

Minutes Of The

November 10, 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
 Jerry Grooms, 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

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Councilman Bonin lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done our troops that are still overseas and for the families of the men and women at Fort Hood that lost their lives last week.

Adopt minutes of the October 27, 2009 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the Oct. 27, 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	

NEW BUSINESS:

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Resolution = Jerry stated this is an energy conservation grant to upgrade the heating/cooling systems at utility building and at the Fire Station. The city has to agree that if the price goes over \$45,000 we would supplement the remaining costs. Jerry stated the cost of the units is around \$16,000 and insulating the station for \$11,500. We did look at the a/c's at City Hall and the police department and those a/c's are okay. Gene stated the grant states it has to be for more energy efficient. Anything over \$45,000 will cost the city. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt Resolution #262-09, authorizing the expenditure of funds to participate in and complete projects pursuant to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. 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:

Jerry's Report:

Jerry stated that he had nothing to report on.

DEQ Money = Mayor Langlinais questioned Jerry if he received any word on the DEQ money? Jerry stated they are preparing all the information they need to get an EID. The EID for the acceptance, he doesn't know what the turn-around time will be. It took 4 weeks to get a packet. Walter stated to get an EID you would have to wait 9 months to a year.

Al's Report:

Sewer Pond = Al stated the contractor decided to pull out, because of the rain situation. He has 150 working days left, which is about 7 ½ months. He should be back in the spring. The pad area has been completed.

Drainage ditch on Ambassador Caffery = Al stated that he has had no response from the Highway Department regarding the ditch on Ambassador Caffery and Hardware Road, that was discussed at the last meeting. What does the council want him to do? Mayor Langlinais stated he will contact Bill Campbell about this.

Ambassador Caffery = Councilman Higginbotham questioned what is the expected completion date of Ambassador Caffery? Mayor stated they were expecting early February, but due to the weather there was some delay and then they picked up. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if the drainage issue with Hardware Road, will this be detrimental? Mayor Langlinais stated the water stays there, it does not drain. Mayor Langlinais stated he will have to talk to Bill Fontenot and then come back to the council. He would like to cut the road on the north end. Al stated the ditch has already been designed; the issue is cleaning out the ditch. The only pipe lacking is at St. Etienne. Larry stated that our equipment is not large enough. Al

stated we would have to get some construction servitudes and get some place to dispose of the construction materials. Al stated the drainage right of way is not included in there. The depth and the width of the drainage ditch is the problem. Councilman Foco stated we can't straighten out a coulee. The \$180,000 estimated cost was for moving the Bellsouth telephone pedestal. It is the drainage on Ambassador Caffery that wasn't done and we are responsible for it. If we can use Gilchrist Construction it might be \$60,000. Gilchrist has his equipment already there. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if he will do it for \$60,000? Councilman Guilbeau suggested we talked to Gilchrist about this. Mel stated he talked to someone with Gilchrist and they are not interested in doing it. Councilman Higginbotham stated another option is to rent the equipment and do it ourselves. Larry stated just trucking the dirt will be about \$98,000. The coulee is about 70 feet wide. The old ditch is 60 feet wide. Adam Mouton questioned if it would be feasible to haul the dirt on the low end of his property? Councilman Foco stated you are taking sludge out of coulee. The council asked Larry to come back to them with options. Larry stated they will try to get in touch with Gilchrist again. Councilman Rousseau suggested perhaps contacting the sewage pond contractor. Al stated he already moved all his equipment out.

Walter's Report:

Walter stated he had nothing to report on.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Military Funeral = Chief Decou thanked everyone for the military funeral. We had a lot of compliments from the family and friends. We represented our city very well. He wanted to thank everyone that participated. Councilman Foco stated several people also thanked us for a job well done.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

House Fire = Chief Decou stated that they had another house fire on Duke Street. They were able to control the fire. The fire was started by electrical.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:**District II/Councilman Bonin:**

Thanks = Councilman Bonin thanked Larry for taking care of that ditch and all those

rocks.

Cypress Bayou = Councilman Bonin questioned the status on Cypress Bayou? Mayor Langlinois stated we are waiting for the purchase of the pipe line by another pipe line. He asked the parish to let the bid it out and leave the pipeline section out till we get to that area. Mel stated they will look into this. Mel stated one pipeline is good. But the other two companies are in the process of a buyout. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adopt Resolution #263-09 requesting the City-Parish Government to let bids out immediately for the Cypress Bayou Project and to leave the pipeline section out till we get to that area to start the project now. Roll call:

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

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Thanks = Councilman Rousseau thanked the Mayor and Larry for getting the turn on Heart D Farm and Morgan Street leveled out.

Veterans = Councilman Rousseau stated that tomorrow is Veterans Day and he requested that everyone thank their veterans.

District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

Ida Park = Councilwoman Batiste stated that the council budgeted \$10,000 remaining for the park. The extension of the basketball court to the half court will run over the \$10,000. She is asking for \$5,000 more for completion of the project. The court will cost \$13,880. She would like \$5,000 in case she needs more money. The first built court was right at \$8,000. Larry stated the reason they went over is that they were expanding just on one side, but to get regulation size they had to extend it. It will only be 9 feet short. There is no room to get it to full regulation. Mayor Langlinois questioned how much more will it cost? Larry stated it is finished. Councilman Foco stated you can't spend money you don't have. You can't spend it and come back for more money later. Councilman Foco stated they should have come to us and said how much it would have cost first, that's what was agreed on at the last meeting.

Councilwoman Batiste stated she just found out today that more money was needed. The men estimated how much it would be. Councilwoman Batiste questioned how can we complete this?

Councilman Guilbeau stated after they got the amount she should have come back to the council first before the project was started. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to amend the budget for \$3,880 to finish the project in Ida Park for the basketball court.

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At Large = Yea	

Councilman Guilbeau stated it just bothers him because now we can't put any more toys in the park. Councilwoman Batiste thanked everyone for their vote.

Mayor Langlinais:

Arbor Trace = Mayor Langlinais questioned Don if he received correspondence from Jerry about Arbor Trace? Don stated yes he did receive the correspondence from Mark and he sent McClain Builders a letter.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Thanks = Councilman Foco thanked the maintenance crew because after the last rain the maintenance crew repaired a drainage issue in the back of Fairfield by Deer Meadow.

CITIZENS:

Adam Mouton = Adam Mouton thanked the Mayor, Police Chief, the Council, the Fire Department and the Lafayette Fire Department for their participation in the funeral on Friday. Over 1,000 people were lined up along side the road. Councilman Foco thanked Adam and all military people for what they do.

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