

Minutes Of The

Sept. 22, 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
 Al Reaux, City Engineer
 Walter Comeaux III, City Engineer
 Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
 Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Department
 Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
 Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Kenneth Wainwright, City Foreman
 Adam Mouton, Citizen

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 Sept. 8, 2009 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt the minutes of the Sept. 8, 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	

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #09-353/Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Building Code Inspections, LLC and the New Permit Fee Schedule = Councilman Foco stated he met with Mr. Rodney Richard regarding this. They talked about his fees and what this would entail. He was concerned about our inspectors. Our inspectors will still work for Mr. Richard at the same rate. It will be a lot less liability for the City of Broussard. Councilman Bonin stated at least we won't have variances after the fact anymore. Councilman Foco explained the past situations with variances. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Ordinance #09-353, authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Broussard and Building Code Inspection Services, LLC and adopting a permit fee schedule in connection therewith. Roll call:

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

Councilman Foco requested that Mr. Richard to be available if we have any questions, being this is new. Attorney Landry stated the agreement is attached to the ordinance, although the agreement stipulates the amount of insurance, we need to amend the agreement to what Mr. Richard can purchase which will be one million dollars. Also in there the extent to any of our ordinances this fee schedule would control the amount of fees. Mayor Langlinais asked him if he worked anything else out with our neighbors to the east. It looks like all the municipalities in the parish will go with Mr. Richard.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Al's Report:

Sewer Pond = Al stated that the contractors are making good work at the sewer pond. They are in the process of dressing up the levees.

Mark's Report:

Monthly Report = Mark stated that he didn't have anything to report on.

Sewer Pond = Councilman Foco stated he went on the sewer plant site to look at the progress. The dirt work is about 75% complete.

Walter's Report:

South Bernard Road Extension Phase I = Walter gave the council the letter that was sent to all of the property owners along South Bernard Extension regarding donation of right of way and he is waiting on word from the property owners. Walter stated there are 10 property owners.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene the council the monthly report for the month of August. Sales Tax was up last month, but it went down this month, but it is according to what we budgeted. There is nothing out of line in expenditures. We did finally receive some money from the State for the TIF District, which is one penny which is collected in that district. It is not reflected in this report. The TIF was established in 2005. We collected a little over \$452,000, since then. The money has to be spent within the TIF District. That one penny is paid to retire the 5 million debt, we owe. We will get this till we receive the 5 million dollars. Mayor Langlinais stated he thinks it can go over the boundaries if it benefits the TIF District.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Landry stated that he did not have anything to bring up.

Gondron Letter = Councilman Foco questioned Attorney Landry to see if he received the letter from Mrs. Gondron tonight. Don stated yes he did, but he didn't review it.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou stated that he didn't have anything to bring up.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Zoning Hearing/Don Landry = Attorney Landry stated that at the next meeting on October 13th, there will be a hearing starting at 5:00 p.m. in reference to the Zoning Ordinance, which is to be adopted. This will be a public meeting. Mayor Langlinais stated he will do a mail out to all of the property owners about the meeting.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Albertson Parkway Sewer = Councilman Guilbeau questioned if the sewer line down Albertson Parkway is ready for businesses to connect to? Mayor Langlinais stated National Tire and PSC Supply hooked up; however the line is still not complete. Mark stated we are waiting on the electrical to be hooked up.

St. Etienne Road Improvement = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Don if we received the intergovernmental agreement from the parish yet for the improvements of St. Etienne Road? Don stated we already had one adopted. We just have to modify these bid prices. Mark stated H & S is supposed to be getting back with us with the current prices. Don stated if we need to adopt anything more, we can do at the next meeting. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels the current Intergovernmental Agreement will handle it. Our cost will be \$100,000. Mayor Langlinais stated that he did receive an e-mail confirmation from Pat Logan. Larry stated the

price did go up of what was originally proposed, because of the deterioration of the road in one year. Councilman Guilbeau stated that he feels we need to put the Albertson Parkway project out for bid, so we can get a better price. Mayor Langlinais stated they are supposed to be letting out the bids for Cypress Bayou in November or December. We should have a charge of \$400,000 for this project. Councilman Guilbeau stated he doesn't want to see Albertson Parkway look like Moulin Road. Councilman Bonin stated when they open up Ambassador Caffery it will take out some traffic there. Mayor Langlinais stated we could put out a bulk bid. His first priority is this the first part of next year.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Garbage = Councilman Bonin stated that he received a letter that the cost for picking up our trash was going down. Mayor Langlinais stated the CPI has always gone up and he was very shocked to see they were going down. Councilman Bonin stated he just wanted to know if we were are going down on the trash cost. Mayor Langlinais stated it is whatever the council wants to do. Councilman Foco stated he feels they are doing a much better job.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Sidewalk to Comeaux Estates = Councilman Rousseau stated that he received several calls from citizens requesting that we extend the sidewalk from Hulin Road to Comeaux Estates. In the past we tried this and the issue was the sidewalks went into the people's yard and they refused to sign the right of ways. Larry stated we will have to get a right of way from some property owners. Councilman Rousseau stated he is getting calls from people wanting to let their kids ride bikes on the sidewalk instead in the roundabout to and from school. Mayor Langlinais questioned Larry about the cost of this? Larry stated just up to Mr. Dore's house it will be \$13,000. Councilman Rousseau stated more and more kids will be coming out of Deer Meadow. Mayor Langlinais stated it is really a liability issue. Councilman Guilbeau stated he would like to get the cars attention, where the children are crossing Morgan Street; perhaps we could put the yellow lines or caution lines? Councilman Foco asked Councilman Rousseau to go talk to the property owners that are not willing to sign for the right of way. Walter stated we could pipe the ditch. Larry stated we need to look at the properties in question very carefully. Councilman Rousseau stated if we can get it to Deer Meadow that will help. Attorney Landry stated we either have to have right of way or an easement for a right of way. The council agreed to allow Larry to put the yellow lines for the cross walk on Morgan Street at the request of Councilman Guilbeau.

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

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

At Large = Yea

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK