

Minutes Of The
February 23, 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
Mark Savoie, City Engineer
Al Reaux, City Engineer
Walter Comeaux, III, City Engineer
Chief Brannon Decou, Police Chief
Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Department
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Larry Champagne, City Superintendent
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
Kenneth Wainwright, City Foreman

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Kenneth Wainwright lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done our troops that are still overseas and for Jean Dore who passed away last week.

Adopt minutes of the February 9, 2010 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilwoman Batiste and second by Councilman Rousseau to adopt the minutes of the February 9, 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:

Mr. Donald Sagrera w/Teche-Vermillion Freshwater District RE: Millage renewal for Lafayette/Vermillion/Iberia/St. Martin District = Mr. Sagrera was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Condemnation of 118 Windrow/Tillman Property = The council tabled this matter for now, because this property is still under investigation due to the fire.

Communications/Cable for Ambassador Caffery = Mayor Langlinais stated that Cox did not want to disclose their plans so they will not be attending the meeting tonight.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mark's Report:

MWPP Report = Mark stated that this report is the best report ever. There were no violations. This is a yearly sewage pond report. There were a few problems last year, and everything was taken care of. Mark stated that he needs the council adopt this resolution pertaining to the MWPP report. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #268-10, pertaining to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Environmental Audit Report, required for Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Permit Number LA0020613. 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 thanked the guys for taking care of the sewage pond. Mark stated they take the reports each month and discuss what went wrong and they correct it as soon as possible. They have monthly checks.

Walter:

Road to the Community Center = Walter stated because of the time allowed on the budget of the grant funds, the city employees did some dirt work on the road. We are getting ready to bid the project out.

South Bernard Road = Walter stated at the last meeting it was requested that on South Bernard Road we start with the Billeaud Companies. He has the plat prepared. Mayor asked if he can develop a set of plans for South Bernard, because of low interest money he is interested in applying for. Walter stated he will be ready, before we get the environmental clearance on this. Walter stated he doesn't know what they will require.

Sewage Pond = Walter stated that they are doing work for PENSICO for the sewage pond.

Martin’s Report:

Sewage Pond = Martin stated that the contractor hasn’t started back on the pond yet.

ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene gave the copy a copy of their monthly. Gene stated in reference to the sales tax, we are right back on the money. We are picking up a little bit.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

Introduce Ordinance #10-356/ Hubert Romero, et al Annexation = Mark stated this annexation will cover 30 property owners. He will ask the Highway Department to give us the Ambassador Caffery corridor thru this annexation. Don stated we can improve services to these people. Councilman Foco stated he is curious what our neighbors will do about installing their street lights. Councilman Rousseau asked the fire chief and the police chief to send him something on how this will affect their departments in the future. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Guilbeau to introduce Ordinance #10-356, to provide for the annexation of certain property located in sections 25 & 36, township 10 south, range 4 east, and in sections 30 & 31, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Hubert Romero, Et Al Annexation. Roll call:

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

Adopt Resolution #269-10/Construction and Maintenance of Sewer Facilities = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to adopt Resolution #269-10, authorizing the Mayor of the City of Broussard to acquire certain servitudes, right of ways, and/or property for the construction and maintenance of sewer facilities in section 48, township 10 south, range 5 east. Roll call:

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

This will be in our plan to put together lift stations and sewer districts on Ambassador Caffery

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

After hours phone calls = Chief Decou stated that he met back with the Sheriff on the phone transfer situation. He is till holding firm that they need to find a solution. He has met with some phone vendors. He would need some additional money to change out his phone system. You can put all the government into this at a later date. Councilman Foco questioned if there is any way we can request some of our money to pay for this? Councilman Bonin stated

that it is like a slap in the face that we pay taxes and we don't get anything back in return. Don stated he is discussing this with Bill Babin in Scott. Councilman Foco stated he talks to businesses on a daily basis, on the money we send to the sheriff and we don't get anything in return. Councilman Foco stated when he (the Sheriff) came here to campaign he said he houses' the prisoners and he answers the phone after hours, that is what he does for our tax money. Chief Decou stated they do assist us in investigations. The only thing they are not willing to do is answer the phone. Chief Decou stated he can do it for under \$20,000. He doesn't feel it is feasible to upgrade the system. He prefers to get a new system. Most of the other agencies have changed their phone system over. Carencro was the easiest system to change over. The sheriff was agreement to give him some time to play with. Councilman Bonin questioned what happens if someone dials 911? Chief Decou stated 911 will still picks up the phone. The council suggested that the Chief look into the automated system. He has spoken to 3 companies and he is pretty sure he can do it for under \$20,000. It will take about a 1 ½ month to do. He doesn't have the physical quotes. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to amend the Chief's budget for \$20,000 in Capital Outlay to put in this new phone system. There will be capabilities for the city to hook up into the future. Roll call:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Revenue From the Parish = Chief Champagne stated that he received the check from city parish for \$80,000. \$50,000 will be used to buy equipment for the new truck and the other \$30,000 will towards the new truck. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to amend the Fire Department for \$80,000 to accept the receipts and for \$80,000 in Capital Outlay (\$50,000 for the equipment and \$30,000 for the truck). Roll call:

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

Training = Chief Champagne stated that he will and another fireman will be going to the National Fire Academy for a week. They will attend a 6 day class at a minimal cost to the City. The class is in Maryland.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Thanks = Councilman Bonin thanked Larry for helping him out with those 2 projects. He also thanked Elmo for doing a good with the water

District III/Councilman Rousseau:

Consolidated Government = Councilman Rousseau stated in the northern part of the parish they are considering the discontinuing of consolidated government. He thinks they will put it up for a vote in November. They have been talking about for 5 years. Mayor Langlinais stated he got bits of pieces of this. Apparently some of the ideas they are thinking about it are good and some are bad. Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't expect for it to come to the ballot in November. Councilman Higginbotham questioned if we do away with it; do we retain property or sales tax? Councilman Foco stated no it doesn't have anything to do with that at all; because you were doing this before there was consolidated government. Mayor Langlinais stated he thinks they are starting to realize that maybe it is better not to have 2 sets of books. Mayor Langlinais stated he doesn't think it will on the November ballot, but maybe 12 months down the line it will be. Councilman Higginbotham stated if this goes thru, he feels the millages need to re-negotiate. Councilman Bonin questioned Don if there is any ordinance or law stating that if you pay this amount of money for taxes, you don't get the money back? Don stated their argument back to us will be if you travel on any parish road or parish bridge you get the benefit of traveling over their roads and bridges. Mayor Langlinais stated we need to vote for an amendment that will eliminate two forms of government, parish and city.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Land Use Zoning = Councilman Higginbotham stated that he would like to get an update on land use zoning. Mayor Langlinais stated he thinks we are ready to go forward with this. Don stated he can get Bob Boese to come to the meeting to bring something to the council Mayor Langlinais stated he asked to hold back on the Ambassador Caffery. Zone 1 is Albertson Parkway and Zone 2 is Ambassador Caffery. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor Langlinais:

Sewage Loan = Mayor Langlinais stated that Al is making the loan app to RDA for sewer districts. The question is can the sewer districts own the lift stations? Gene stated BESED right now is just the pond. Mayor Langlinais stated we want to get some grant out of RDA. Don stated we can discuss this with Oscar Reed. Gene stated he doesn't think the district can own a lift station here and there. Don stated eventually they will own it all. The sewer district doesn't own anything. That area will own a special assessment. We will explore this further. With these 2 sales in the next few days, can we put it the city of Broussard and transfer it to BESED later. Don stated we are trying to figure out how to do to qualify for those grants.

West side near old sandbag location = Jermiah Supple would like us to clear the channel to highway 89. It is a lateral and hits another coulee. Mark stated that there is some area on Albertson Parkway that drains into that; which could cause a problem later. Mayor Langlinais asked Larry to see how much we have to cut to bring some of that water to Cypress Bayou. Larry told the Mayor it would be about an 8 foot ditch. Mayor stated we could pipe part of the ditch and keep the contour on top and keep the existing profile. He had Larry do some cost estimates which would be between \$46,000 - \$100,000. He asked the council to think about it and go look at it. We have plenty of enough water for the outfall.

Executive Session:

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Bonin to go into executive session. Roll call:

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

Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Higginbotham to come out of executive session. Roll call:

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

It was moved by Councilman Guilbeau and second by Councilman Bonin to allow Don Landry to continue with negotiations in this matter. Roll call:

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

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Higginbotham to adjourn the meeting. Roll call:

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

S/Charles E. Langlinais, MAYOR

S/Tina M. Emert, CITY CLERK