

Minutes Of The  
September 8, 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. James Simon, City Attorney  
Mr. Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper  
Jerry Grooms, City Engineer  
Martin Poirier, City Engineer  
Walter Comeaux III, City Engineer  
Mike Gore, Police Officer  
Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Department  
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor  
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman  
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor  
Kenneth Wainwright, City Forman  
Carolyn Langlinais  
David Gondron  
Becky Gondron  
Adam Mouton  
Tex Plumley

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

**Adopt minutes of the August 25, 2009 Regular Meeting** = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he would like to make a correction which is, on the bottom of page 3 it incorrectly states that his sister called about a stray dog, that's not what happened he drove up at his sister's house and the police officers were there because of the stray dog. Animal control was contacted but they never responded. Therefore it was moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman

Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the August 25, 2009 Regular Meeting. Roll call:

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

## NEW BUSINESS:

### **Adopt Resolution #259-09, Community Center Block Grant for 2010-2011**

**Programs** = Mayor Langlinais stated this is an \$800,000 grant that he is applying for the Community Center. The grant is based on that he has 3 users at the Community Center. If we don't get the grant we don't have to pay for nothing. The architectural fees will be approximately \$1,200, per David Bernard. Attorney Landry read the stipulations of the grant. We will have the original fees. Councilman Foco stated we can get ready we won't build a community center for \$800,000. Councilman Rousseau stated we never discussed what we would use this community center for or how it would be designed. Mayor Langlinais stated it will be a multi building facility. Mayor Langlinais stated his first thought was to build a larger meeting room for meetings. It would be a city complex that everything would be under one location. Councilman Bonin questioned if it will be 6,000 square feet, because the one in Carencro is larger? David Bernard stated that is why it is designed for the multi purpose to get the grant. The first core facility would be arranged for you can add on to it. Don Landry stated that is why we are using the multi-purpose facility, because this is how you get the grant. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt Resolution #259-09, which grants the authority to the Mayor to sign and submit all necessary documents, appoint an administrative consultant and an architect and to commit the administrative and architectural costs for the FY 2010-2011 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for the Community Center. Roll call:

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| District I = Yea  | District IV = Yea |
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| At Large = Yea    |                   |

**Adopt Resolution #260-09, Requesting financial assistance from the State for the FY 2009-2010 LGAP Grant** = Attorney Landry explained that the stipulations for this grant. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #260-09, requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Local Government Assistance Program. Roll call:

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**South Bernard Road** = Walter addressed the council. Walter showed the proposed map which shows the current proposed location of South Bernard Road and Fairfield Road Extension.

He pointed out where Larriviere Road Extension is on the map. The property owner is in that area is granting right of way. He has turned info into Dean Tekell for a traffic analysis to be done. Mayor Langlinais stated part of the proceeds of the TIF would be used to fund this project. When the revenues came down, he asked Walter to concentrate on Ambassador Caffery South. He feels this is where the growth will be. You have about 4,000 acres of raw undeveloped property. They put the cost together for a 2 lane road and it was estimated at 5 million. Then Walter was directed to look at a full 4 lane road with right of ways. The original route was on the western property line. The alignment has moved to the east and we are in the process to begin getting right of ways. Adam Mouton was concerned that it would take a lot of his property and he wanted to be paid for his property. Mayor stated we didn't discuss purchasing any right of ways. He is at a point and time to see what the council wants to do if they want to pay for the right of ways. Tex Plumley addressed the council. He said the Billeaud Companies have quite an amount of property in this. They feel it is a very important arterial extension. They are a part of this deal. Councilman Foco stated he feels we need to talk to the landowners to see who wants to get paid and who wants to donate. He doesn't feel donation of property is a bad thing. Councilman Foco stated that we need to see who will donate or not and see if the project will go on. Tex stated even if some people want to get paid, they will still donate. Mayor Langlinais stated to Adam he doesn't know what to say. Mayor Langlinais stated we discuss this either widening Morgan Street or do this route. Councilman Foco stated you would have to buy property owners out if that would be done on Morgan Street and we decided we didn't want to do anything to the main part of town. This is raw acreage we want to go thru. All of the growth will be in south Broussard. Councilman Foco stated he feels Walter needs to get some letters of commitment and then come back to the council. Walter stated he can't recommend enough to get the right of way. Walter stated one thing you have to remember, by law you can't pay more than what the property is value at now. Adam Mouton stated he and his brother and sisters inherited 23 acres. The already gave property for Amabassador Caffery. But taking it for this road will leave them with not much property that is why he would like to get paid. The council requested that Walter get a name of all the property owners and if they will donate or request to paid. Adam Mouton requested that an appraisal be done first, for they can do numbers. Mayor Langlinais stated he can do it. Walter questioned the Mayor if he wanted to comment about the extension on N. Larriviere Road? Councilman Foco stated let's see if the property owners want to donate there also. Walter stated he feels anytime you have the opportunity to make an extension you should do it. Councilman Foco asked Walter to get the list together and come back to them with it. Councilman Bonin stated if Mr. Mouton's property is included in this, he will have 4 corners on a major thoroughfare. Walter will get the letters to the property owners and then get with Councilman Foco and Councilman Bonin. Mayor Langlinais requested that this be placed back on the agenda for the first meeting in October.

