

Minutes Of The

July 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
 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
 Jerry Grooms, City Engineer
 Martin Poirier, City Engineer
 Walter Comeaux III, City Engineer
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Captain Justin Denais, Fire Department

Absent: Councilwoman Gertrude Batiste, District IV

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

Adopt minutes of the July 14, 2009 Regular Meeting = Councilman Higginbotham moved and second by Councilman Guilbeau adopt the minutes of the July 14, 2009 Special Meeting. Roll call:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Gondron Lane = Attorney Landry stated he submitted a proposed resolution to allow the Mayor Pro-Tempore to sign off on documents relative to Gondron Lane and to provide for restrictive use of Gondron Lane. One of the person's confirming granting the right of way to the

city is the Mayor's wife, so it would be better if the Mayor Pro-Tem signs off on the documents. He would also like the council to confirm and ratify the work we have done on the right of way. The ordinance that will be presented at the next meeting will stipulate penalties for people who violate this ordinance. He has also spoken to the Fire Chief about this. Because the 50 foot has raised questions, it has been cleared up by getting the Mayor's wife to exchange her interest. The other part the 50 foot that was donated he feels there is no question. If the council wants to enter into this with Carolyn Langlinais for the exchange, he feels we should abandon 36 feet of the 50 feet. And if any other landowners want to take part, we will offer the same deal. Councilman Foco stated he is for giving back the land. The ordinance next month will deal with the penalties. The landowners will always be able to use this. Attorney Landry stated he is meeting with Al Reaux on Thursday to go over this right of way with him. Councilman Foco stated he feels the right of passage would be better than right of way, because this allows for change of direction. Attorney Landry stated he can always change that. Attorney Landry showed the council the map and stated it wouldn't take much to put the road in the correct place. Attorney Landry stated he contacted Mr. Gondron's attorney, but he stated he doesn't represent him anymore. Councilman Higginbotham stated he doesn't want to have a civil war with this. Attorney Landry stated he already has some stuff he has to move, we are not doing anything we shouldn't be doing. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Resolution #257-09, authorizing the Mayor Pro-Tempore to sign documents relative to Gondron Lane and to provide for restrictive use of Gondron Lane. Roll call:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

DEQ re: Treatment Systems = Mayor Langlinais told Jerry to make sure they get everything on time to DEQ. Jerry stated everything was hand carried to them. He did check to see if they had everything. Mayor Langlinais stated the first bid is for first funding and this is the key to this bid. We need to stay on DEQ and Rep. Cortez for this and they should know we are talking about stimulus money.

Martin's Report:

Sewer Pond = Martin stated that the contractor should be finishing the pad. We will have to do a partial acceptance of that. He is definitely ahead of schedule.

Walter's Report:

Broadview Drive = Walter stated that Broadview Drive is the road to the Community Center. We received the Highway permit. Oscar is working with the pipeline company to get

things done. One pipeline company is lowering their pipeline at their own expense.

South Bernard Road = Walter stated last Friday he met with Dean Tekell about South Bernard regarding doing the analysis of the road, which he is doing.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Final report for fiscal year = Gene stated last month our revenues dropped for the sales tax. They also dropped again this month. He will watch this real close. We budgeted \$650,000. We are okay if don't start spending on any large projects. Councilman Guilbeau questioned the amount of the figures. Gene stated this is in accordance with the final budget. We originally budgeted \$750,000 and then we increased it because it went up. The budget changed not the numbers. Councilman Foco stated he was at the post office the other day. He was watching 18 wheelers come from New Iberia full equipment and not going towards New Iberia. We just need to tighten up, because things are not looking good.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Attorney Landry stated that he had some correspondence with us during the month for a certificate of title for sewage improvement projects. This was a normal grant process. He called an attorney for the railroad and he hasn't returned his phone call. Councilman Foco stated there are railroad crossings in New Iberia that are worst than ours.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Tuesday August 4th, National Night Out Event = Chief Decou stated he needs proclamation as we normal do, declaring Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at National Night Out. It will be held from 5 – 8 and everyone is welcome to come. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to approve the proclamation for the 2009 National Night Out.
Roll call:

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

School Resource Officer = Chief Decou stated that he needs Attorney Landry to change the dates for our SRO contract, cause the school year is getting ready to start.

Monthly Report = Chief Decou stated he had a few major incidents. They solved 25 car burglaries. It is all unlocked vehicles. The burglaries were in Keith and Kenny's districts haven't been solved yet. Today in Ms. Gert's district, they had a juvenile that called in a bomb threat at Katherine Drexel. They also had an incident where a police officer was involved in a crash while transporting a suspect to the jail. He was rear ended by a suspect with her 5th OWI.

Radar Trailer = Councilman Rousseau asked Chief Decou to move the radar trailer to

Sundown.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Captain Denais stated that he didn't have anything to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

St. Etienne Road = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he talked to Don Bertrand and he asked him to find out about the bid about St. Etienne Road.

Eola Road and Garber Road Intersection = Councilman Guilbeau stated he also made a call to Mr Bordelon with SLEMCO about the obstruction of the view at Eola Road and Garber Road and said he would call him back . They put some wooden poles and they don't have anything attached to the wooden poles. If we can get them to take the two wooden poles out, it would give them about 3 extra feet of viewing area.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Officer's Accident = Councilman Rousseau questioned Chief Decou if the officer was injured in the accident? Chief Decou stated no, but the person in back seat who was also arrested for an OWI went to the hospital.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Thanks and Sales Tax = Councilman Foco thanked everyone for coming. He stated the sales taxes are down and we have a lot of oilfield related companies not doing well. Our services will not stop, but we will have to tighten our belt.

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 = Absent
 District V = Yea
 District VI = Yea

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK