

Minutes Of The

April 27, 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
 John Linahan, City Engineer
 Martin Poirier, City Engineer
 Walter Comeaux, III, City Engineer
 Chief Brannon Decou, Broussard Police Department
 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 this meeting is being dedicated to Mr. Walter Comeaux, Jr., a past councilman for the City of Broussard and the former Parish President who passed away a few weeks ago. Walter Comeaux, III lead with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer was done for our troops that are still overseas and for Comeaux Family.

Adopt minutes of the April 13, 2010 Regular Meeting = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Romero to adopt the minutes of the April 13, 2010 Regular Meeting. Roll call:

District I = Yea

District IV = Yea

District II = Yea

District V = Yea

District III= Yea
At Large = Yea

District VI = Yea

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt Ordinance #10-358/Ambassador Caffery/Bonin Road Annexation =

Councilman Foco stated we will table the next 3 items tonight, because we are not ready to adopt them.

We want to work with our neighbors so we will try and work with Youngsville tomorrow night at their meeting and if needed we will have a special meeting for this. Therefore it was moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to table Ordinance #10-358, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in sections (s) 25 and 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

Adopt Ordinance #10-356/Hubert Romero Annexation = Councilman Rousseau moved and second by Councilman Guilbeau to table Ordinance #10-356, which provides for the annexation of certain property located in section (s) 25 and 36, township 10 south, range 4 east, and section 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

Authorization for de-annexation of strips of land for the City of Lafayette to annex the View Chene Golf Course = Moved by Councilman Rousseau and second by Councilman Guilbeau to table this authorization for the de-annexation. 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:

Adopt Resolution #272-10/State Assistance to re-route main ditch at St. Etienne and Ambassador Caffery Road = Al did the preliminary work for this. The state is doing a change order to re-route the ditch on St. Etienne. Mayor Langlais stated that the only thing is to get the Highway

Department to approve the change order and they want a resolution stating that we will maintain it. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilwoman Batiste to adopt Resolution #272-10 requesting the State assistance to re-route the main ditch and the city will maintain it. We are waiting on a modified wetlands permit. Martin stated that this was part of the original plans. It will come from Hardware under St. Etienne to Ambassador Caffery. The additional \$5,000 on our part would be for administrative issues. That is an estimate of what the cost will be. The state has agreed to do this. The state will cover the whole cost. 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 #10-361/Amending Ordinance #09-354....Zoning Ordinance =
 Councilman Bonin stated he has some questions about this ordinance. In section F it states that “the sale of property, non-conforming rights continue to force when the land is sold except at noted below in number 1: non conforming rights to a structure automatically terminate if a structure is destroyed or damaged beyond 60% of its replacement cost. Councilman Bonin questioned how can we dictate how much someone needs to spend on their own property? Don stated it would be grandfathered in. He stated Mr. Boese put together the original ordinance. And also number 3, states the non conforming rights for commercial or industrial operation in residential districts terminate upon change of ownership. What if it has been there for quite a number of years? He would like to strike number 1 and 3 in section F. Councilman Foco stated we can amend this. Mayor Langlais suggested that we make notations. Councilman Bonin stated that he feels the best thing to change is to delete it. Don stated Mr. Boese wanted it introduced. It was moved by Councilman Bonin and second by Councilman Higginbotham to table Ordinance #10-354, which amends Ordinance #09-354, the Zoning Ordinance, till the council can meet with Bob Boese regarding revisions to this proposed ordinance. 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:

Mark stated that he had nothing to report on.

Walter’s Report:

Walter had nothing to report on.

Martin’s Report:

Sewage Pond = Martin stated that the contractor should re-start at the pond around May 17th.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Gene gave the council the monthly report for March 2009. The sales tax collections are right on the money. This month we went down. Budget time is coming up and we need to look closely at our budget.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Monthly Report = Don stated that he sent out a couple of mail outs about the ordinances he is working on. He is trying to get more information on the park ordinance. Whenever Mr. Gert calls they will have a meeting with the citizens. He has been helping Mr. Durand on the annexations. He has kept them posted on everything that is going on. Councilman Guilbeau questioned about the burnt house in Sugartrace. Don stated that we have the permission to proceed with the condemnation proceeding, because it won't disturb the investigation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

New Police Car = Chief Decou stated that one of his officer's was hit from rear on Hwy 90 while he was securing a scene while aiding a motorist on Highway 90. Their insurance company has assumed all responsibility. The officer is okay. If the officer had not been there, the motorist that hit him would have taken out 3 lives. We will be getting \$12,000 for the car that has been totaled, or we can get \$10,000 and keep the car and use the engine. It is a 2007. The emergency equipment would come out. Councilman Foco requested that he take the \$12,000, because by the time you hire a mechanic to take out the equipment it would cost you more. He needs \$25,000 to purchase a new car. Don stated he would be more than happy to speak to the adjustor if needed to. Moved by Councilman Higginbotham and second by Councilman Bonin to amend the police department's capital outlay budget for a new police car in the amount of \$25,000. Roll call:

District I = Yea	District IV = Yea
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At Large = Yea	

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Champagne stated that he had nothing to report on.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

District I/Councilman Guilbeau:

Councilman Guilbeau stated that he had nothing to report on.

District II/Councilman Bonin:

Councilman Bonin questioned what would it take to decrease the speed limits on the inner part of city streets? Don stated an ordinance would have to be adopted. Don stated the committee with the engineers would study it and recommend it to the council along with the safety concerns. Councilman Bonin the trailer was set in his district, but maybe we could decrease the speed limit. Chief Decou stated in front of his own house someone was doing 60 and messed up his mailbox this past week with police cars parked in front of his home.

District II/Councilman Rousseau:

Noise Ordinance = Councilman Rousseau questioned where are we with the noise ordinance? Chief Decou stated that the meter is in, and his officers are waiting to be trained. Don stated since the meter is in, we need to take some distances. Councilman Guilbeau stated he would like to be involved with this when the distances are measured, so he asked the Chief to call him.

District IV/Councilwoman Batiste:

Speed Bumps = Councilwoman Batiste stated that she has 4 signatures left to get for the speed bumps on Loul Street. Chief Decou stated that he put out a radar trailer and the average speed was 19 miles an hour. 900 cars passed in 4 days. The high was 45. There was only about 15 – 20 cars that went 35 and above. They do standard procedure for the first 24 hours there is no display.

District V/Councilman Higginbotham:

Park Commission = Councilman Higginbotham stated that at the last meeting we spoke about the issues with the park. After the meeting he spoke with Walter and he made a suggestion, which he feels is good ; Walter suggested we try to implant a park commission for a liaison between the council and the neighborhood. They could come to the council. Maybe we could implement something. Councilman Higginbotham stated he just wanted to throw this out for discussion. Councilwoman Batiste stated that she has a few people that have gathered and they call on the commission.

At Large/Councilman Foco

Councilman Foco stated that he feels we don't need to discuss anything more of the annexation. We don't want to get in a heated discussion.

Mayor Langlinais:

Mayor Langlinais asked Don if there is any prohibition of the entire council attending the Youngsville City Council meeting tomorrow night. Don stated no. Mayor Langlinais stated that he wants the entire council to attend the meeting tomorrow night then.

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