

Minutes Of The
August 25, 2009
Broussard City Council Meeting

Present:

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
 Walter Comeaux III, City Engineer
 Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City foreman
 Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Department
 Mr. Bob Boese, City Attorney
 Mr. Rodney Richard w/Building Code Inspection Services, LLC
 Adam Mouton

Absent: Mayor Charles Langlinais

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

Adopt minutes of the August 11, 2009 Regular Meeting = Councilman Rousseau moved and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the August 11, 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	

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduce Ordinance #09-353, Authorizing the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Building Code Inspection Services, LLC and adopt of Permit Fee Schedule = Mr. Richard addressed the council. A year or so ago he met with all of the area mayors to try and form a codes department that all of the little town's would hire one building official. He previously was a contractor and works for Lafayette Consolidated Government. He is a certified code official. Attorney Landry stated he worked with Bill Babin on the ordinance. They went over the fee schedule. Councilman Foco stated they will look at this and meet with Attorney Landry and if they need they will have a special meeting. Our inspectors will get paid thru his services. Attorney Landry stated we had to ask our inspectors to get certified per the International Code Council. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we are getting standardized with the parish? Attorney Landry stated we are lacking a certified inspector to do the inspections. Mr. Richard stated he can use our inspectors. We only have one inspector that passed the certification. We are following the State Code Act 12. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to introduce Ordinance #09-353 approving and authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Broussard, City of Carencro, Town of Duson, City of Scott, City of Youngsville, and Building Code Inspection Services, LLC and adopting a permit fee schedule in connection therewith. Roll call:

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

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

Introduce Ordinance #09-351, Establishing a Zoning Program and Regulations and Procedures for permitting and placement of buildings and/or structures in Broussard = Councilman Foco stated they had a committee that met with Mr. Boese. They went thru the whole thing. They come to the final adoption that they will do the commercial first and then work on residential. Bob stated for the commercial we have identified which can be in the commercial area. The residential we have identified the 4 types, but have not put any restrictions on them. Every commercial piece of property will be grandfathered in. There are some restrictions in there if they close down. Councilman Rousseau stated this is an ordinance they spent a lot of time on. He would like the citizens of Broussard to understand that this is something we need to do with Ambassador coming thru. They took a lot of time thinking this process thru to make it user friendly. He enjoyed working on this ordinance and he is asking the citizens to let it roll out. It is a living breathing ordinance which can be changed. They will be doing it in phases. The first phase will probably be Ambassador. Councilman Higginbotham stated that he would like all of the council to read it to be comfortable with it before it is adopted. Councilman Rousseau stated he is willing to do a special meeting for it. Attorney Landry stated he would like us to publish it in the paper and adopt it October 13, but have a special meeting at 5:00 on that date for a public hearing. Adam asked if we can make copies available to the public. Don Landry stated yes and it will also be available online. Councilman Rousseau stated with what they started with, they ended with a very condensed ordinance. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Rousseau to introduce

Ordinance #09-351 establishing a zoning programs and regulations and procedures for permitting and placement of buildings and other structures in the City of Broussard, LA. 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 #09-352, Establishing Regulations and Procedures for Permitting, Construction and Placement of signs in Broussard = Mr. Boese stated that the Mayor wanted a comprehensive ordinance to deal with the signage in Broussard. The only road we have a signage ordinance on is Albertson Parkway. They have addressed the rest of the town with this ordinance. This sign ordinance is very straight forward. You can have signs that can clutter up the city. A lot this is aimed at safety. It was done separately so it won't affect the use of property ordinance. If anyone has any questions, they can get with Mr. Boese. Anything right now will be grandfathered in. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if the planning and zoning commission can be combined? Don stated he and Bob are looking into that and are sure this can be worked out. Councilman Rousseau stated they are just taking an ordinance they have and moving it throughout the city. This will be set for adopt also at the October 13th meeting. It was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to introduce Ordinance #09-352, establishing regulations and procedures for permitting, construction and placement of signs in the City of Broussard, Louisiana. Roll call:

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

Animal Control Agreement = Attorney Landry stated that his has been an ongoing discussion. He has done some research on this. All the other small municipalities have agreed to sign on with the city of Lafayette. The mayor thought the shelter belongs to the parish. The city owns the shelter and allows the parish to use it. The mayor thought we could do it on perhaps an on call basis. The new agreement is a modified version. There was discussion about an on call basis. A call is not just what our city police go make a call on their own. Citizens also call the animal control. Also a person bringing their dog in there is considered a call. On a per call basis we could be paying more. Coming September 1 if you are not on board you have to take care of on your own. Then we thought it was the Sheriff Department's responsibility. Councilman Higginbotham questioned what changed after 15 years of services? Don stated there is no millage for animal control. We got a new council and the new council started looking at where they were losing money. It cost them \$1.2 million to run that shelter. So the parish decided to come up with a fair way to do this. They came up with a formula based on population on a total picture. It will cost us between \$47,000 - \$50,000. The Mayor even went around and talk to the local vets, but that would require our police department to pick up dogs. We can't do it for that figure. If we adopt this agreement, we can opt out of it in the first year. Councilman Guilbeau stated about 3 weeks ago, his sister called about a stray dog that was sick and they said they would come out on Monday and they still haven't come out. Chief Decou stated if it is after

