant. So they went ahead and talked to the package plant operators. They put on this presentation to DEQ today. The new infrastructure facility cost is \$8,000,000. The next part is the four major pump stations carrying the sewage to the new pond. Total cost would be \$2,500,000. About 1/3 of the city has sewer. They looked at cutting up the city into sewer districts. The benefits of the package plant consolidations is that it gets rid of discharge and eliminates violations and removes loading and supplies nutrients to Broussard wetlands. They talked to all the operators of the plants and the City's cost would be \$2,586,000 and \$1,207,000 to the plant operators. They tried to pitch this to DEQ that this project is a worthwhile project. This is a win for everybody for all. The residents that are not in the city will pay Broussard to treat their sewage. The whole purpose is to get as much grant money as we can. The city would put a pump station in the vicinity of their treatment plant to treat the sewage. The big thing is to get the money committed.

Councilman Higginbotham stated he would like to see a time table to get the people of Broussard taken care of first, before the non-residents are taken care of. Mark stated we can get TESI to defray the cost. This is just taking in the plants, not putting in the gravity system. Councilman Higginbotham stated we will have to discuss when we will bring in our people first. Mayor Langlinais stated he has been very involved with all annexations, and when we do a referendum and do a sewer district and if it fails in that district, they won't get sewer. Councilman Higginbotham stated we need to put it where the citizens of Broussard will grow. We are not putting any pipe down. By them contributing you are moving up the time the citizens of Broussard will get sewage. Councilman Higginbotham stated that his thing is to give the citizens of Broussard the first shot of getting the sewer. Councilman Rousseau questioned if the numbers posted are the estimates? Mark stated yes that is only some estimates. Walter stated he lives in one of these subdivisions, and they won't see a difference the only thing that changes is the method of treatment. Hopefully when the maintenance costs go up in the future, the consumers won't have to suffer for this. This is not the final foot print. Mayor Langlinais stated we will make application to RDA and with DEQ. The bottom line is we still have to build the lift stations. Attorney Landry stated all the proposed lift stations are within the city limits of Broussard. Mayor Langlinais stated any undeveloped property, sewage will not be run to them, and the development will have to pay for it.

Al's Report:

New Pond = As of June 30 the contractor was 66% complete. He is anticipating to be finished in November which is a year ahead of schedule. The pad is almost complete. Mayor Langlinais stated the agreement needs to be worked out with the contractor allowing us to go forward to put equipment for the pad. Al stated they think it is about finished.

Old Pond Road = Councilman Higginbotham questioned if there is an issue with road to pond? Attorney Landry stated he will report on this in his report.

Walter's Report:

South Bernard Road = Walter stated he met with the Mayor and went over the preliminary plans for South Bernard Road. There are some other issues they have to go thru with Dean to get some advice on. Mayor Langlinais stated he is supposed to contact him by Wednesday. Councilman Rousseau questioned the time frame? Walter stated a lot of it depends on the geometry of each intersection and then they have to start right of way acquisitions, which will be time consuming part. Walter stated the plans are available to all of the council members.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Retirement System Changes = Gene stated the council asked him to review the information regarding the retirement. Under our current system, anyone can participate in our plan as long as they put in \$5.00. Gene gave the rate figures of the current system. The Chief submitted some figures up to 8%. He looked at those numbers with 4% across increase.

The current cost is \$155,000 per year for the retirement. One way he condensed the number of years as follows: 6 month to 5 years – 8%, 6 – 10 years 10% and over 10 years 12%. The cost of doing it this way will be \$165,000. This would give plenty of leeway with new people in.

Councilman Foco stated he doesn't see why we don't have 100% participation. Mayor Langlinais stated his concern was the people that were putting in a minimum and he called them in and spoke to them and they are willing to contribute more. This would not involve any change in the plan. Kevin Cook was also here. They increase contributions on a volunteer basis. Gene stated there was some discussion to do on a match basis, but this is better. Gene stated this is substainlly below our limit. Gene stated this is the recommendation from the Mayor. Don stated he will bring a resolution for the next meeting to finalize this. It will also need to be changed in the employee manual.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Royal Production Road Use Agreement = Mark prepared the letter for the Mayor's signature. He sent him a copy and Don followed up. Mayor Langlinais got a phone call from Hamilton Rogers who also called Don and he left him a message stating that they are working up the bids to re-hab the road. Don will come back with an update in approximately 30 days.

Railroad = Councilman Bonin questioned Don if he has had any word from the Railroad? Don will follow up with a letter.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Intersection of Eola Road and Garber Road = Councilman Guilbeau questioned about accident at the end of Eola Road? When he first came on board he asked SLEMCO to move their poles which is in the way and is causing a hazard. The poles have never been moved, which causes a very dangerous intersection.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Champagne stated that he doe sn't have anything to bring up.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Trash Pick Up = Councilman Bonin stated that there are some people on Morgan Street that are still having trouble getting their trash picked up, twice a week. It is the same people all the time. Mayor Langlinais stated that is why he suggested they put GPS devices on the trucks.

Fireworks = Councilman Bonin stated that there are people who are concerned about people popping the fireworks as dry as it is. They were wondering if we could perhaps stop people from

popping when it is dry. The concerned residents were concerned because of the dry weather. Mayor Langlinais stated the reason we changed the ordinance, because it was happening in the back yard. Chief Champagne stated they were in close contacts with the State Fire Marshall's Office about the popping of fireworks during the 4th of July. If they feel it is too dr y, they can put a moratorium on it. Mayor Langlinais stated he was prepared to do this.

Councilman Foco/At Large:

Retirement = Councilman Foco stated he feels they were very fair with this retirement. Bobby Goodrich stated he believes some employees are unaware that they only need to put \$5.00 per week. Councilman Foco stated maybe we need to up the minimum. Gene stated it is not costing them anything.

Fireworks = The fireworks display was very good. T he weather cooperated also.

ADJOURN:

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II= Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Yea

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK