

Minutes Of The
February 9, 2010
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
 Captain Justin Denais, Fire Department
 Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
 Kenneth Wainwright, City Foreman
 Liz Duhon, Entergy
 Ken Bordelon, SLEMCO
 Judge Francie Bouillon
 Brad Metindorf

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

Adopt minutes of the January 28, 2010 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the January 28, 2010 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:

Ms. Francie Bouillon = Ms. Bouillon introduced herself to the council. She is currently a judge at Lafayette City Court. She is seeking a seat on the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. She is ready for a new challenge. She was 39 when she went into LAW School. She graduated 2nd in her class. She applies the law. Every case she decides, she has a method for deciding it. She will continue to do that on the Court of Appeals. She has done everything from personal injury, domestic, writing wills and so on. She stated if anyone wants to contact her, feel free to contact her at the court. The election is in October 2010. Adam Mouton questioned her views and the bill of rights. She said she feels every single amendment should be applied. She makes sure everything she does is within the constitution. She is not an activist judge. She likes to analyze what the law says. The council thanked her for coming. A citizen stated that Judge Bouillon is a very knowledgeable and thorough judge.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #10-354/South Bernard Extension Project....Acquisition of Right of Ways = Walter stated he prepared a plat of the Mouton property. It is the same alignment that was previously discussed and blessed by Dean Tekell. It was moved by Councilman Bonin and it was second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt Ordinance #10-354, which provides for the acquisition of property and right of ways, and other such measures as may become necessary to obtain said right of ways for South Bernard Road Extension, now known as the South Bernard Road Extension Project, and to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents and authorizations necessary for that purpose, and, if necessary, to amend the budget for the City of Broussard, Louisiana for those purposes. Roll call:

District I = Yea
 District II = Yea
 District III = Yea
 At Large = Yea

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:**Jerry's Report:**

Sewer Pond = Jerry stated in reference to the sewer pond, the environmental study has been done. The plans and specs will be sent to DEQ. Authorization to bid should be in about 30 days.

Walter:

South Bernard Road = Walter stated that they have been working on South Bernard Road. He will be working with Oscar on other properties that they have to acquire right of ways on. The alignment is pretty tied down. Councilman Foco suggested he meet with Mr. Reed and start with the first piece of property, the Billeaud Companies.

AI's Report:

Councilman Foco stated that Mr. Reaux had nothing to bring up and he was unable to attend the meeting

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Gene stated that he had nothing to report on.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Resolution for the construction of a lift station on Dustin Circle = Don explained that this resolution which would authorize the Mayor to obtain the property. The property was appraised at \$5,000 and the landowner is not willing to sell to the city. Councilman Bonin stated before we spend \$20,000 on a \$5,000 piece of property maybe we can offer him more. The property is 5 feet below the road. Councilman Foco stated he would like us to come to terms with him, because he knows what David is saying. Don stated we can't pay the guy \$10 or \$15,000 because we would be in a bind. Don stated he wouldn't go too far with that discussion. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #267-10, authorizing the Mayor to provide for the necessary notices, and to follow the necessary procedures, to obtain the property necessary for the expansion and improvement of sewerage facilities for 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

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Super Bowl Sunday Variances = Chief Decou stated that everything went well on Super Bowl Sunday. There was very minimal crowd and the bars. The largest crowd was at Young's. After the game was over the call volume went up, nothing serious though.

Basketball Goal in Cul de Sac = Councilman Foco stated that a basketball goal was erected in a cul de sac. It is portable more the less, permanent, because it cemented in. He will talk to him after the meeting about this. Mayor Langlinais stated he feels they need to allow the city attorney to write a letter stating whoever put it needs to remove it. Mayor Langlinais asked Chief Decou to find out where it is. Chief Decou stated it is at a residence.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Captain Denais stated that it has very quiet for them. There were fireworks after the

game, but not anything major.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Super Bowl Sunday = Councilman Guilbeau stated that he saw the police department patrolling after the fireworks, and they handled it very well. Chief Decou's people were in his neighborhood where the fireworks were going on. He went to two of the bars and it was very quite.

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Noise disturbances = Councilman Rousseau stated that he has been having complaints of loud noises at night in district. He would like the council to look at parish wide noise ordinance. He stated in the past Chief Decou told him that it be an expense for the equipment; but a lot of people are complaining about night noise and during the day. We don't have an ordinance in place. It is starting to come from public residences also. Several people he talked to are getting irate. Attorney Landry will get with the Chief in reference to the new parish ordinance compared to what we have. Councilman Rousseau stated that he feels we need to get the police force what they need to enforce this. Chief Decou stated the people don't want to hear anything about the complaint if we don't have a noise ordinance. Councilman Foco stated they need to call the police department for complaints. Chief Decou stated from a car they can enforce it, but from a residence they can't. Don stated in the meantime he recommends they send the reports to the District Attorney's office.