**Gondron Lane** = Attorney Landry asked Mr. Simon to come to the meeting to discuss this being something happened this weekend that might have litigation. The council will take this matter up at the end of the meeting.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

### **Martin's Report:**

**Adopt Resolution #261-09, accepting the New Sewer Treatment Facility as substantially complete** = Martin requested that this resolution be adopted for the influent/effluent area of the embankment area of the sewer oxidation pond. Moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Resolution #261-09, accepting as substantially complete the influent/effluent embankment area of the Sewer Oxidation Pond Phase of the “New Sewer Treatment Facility”. Roll call

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II= Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Yea

District VI = Yea

### **Jerry’s Report:**

Jerry stated that he didn’t have anything to bring up.

**Sewer Re-Hab Project** = Councilman Bonin questioned Jerry when will the Sewer Re-Hab Project be complete? Jerry stated it’s not total complete, but is should be finished by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Walter’s Report:**

Walter stated he already brought up the only item he had.

### **ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT:**

Gene stated that he had nothing to bring up.

### **ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

Attorney Landry stated that he didn’t have anything to bring up.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Officer Gore stated that Chief Decou is not in attendance tonight because he is at another meeting, but he did not have anything to present.

**Patrol** = Councilman Foco stated that he noticed that they have been patrolling Fairfield Road pretty heavy. He really appreciates that, because people are driving real fast down there. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if the radar trailer was put on Second Street? Officer Gore stated yes it was and the stats are pending.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Monthly Report** = Chief Champagne stated that he really doesn’t have anything to bring up; except they put up the canopy at the station and they are in the process of changing some

beams.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**District I/Councilman Guilbeau:**

**Road Overlay** = Councilman Guilbeau presented to the council a list of potential streets in town that need to be overlaid or patched. The prices he got for overlay is \$80 a ton for Lafayette’s contract versus our cost of \$92 a ton. We would have to piggy back Lafayette. Mayor Langlinais request St. Etienne Road be done and the other roads are put under advisement. The list is a year old so the patching may be more, per Larry. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he would like to see about getting pricing for re-surfacing Albertson Parkway. The road is 12 years old. Larry stated he will get with Al and Martin. Mayor Langlinais stated that is one of his priorities. Mayor Langlinais stated we will write a letter for St. Etienne. Larry stated he thinks that Mark said the most we can only do is \$250,000. Councilman Guilbeau stated we have \$150,000 in the budget for St. Etienne, but it shouldn’t cost us that much. Mayor Langlinais stated we will discuss later the actual bidding of Albertson Parkway. Adam Mouton questioned the date of the opening of Ambassador Caffery? Mayor Langlinais stated perhaps around Thanksgiving.

**At Large/Councilman Foco:**

**Article in The Gazette regarding Gondron Lane** = Councilman Foco stated that he talked to Don about the article about Gondron Lane that was in The Gazette. There were a lot of abnormalities in the report. Councilman Foco stated if anyone would like to read the abnormalities that were left out he or the Mayor has them.

**Continued.....Gondron Lane** =Mayor Langlinais stated he feels we need to hear from the parties involved before we go into executive session. Mrs. Becky Gondron stated it is in the hand of the attorney. David Gondron stated the gate shouldn’t be there. Carolyn Langlinais stated agrees the gate should not be there.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to go into executive session to discuss Gondron Lane. Roll call:

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Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to come out of executive session. Roll call:

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Councilman Rousseau moved and Councilman Romero second to allow Mr. Simon to approach to Mr. Gondron on negotiations of Gondron Lane and if it is not successful to proceed with legal proceedings. The matter has been brought forward because of the gating. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II= Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Yea

District VI = Yea

**ADJOURN:**

**Adjourn the meeting** = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilwoman Batiste 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

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**S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR**

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**S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK**