

Minutes Of The
March 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. Oscar Reed, City Attorney
Mr. Gene Chiarulli, City Bookkeeper
Mark Savoie, City Engineer
John Linahan, City Engineer
Al Reaux, City Engineer
Walter Comeaux, III, City Engineer
Mike Gore, Broussard Police Department
Chief Bryan Champagne, Fire Department
Elmer Girouard, City Supervisor
Larry Champagne, City Superintendent
Mel Bertrand, City Foreman
Kenneth Wainwright, City Foreman
Ray Bourque, Citizen
Mr. Charles Buckles, Red-Flex
Mr. Mark Hoffmeier, Property Owner

Councilman Foco called the meeting to order and Ray Bourque lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our troops that are still overseas and for Councilman Higginbotham's father that passed away last week and Mrs. Louis Langlinais who passed away yesterday.

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Mark Hoffmeier re: Condemnation of property located at 410 and 412 South St. Pierre = Mr. Hoffmeier addressed the council. He stated he has been working on some of his property. He apologized for not re-habilitating these properties. He wasn't able to re-habilitate these properties till now, because of the legal process. He feels this year he could re-habilitate these properties this summer. He is currently working in Florida. He is working with his real estate agent. He has quotes to rehabilitate these properties. He feels if he could be given the opportunity to do this, he could provide rental property. He is asking for the demolition to be postponed. Councilman Foco stated one of these houses is reported to be over the property line. Mr. Hoffmeier stated that he wasn't aware of that. Mr. Toce provided him with a copy of the survey. He feels he cold move the other house to Howard Street. Mayor Langlinais stated he has been dealing with this for 5 years. His mother gave us the run around for 6 weeks. She did make a commitment to repair these properties, which never has been done. Mayor Langlinais stated he personally has enough. Mayor Langlinais stated he will have to come up with something real quick. Hoffmeier stated he has been getting quotes also to demolish the property. He questioned how long does he have for demolition. Mr. Hoffmeier stated he can have a contract tomorrow or Thursday. Oscar stated he has to have a written contract done within a certain amount of time. Councilman Bonin stated he has been having complaints from residents within his district. Hoffmeier stated he would like to have an extension to see if he could do something with one of the houses. Hoffmeier stated he would demolish 412 and two are currently rented. 410 can be re-habilitated. 404 and 408 are currently rented. Councilman Rousseau questioned what has changed in the legal process that he is talking about? Hoffmeier stated the properties are completely in his name. Mayor Langlinais stated he wants 412 taken care of. Chief Champagne stated it is a huge safety factor. He agrees to demolish the structure at 412. Mayor Langlinais stated the closing attorney probably won't allow him unless he moves 410 over to lend him any money for rehabilitation. He is agreeing to get rid of 412. Mayor Langlinais asked the council to suspend the action till the next meeting, to our attorney's satisfaction. Councilman Bonin stated after he demolishes 412, how long would it take him to rehabilitate the other houses. Hoffmeier stated he can take down 412 within the next couple of weeks. Councilman Foco recommended he take 412 down and come back in 30 days to answer to the rest of the structures. Don stated tonight he is here for 410 and 412 not for the other units. He has to answer to those two units tonight. He will be back in 30 days with the paperwork.

Mr. Charles Buckles re: Red-Flex = Mr. Buckles addressed the council. He works for Red- Flex traffic systems. They have instituted the speed enforcement program. This is a trailer enforcement speed system. It can be put in different locations. It might be a device with the special addition roads coming up that we might be interested in this. They have a meeting at 4 tomorrow with DOTD to finalize the guidelines regarding the camera systems on Highway 90.

He wanted to present that program to us, which is a very effective program. They maintain the security on the unit. He would like to offer this to the city. They could have this to the city within 30 – 45 days. The data is stored, and then downloaded to their office in Phoenix. It would furnish photos, same as the speed van violations. A package is then presented to the city to review the violations. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels we need to get some feedback from the Chief. This will definitely be some labor issues. Councilman Higginbotham stated he feels we would like to see the due process, where the people could come plead their case. Mayor Langlinais stated he was never enthused about the van, but he sees it different with this. Mr. Buckles stated the due process has been totally resolved. Under our ordinance a person can schedule a justification hearing, where the ajustificator can dismiss the citation if someone can show just cause why they should have a ticket. It is not a criminal violation. Everywhere the program is in effect, it doesn't cause the taxpayer any money. This has nothing to do with the DOTD unit. The city makes the decision where the deployment goes. They could provide a unit within 45 days. Attorney Landry sounds like they want the Chief to meet with them and come back with a recommendation. Councilman Foco questioned if we could do this on a trial basis? Buckles stated from the contract standpoint it is a mobile platform, like the van. Councilman Bonin questioned about what he heard Lafayette was giving \$100,000 to Red-Flex? Buckles stated they don't get paid unless the tickets are paid. Councilman Bonin questioned if they were paying them for the services? Don stated he thinks they moved it out of different fund for the city; Red-Flex doesn't get more. The first 15 months of Lafayette's program, they had a 68% reduction in crashes and they had \$1.9 million revenue. They brought in retired police officers to review the citations. Mayor Langlinais stated it is 2 different programs. Mayor Langlinais stated with Ambassador Caffery some signals will be eliminated on Highway 90. The movable is very effective. The council requested a copy of the ordinance. Councilman Rousseau stated he doesn't have a problem with it, once he meets with the Chief of Police. Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilwoman Batiste to table this matter to allow Mr. Buckles and Don Landry to meet with Chief Decou regarding the implementation of these units in the City of Broussard. Roll call:

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

Introduce Ordinance #10-358 re: Ambassador Caffery/Bonin Annexation =

Moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Rousseau to introduce Ordinance #10-358, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section(s) 25 & 36, township 10 south, range 4 east, and in section 31, township 10 south, range 5 east, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, being known as the Ambassador Caffery/Bonin Road Annexation. Roll call:

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

John addressed the council regarding this ordinance. This is the portion on the north side of Ambassador Caffery. The south side is the Hubert Romero Annexation that was introduced at the last meeting. They both will be adopted at the last meeting in April 2010. John stated he

hasn't heard anything back from the parish in regards to this. John stated he feels the compromise that we reached, we won't have any problems.

Mr. Toby Armentor re: Broussard Bon Temp Festival Events and request for Variance to Noise Ordinance for the Festival = Mr. Armentor was unable to attend the meeting tonight. He is scheduled to be at the next meeting. Don stated he sent a letter to the city prosecutor about the noise ordinance. Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to table this matter until the next meeting. Roll call:

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

Commercial Park South re: Act of Dedication of Streets and Servitudes = Attorney Landry stated that he received a request from an attorney about this dedication. Mark stated they did the engineering and the construction management on the project. Final inspection was done. This is off of Eola Road near Jared Road. This is basically the water and sewer easements. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilwoman Batiste to approve the act of dedication of streets and/or servitudes in Commercial Park South. 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:

Mark's Report:

Cummings Road = Mark stated probably at the next meeting they will have some information on the completion of Cummings Road.

Ditch on alley= Mark stated they got the plats right now and he will bring it to the owners. The developer will still cut the ditch. Councilman Bonin stated the people who are being threatened; the ditch is not on their property. Mark stated they will still ask for 5 feet. They will get access from all the owners.

Walter's Report:

South Bernard Road Extension = Walter stated that he is proceeding with the right of way maps for South Bernard. Walter stated that the Mayor also asked him for the project to be ready for bid in 6 months. They can do that.

Al's Report:

New Pond = Al stated the sewage pond contractor stated he should be completed by the

end of the summer. The earth work is on the west end. They are looking at late summer.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene reported for the month of February. The sales tax collections are in.

Budget Amendments = Gene stated that the budget needs to be amended for some items. The street department had to replace an ice machine for about \$5,600, so we need to amend the budget in capital improvements for the streets for \$5,600. Also the city received grant funding for the community center road for \$95,000. We need to amend the budget to reflect that. Mayor Langlinais stated also in the water department the budget needs to be amended. Elmo stated they have an unforeseen maintenance project at the water plant. The two filters and the clarifier need to be sand blasted and paint. He is asking to amend the budget. Mark stated they got shot down for the grant to replace the insulation at the fire station, but they can replace the air filter motors at the plant. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Guilbeau to amend the budget for the streets for the capital outlay for \$5,600 and the budget for the general to accept the \$95,000 grant for community center and also to disburse the grant and the utility fund for \$30,000 for the repairs and maintenance for the water department. Elmo stated this project should take about a month. They have to put one out of service at one time. Roll call:

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

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 District VI = Yea

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Don stated that he had nothing else to report on.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Officer Gore stated he didn't have anything to report on.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District 5/Councilman Higginbotham:

Thanks = Councilman Higginbotham expressed his gratitude to everyone for their condolences given this past week when his father passed away.

Councilman Foco/At Large:

Consolidation = Councilman Foco stated that we need to look at consolidation. Looks like they are not very concerned about the city, because they are not having a meeting here. The people need to be educated. We need to make the citizens and business owners aware of what we send the City/Parish of Lafayette. He understands we have to support this. Everyone needs to be informed and ask good questions. He can't see the consolidation, because we send and we get nothing in return. Councilman Foco stated he hopes he is wrong but he will go on record as Johnnie Foco by saying he thinks this consolidation is all about fiber. He asked everyone to talk to their neighbors and the landowners. The city of Broussard in the past couple of years has sent more tax money to consolidation government than all of the other municipalities together.

Mayor Langlinais:

Cypress Bayou = Mayor Langlinais stated the bids for Cypress Bayou the bids came back at \$3.5million. They yet have started or come to us for an Intergovernmental Agreement.

Ambassador Coffey = He heard the Lafayette annexation on Ambassador was to provide fiber optic by Lafayette. Ambassador Caffery the east half will be open at midnight on Friday.

Adjourn the meeting = Moved by Councilman Romero and second by Councilman Rousseau 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