5:00 or the weekend and the animal is not vicious they will not come out. Attorney Landry stated he feels we need to sign on. Scott will try it for a year. You have to have the manpower and the facility to do this. He knows the Mayor was previously against this and he said if the council is on board with this then he is fine with this. He questioned what about burying animals in the city of Broussard; it's been 5 years since the parish has buried any animal. Attorney Landry stated the property owner should be responsible for that. Chief Decou questioned if the Sheriff has to pay on this? Attorney Landry stated they said Lafayette Parish, they didn't specify what department. This is a resolution. He would encourage them to approve it. It is for 3 years. Whatever we do the rate and charges start on September 1, 2009. Councilman Foco asked Tina to pay them the same way they paid us for La Neuville, which took 18 months. Councilman Rousseau stated we still have to remember the liability of this that we don't have to incur. Don stated we don't have to indemnify them. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Resolution #258-09, which authorizes the Mayor for the City of Broussard to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government to supply specific animal control and shelter services to the City of Broussard, Louisiana; with the understanding that he would like to see after the 1st year the amount of calls we have had Roll call:

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

Purchase of Guilbeau Property for extension of Ida Park = Attorney Landry stated the council was discussing the issue with Ida Park. The Adam Guilbeau family has agreed to sell the property which is about 4 arpents adjacent to Ida Park. The total price is \$35,000. Clint Adcock has prepared a buy sell agreement and he will check into everything. Some will be used for storm water retention and some will be used for the park. We will get an appraisal on the property. Councilman Rousseau moved and Councilwoman Batiste second to give the authority to the Mayor to go forward to sign a buy sell agreement after appraisal comes in to purchase the Guilbeau Property for \$35,000. Roll call:

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

Councilman Guilbeau stated he is abstaining from voting on this, because the family is related to him. Gene stated we will have to amend the budget later for the appraisal fees and attorney fees.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Jerry's Report:

Elmer = Jerry stated he found out today about Elmer, but he is much better.

Sewer Pond = Jerry stated that we are continuing to work on the equipment portion of the pond and we are getting ready to put it out for bid.

Wadleigh Energy Project = Mark stated that there was some contraversery about the pre-bid conference. Some contractors felt they didn't need to come to the conference, however they did. Mark stated therefore we need to ask the state for an extension on the project so that we can re-bid it. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to ratify that the Wadleigh Energy Project be re-scheduled for the bid opening. Roll call:

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

Mark stated that the bid opening was cancelled prior to any bids being turned in.

Sewer Re-Hab Project = Mark stated that they are continuing on the re-hab project. The time table on the project should be finished within 2 weeks. They are asking to give the Mayor the authority to sign the clear lien certificate to close out the job. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to grant Mayor Langlinois to sign the clear lien certificate to close out the job when it is completed in 2 weeks. Roll call:

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

St. Etienne Road Bids = Mark stated that the parish opened the bids and they came in lower than expected. This was an ongoing project between the parish and the city. Our last price was \$92.00 a ton for the bid. Matt Durand withdrew their bid. The mayor asked him to inform them if they want to do St. Etienne road now and perhaps a couple of roads in town in the remaining funds. Councilman Guilbeau stated he talked to Don Bertrand and he told them the bid was lower. He would like to do St. Etienne and see what else we can do. Mark stated we can piggy back the parish contract.

Al's Report:

Sewer Pond = Al stated that he feels by the next meeting we will be comfortable to accept the east pad at the pond. The contractor is installing the 12 inch valves. Al stated before the next meeting he will get Don on the particulars. The overall project should be finished in November, approximately 2 years ahead of schedule

Walter's Report:

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

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene gave the council the report for the first month of the year. The first month the sales tax collections were down; however they did go up this month. He

recommends we hold off on any major projects to see what the sales tax do. We are pretty much in line.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry did not have anything to report on.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Circle L Robbery = Chief Decou stated that they apprehended the armed robber for the Circle K. That case is solved.

Fleet Incidents = They have had some fleet incidents that have run them into some extra cost. One was when the drunk that hit one of our units. Because they filed an official police report their insurance will not cover this, because the car was reported stolen. So they will not pay for it. He just wanted to let them know they will probably see an increase in auto expense

Radar Trailer = Councilman Bonin thanked Chief Decou for the use of the radar trailer. He will ask to put on a couple of more places. Councilman Higginbotham requested that it be put on Second Street.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Certifications = Chief Champagne stated that a lot of his personnel are working diligently to become certified. He is pushing everyone to become Firefighter I certified. PIAL looks at this very hard who is certified whenever a rating is done.

Training = Chief Champagne stated as a courtesy he will be leaving town Thursday evening to attend a training in Dallas with some of his other personnel. They will be driving.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Washington Property = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Larry about house on Knight Street in reference to the clean up? Larry stated one dumpster has already been emptied once already and they are still working.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Gondron Lane = Councilman Rousseau stated that he tried to get in with warehouse manager at Doerle Foods to see if can stop the employees from passing on Gondron Road. He hasn't heard from him yet.

Zoning Ordinance = Councilman Rousseau thanked everyone for working on this

Zoning Ordinance. He feels it was a great exercise.

District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

House Fires = Councilwoman Batiste stated that in reference to the properties on Knight Street and Ned L Street, that were destroyed by fires; the families are working on getting the properties cleared.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham = Councilman Higginbotham stated that if we have remaining money from St. Etienne Road, he would like to see the zoo road on the list to be done. Larry stated after he makes the list he will get with the council. Councilman Higginbotham questioned how much did we put in the budget for that? Councilman Guilbeau state we put \$150,000 for St. Etienne and we said we would wait to see at the beginning of the year after the sales tax revenues start coming in. Gene stated right now we are in the black, but we do have reserves. Gene stated he is just worried what will happen in the next couple of months.

OTHERS:

South Bernard Road = Mr. Adam Mouton questioned what is the status of South Bernard Road? Councilman Foco stated he will talk to him at the meeting. Walter stated they did a preliminary design. Dean Tekell is doing the traffic analysis and he is working on the drainage. Councilman Foco stated if there may be some issues with right of ways that we might have to do an alternate route.

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