

Minutes Of The
October 13, 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
 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
 Several Citizens

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 Sept. 22, 2009 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the Sept. 22, 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 #09-351/Establishing Zoning Program and Regulation and

Procedure for Permitting and Placement of Buildings and other Structures in the City =
 Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Ordinance #09-351, which establishes a Zoning Program and Regulations and Procedures for permitting and placement of Buildings and other structures 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	

Adopt Ordinance #09-352/Establishing Regulations and Procedures for permitting, construction and placement of signs in the City = Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the political signs on private property? Councilman Foco stated that there is a lee way of days for how long you can leave them up. Councilman Guilbeau stated it also says the signs cannot be bigger than 4 x 6. Councilman Guilbeau stated we can ask to let it be as big as they want and if signs are not picked up within a certain amount of time they will be fined. Councilman Rousseau stated that was meant for business signs, not for political signs. He feels we should leave as is and then give an exemption to election signs. Mayor Langlinais stated this is for regulations basically along Albertson Parkway. And the political signs, if there is any way we can write it so that it doesn't deal with city political signs. Mayor Langlinais asked if we can exempt city races, but he feels that we would be discriminating. Councilman Guilbeau stated he feels we should exempt letter (m) all together. Don stated you can use a time frame. Bob stated the concern is you don't want it to interfere with traffic. Don stated it can be amended this evening. Don recommended we keep the regulations about the signs, and change the political signs. Section M deals with political signs. Bob stated on tonight's adoption we can exclude m and he can always come back with something else. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to adopt Ordinance #09-352, which establishes regulations and procedure for permitting, construction and placement of signs in the City of Broussard, Louisiana, excluding section 'm' in the ordinance which will be visited at later date. 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:

AI's Report:

Pond = AI stated the pond is 74% complete. With the weather it is stalling the completion. They are trying to shape the levees. They need to wait for drying conditions. The 74% of the monies have been expended on the project. The last big ticket items are yet to be purchased.

GE Sewer Service on Ida Road = AI stated about a year and half ago he was contacted by someone with GE in Massachusetts. Currently GE has a package plant. They have a concern

environmentally. They are willing to come into the city system. Al stated maybe we can come up with a joint venture. Al stated "Exhibit 1" shows a proposed grinder station with a 1 ½" proposed force main. "Exhibit 2" shows a proposed a lift station with a deep wet well and a 1 ½" proposed force main and 4" proposed force main. They are willing to spend \$45,000. The joint project is \$94,000. They will deed over a site for a wet well. They would like the city to take care of it from them. They would have a deep well to serve the people in that area. If we do the second option we would do both the force main and the 4 inch. Mayor Langlinais stated we can put the gravity system in at a later time. He doesn't have a problem with this. The cost to the city would be \$50,000. Al stated if the council is in agreement he will get with Don to get an agreement drawn up. After it is completed it will take care of that entire area. A representative from GE stated that they started this company 26 years ago down Lafferty Road. They are supply service for pipe recovery and service business. They moved to Ida Road. They were bought out by an English company, so they can also work abroad. They are looking to expand in the future. The council agreed to do the project. Councilman Foco stated this shows what government can do for business.

Baker Hughes Treatment System = In 1998 the City of Broussard constructed a sewer treatment plant for Baker Hughes. This was state money. Since 1998 Baker Hughes has expanded. They put in a new package plant. In 2006 the City got into an agreement that we would lease the property where the treatment plant is to Baker Hughes. The agreement is good till 2011. "He doesn't know if the city should have any interest if the city will not operate anything on it anymore. Al stated he would suggest Don look into this. Don stated he doesn't think we will be donating anything back to them. We entered into the lease agreement because the permitting and reporting that would free us. He will look at it and come back to the council. There was no problem at the time with the lease. Mayor Langlinais stated he is hoping there will be some sunset provision. It was capital outlay and state money.

Walter's Report:

South Bernard Road Extension Project = Walter stated at the last meeting he was instructed to send out letters to the property owners to try to get pulse who is willing to donate and who wasn't. They will be moving the road around a little bit. They are getting input from the property owners. Mayor Langlinais stated he asked to get direction for the next meeting as to where the council wants to go. The intention by all parties is to donate the property, some will get paid and the donators will get more help. Walter stated they found a way to build a nice road. Sooner or later it won't be a 2 lane road. Mayor asked Walter to follow up with a letter that we will address this at the next meeting. Walter suggested that we do it at the second meeting in November. Mayor Langlinais stated that is fine then we will schedule it for Nov. 24th.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Monthly Report = Chief Decou stated that they had a shooting at a business last week. They did make an arrest. This was a domestic situation. Chief Decou commented that most of the crime issues are out of town people.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

St. Nazairre Road = Councilman Guilbeau stated last month Gene told us that we received from \$452,000 from State. He would like to know if it was applied to towards the loan on St. Nazairre. Mayor Langlinois stated we dedicated it to retire the 5 million dollar state bond. Gene stated they will give up to 5 million to retire that bond. It is in a special fund. We cannot apply it towards to the loan.

Knight Street = Councilman Guilbeau thanked Chief Decou, Mayor Langlinois and Councilman Foco for their help for the house Knight Street. It took 4 dumpsters and everything was picked up. Andy Adams talked to him and he donated his time to pick it up the other items with a tractor. Councilman Guilbeau thanked everyone for helping Ms. Washington getting this done. He was also surprised when he talked to Andy that he volunteers his time to do this.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Red Flex = Councilman Rousseau questioned the status of Red-Flex? Councilman Foco stated the state came back with state regulations. Don stated there are a lot of regulations we need to talk about. Councilman Bonin stated they did it for free and then went ask for \$100,000 to operate it. Councilman Foco stated that is the City of Lafayette that wanted it for the officers to review the violations. Mayor Langlinois stated it will move forward, but he doesn't know how long it will take.

Zoning Meeting = Councilman Rousseau stated that he would like to go on the record and thank everyone for coming out for the zoning meeting. They have made this zoning ordinance as user friendly as possible. They went thru 3 different municipality ordinances. They came up with a good product. It was to protect the citizens of Broussard, especially with Ambassador Caffery coming thru.

District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

Thanks = Councilwoman Batiste stated that she would like to thank Andy Adams for being very helpful in the areas of Broussard in cleaning it up.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

St. Nazairre Road @ Frontage Road = Councilman Higginbotham stated there is a no left turn sign on the frontage road from St. Nazairre turning left. Councilman Higginbotham stated that he received calls from business owners in that area that this is causing problems for his customers. They have to go all the way back to Highway 96 to go onto the Frontage Road. They will talk to the traffic engineer about this. It is a tough intersection. Councilman Foco stated he spoke to Dean and he gave a presentation to the highway department and they will get back with him. The traffic island would have to be taken out also if this is done. Councilman Foco stated we can't take down the sign till the state comes back, because of the liability. Mayor Langlinais stated hopefully within 30 days it will be resolved.

At. Large/Councilman Foco:

Coulee on Hardware Road = Councilman Foco stated on Hardware Road are we responsible for that coulee? What did we give \$10,000,000 dollars for? The coulee is 7 feet deep. The coulee is on the side of Ambassador Caffery. Mayor Langlinais stated that Larry was contacted by the stated and said what we have to do the project and be thru in 30 days. There is a comptemplating of re-routing towards St. Etienne. Mayor Langlinais stated the only thing he plans on doing is breaking the road to change the pipe. The intent is to re-route the ditch on the northern property lines. Larry stated the new ditch to Hardware Road is 7 feet deeper than the old one, that would also mean cutting the road at St. Etienne. Nothing was ever discussed about the ditch on Hardware Road. Al stated that is the states' responsibility, they are supposed to take care of the drainage. Mayor Langlinais instructed Al to contact the engineer Jeff Faust with the State about this. The entire corridor is in the city limits. 90% in the city limits. Question was also raised about the way Morgan Street goes down; it is very low, it will hold water. That is the design and dirt work is still not finished. Councilman Rousseau stated he also got a call from a citizen about the improvement near Heart De Farm Road? Al stated that the hard surface transition is finished. Councilman Rousseau stated that the citizen complained because the momentum pushes cars to the left lane.

District V/Councilwoman Batiste:

Thanks = Councilwoman Batiste thanked the council for fixing the lights in Ida Park. Councilman Foco stated he was unaware that they were fixed.

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

South Morgan Striping near School = Councilman Guilbeau questioned Larry if the striping that was done on South Morgan can be done larger, because you can't see it until you are on it. Larry stated that is the legal size they can be and they have to watch where they them.

They can't even put a crossing sign, because there is no guard there.

ADJOURN:

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