

Minutes Of The
December 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. Oscar Reed, City Attorney
Mr. Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
Mark Savoie, City Engineer
Martin Poirier, City Engineer
Al Reaux, City Engineer
Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Chief
Larry Champagne, City Supervisor
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
Kenneth Wainwright, City Foreman
Adam Mouton
Mr. Clifton Oestrieher, Ronkartz-Oestrieher Engineering

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

Adopt minutes of the December 8, 2009 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt the minutes of the December 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	

NEW BUSINESS:

Castette Property in Coach House Manor = Don stated he asked Tina to put this item on on the agenda. He knows Ms. Castette wants to give us the property, but it might be more of a liability than anything. Mayor Langlinais stated that it appears to be the 2 lots adjoining the water system and next to the package plant in Coach House Manor. The one next to the package plant we can put a lift station there. Don stated he called and spoke to Larry, and he doesn't believe that is the same area. Larry stated we would have to use 2 lots to put a wet well there and there is only one lot. There is a lot in between the house and the wet well. The wet well is in the front. Councilman Foco stated we don't want to inherit any sewer plant from TESI. Mayor Langlinais stated he wanted to continue to explore this, due to putting a wet well there. Don stated that is not the impression he got. Larry stated he can go with Mark and look at it, but from his experience it is not large enough. Mayor Langlinais asked Don to put it on hold and he asked Mark to go look at it. Councilman Rousseau stated maybe they can donate it to TESI. Larry stated he will go with Mark and look at this.

Mr. Clifton Oestreicher re: Request for 1' Freeboard Variance for St. Ceceilia Building Addition = Mr. Oestreich addressed the council. We have an ordinance stating the finished floors have to be constructed 1 foot above base flood elevation. They are trying to squeeze the building in. The whole area is in a flood zone now; but they have to position the building on site. They have to keep away from that flood way and they have to push the vehicle close to the existing building. They would like a variance from the 1 foot of free board. It will only be for a short period of time. When the new map comes in they will be okay. Mark stated the 1 foot requirement is a city ordinance. Councilman Foco questioned if the building floods are they willing to take that chance. Oestreicher stated they will never be below the base flood elevation set by FEMA. A hold harmless agreement was sent to the council. Don stated there shouldn't be a problem with FEMA. Mark stated he will build 2/10 higher than the base flood elevation. It cannot hold the neighbors in any way. Mayor Langlinais stated it is known we have a known drainage problem. There are no guarantees that a structure will affect the drainage upstream. Oestreicher stated it will have no impact on the existing building. The building will be 12,000 square feet. He wouldn't put a finished floor in jeopardy to do this. If the city gives them the variance, and the maps don't change and this still won't affect them. Walter stated if the building isn't in the flood way, you are not affecting the drainage. The playground will be the storm water retention. Oestreicher stated the existing structures have not flooded. Mayor Langlinais stated you are taking a natural storm water retention and building in it. What will they do with the runoff? Oestricher stated they will make the retention area larger to have a restricted outfall. There will a burn to stop the water. Mark stated the ordinance states the retention is for a 10 year rain. He is trying to stop the short term impact. Retention if for a short duration. Mayor Langlinais stated it is doing it right now, but his concern is for the people upstream. The roof tops were there, and they are replacing it with permanent buildings. Mayor Langlinais stated they may have a problem with the insurance company to insure it. Mark stated it was put in the ordinance, but this is not what this case is. After lengthy discussion it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to approve the variance request for 1' Freeboard Variance pertaining to the requirement (Section 1-2, D., 2., City of Broussard Drainage Regulations Revised August 2008) that the finished floor be a minimum of

12" above the base flood elevation (BFE) for the St. Cecilia Building Addition. Roll call:

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

Councilman Higginbotham abstained from voting, due to the fact that his wife works at the school.

OLD BUSINESS:

South Bernard Extension Project = Walter addressed the council. They have essentially been concentrating on different routes. The best route is to eliminate the need for the round-a-bout and straighten it out and then curving and then we wouldn't have to take out the oak trees. Councilman Foco stated he doesn't have a problem with paying for right of ways, but he would like the finished line to be approved by the council first. Don stated he would like a definite amount to allow someone to go forward with the negotiations. Mayor stated he would like Don to prepare a resolution to that effect giving up to a certain amount for negotiations. Councilman Foco stated after the route is decided it will come back to the council. Mayor Langlinois questioned how far are they where they can develop some plans. Walter stated we do have some rough plans. He stated Dean is designing his intersection plans. Don stated will bring the resolution back at the next meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

City of Broussard Infrastructure Improvements = Mark stated that the Mayor asked them to do a short power point presentation on infrastructure improvements. They came up with some higher priority projects. Mark showed the presentation. The backbone system being put in will be at Ambassador Caffery near Walmart and further near Etienne Road. The South Broussard Sewer will be the following: Huval Pump Station for \$250,000; 5,000 feet of 8" Force Main for \$150,000; Dustin Circle Pump Station \$450,000; 7,500 feet of 10" Force Main for \$300,000; St. Etienne Pump Station for \$260,000; 8,650 feet of 12" Force Main for \$300,000; St. Nazaire Pump Station for \$420,000 and 9,240 feet of 14" Force Main for \$580,000 for a total of \$2,795,000. Right now this is only sewage for infrastructure for commercial. This is being set up for the growth. The current major projects going on are: Sewer Pond Completion \$4,000,000; South Broussard Main Sewer System \$2,795,000; and South Bernard Construction Estimate \$3,000,000 for a total of \$9,795,000. The available funding are as follows: DEQ Loan 0.95% \$4,000,000; Sewer Funding Remaining \$1,000,000 and 2009 Bond Issue \$7,000,000 for a total for \$12,000,000 less the current major projects of \$9,795,000 for a total of remaining funds of \$2,205,000. The expected additional expenditures are: overlay of Albertson Parkway from Hwy 90 to LA 89; overlay miscellaneous city streets, road widening of St. Nazairre, sewer mains and service lines, Bernard right of way acquisition and lift station site acquisitions. The TIF districts; the one cent sales tax has not been imposed. We can set up sewer districts. If someone develops in the TIF districts and the developer pays the extra penny, he would like a guideline

from the council on this on incentives for the developer. The intent is to use the TIF for retail and high end commercial. Gene stated the council is authorized to levy one extra penny of sales tax in the TIF district, and the money has to pay used in that area.

That is some of the things he has come up with. He feels in the first quarter of next year Alberston Parkway would have to be re-done. Mayor Langlinais stated that he would like to get authorization for the 4 lift stations to be bid out this summer. Councilman Rousseau requested that some sort of business plan be put together to give to the council as where it is divided between the 3 engineers so that they can talk to them when this is brought up. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels the expected additional expenditures should be prioritized. He feels Lakeview Drive should be put on there.

Walter:

Walter stated that he had nothing else to report on. And he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Martin and Al's Report:

Al stated that he had nothing else to report on. And he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene stated that everything is in order. The sales tax is just flowing in steady. There are surprises.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Sewer Pond Road = Attorney Landry stated he got at the end of last week from Hamilton Rogers with Royal Production. They were resisting to repair the road to old sewer pond. He passed the info to John and Mr. Rogers stated his company is agreeing to repair the road to our specs. There is someone already authorized to repair the road. Don stated that he feels that issue will work out.

Gondron Litigation = Councilman Rousseau questioned if any decision has been rendered on the Gondron litigation. Don stated no, not yet.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Decou wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for all they did this year. He also wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Monthly Report = Chief Champagne thanked Mr. Larry and crew for repairs behind the

station with limestone. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also asked everyone to keep Fire Chief Jason Simon in their prayers. Mr. Simon was the Fire Chief in Youngsville who lost his battle with cancer this past week.

Handicap Parking at the Theatre = Chief Champagne stated that he did not have any results on handicap parking at theatre. He hasn't heard back from the State Fire Marshall yet.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Councilman Guilbeau wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New year and safe one.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Councilman Bonin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New year and safe one.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Councilman Rousseau thanked everyone and stated it has been a pleasure to work with everyone.

District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

Councilwoman Batiste wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New year and safe one.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Councilman Higginbotham wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New year and safe one.

At Large/Councilman Foco:

Councilman Foco stated that he doesn't want to give everyone the big head and the swell head; but there are some other municipalities, they don't have the flexibility to do what we do. We are very fortunate. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, happy holidays and Happy New Year. He hopes the oilfield turns around.

Mayor Langlinais:

Mayor Langlinais stated he did not expect sales tax to stay the same. He stated perhaps on July 1st we can look at cost of living raises again.

Tomorrow there will be a meeting with Bill Fontenot and we will find out what they will do about the St. Etienne Road Crossing. We expect them to clear the channel. We have drainage right of ways secured. They will probably do a change order.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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