Thanks = Councilman Champagne thanked and his crew, cause had an issue in the back of Sundown and they handled it.

Councilman Foco/At Large:

Thanks = Councilman Foco stated he appreciates what Chief Decou and his officers' did for Super Bowl Sunday. He wants to thank our workers and our public service workers for what they do for us. He is witnessing pot holes on a road in the parish that is in a commercial district. The road is such poor shape. Our employees get things done.

Mayor Langlinais:

Ambassador Caffery Street Lighting = Mayor Langlinais stated that he wants to hash out the final quote on utilities. When we built Albertson Parkway we ended up with duplicated service. This is the reason we are doing this, because we don't want to duplicate services again. We hired a consultant to negotiate with both SLEMCO and ENTERGY. Brad Metindorf presented his report. He gave the council visual aids. He was trying to determine a cost efficient way for the utilities. The state DOTD does not require lights on a state highway. That is an option. If you decide to have lights, then you have to follow their restrictions. This process was

started to provide the council with cost effectiveness in mind. A map was out together with the lighting on the new roadway. There are several circles on the map with the current infrastructure. The Public Service Commissioner has to follow: 300 foot order and the other is underground/over ground cost differential. The standard cost is still over ground. Both companies are aware of these orders. They tried to reach some agreement to let them both serve, but they couldn't get there. Once they couldn't get there, they asked to submit proposals from SLEMCO and Entergy. They tried to assure apples to apples comparison. They also looked at different types of lights. He asked both utilities to put in writing everything they perform is within the Louisiana Public Service Commissioner Regulations. In front they have the maps and the memo from him. The area along the road is referred to as customer choice. That customer is the city. He did not talk to any property owners. Brad stated the customer in this case is the city. Brad stated if the city chooses not to put in lights, the developers could endure some of the cost. Mayor Langlinais stated if you talk to them they would want overhead lines. This proposal is based on street lighting structure. There is nothing that requires you to make this choice. Brad stated that there is a specific statute that prohibits the state from paying for the street lights on a state road in municipalities. Councilman Rousseau questioned if we are talking strictly street lights; in his opinion if a utility company runs lights do they use underground utilities for the service. Brad stated they will build off of the infrastructure for future lights. If 300 feet out, it's the customer choice. Councilman Higginbotham questioned what does he suggest we do? Brad stated he suggested they decide to put in the lights. Brad stated as a consultant he looked at the cost estimate SLEMCO less than Entergy. They required both confirmations with LPSC. Mayor Langlinais asked them to explain to them the lights. Brad explained the lights. Liz stated when Entergy looked at this they looked at 90 to Morgan St. They stated from 90 to St. Etienne will always be Entergy. She just did what they did to give a fairer comparison. She can get that cost if they need. Councilman Foco stated we are looking at Hwy 90 to Morgan and St. Etienne to 90. Slemco is from point A to point C. They can't serve that last leg from point B to point C. That is Entergy service territory. Ken stated they will stay in their option, but they can work with Entergy on the 300 feet. From Corne Road to Highway 90 they can put street lights at their request. Liz stated it is probably 3 or 4 lights. Liz stated she doesn't have the cost for those 3 or 4 lights. Brad stated he didn't ask her to do that. Councilman Guilbeau asked Mr. Bordelon if they would have let him would he put those 3 lights and that is in the price included. Ken stated yes it is. Point A is Highway 89 to Point B which is St. Etienne and C is Highway 90. Standard lights put out more lights and they are cheaper. Brad stated that is the cost for putting the infrastructure in. Councilman Guilbeau questioned if we put them in, do we have to put them on? Brad stated after the council makes the decision, then the utility company will have to file with DOTD. Once they do they go on. Councilman Rousseau questioned how many lights are there from A to B? Ken stated it would be 67 poles with 2 lights. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Guilbeau to go with the proposal from SLEMCO for 76,999.00 for Ambassador Caffery from Point A to B. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II = Yea

District V = Yea

District III = Yea

District VI = Yea

At Large = Yea

The council asked Ken to talk to Entergy to go or uniform all the way. Liz stated the answer is no. This proposal includes underground service. The council thanked Brad for his presentation

tonight and his research.

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