

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY,
MAY 13TH, 2010 @ 6:00PM AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL:**

PRESENT: Mayor Wilson Viator, Councilwoman Dianne McClelland (Div E), Councilman A.J. Bernard (Div C), Councilwoman Brenda Burley (Div B), Councilman Tim Barbier (Div D), Councilman Paul Huval (Div A), CEO Rick Garner, City Manager Charles Langlinalis and City Clerk Rebecca Gondron

GUESTS: Dana Martin, Perry Wilson, Collins Robicheaux, Brent Hollier, Kathy and Mike Cart, Joyce & Gene Hamilton, Chuck Bangs, Amie Varnade, Dax Douet, Larry Cramer, Adam Thibodeaux, Kay Haslam, Glenn Kilgore, Josephine Ennis, David Bares, Kirt Huval, Linda Meaux, Brenda and Dale Langlinalis, Suzanne Prestenbach, Travis Hollowell, Liz Hollowell, Chad Melancon, Ricky Boudreaux, Charles Porter, Rodney Hamilton, Raymond Reaux, George Knox, Trudy Simon, and other Youngsville Fire Department Members

ABSENT: None

Mayor Wilson Viator asked that Councilman Tim Barbier to lead everyone in Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

(1) Councilman Tim Barbier recognized Firefighter Beau Boutte, Firefighter Tyler Guilbeaux, Firefighter Byron Knott, Captain Brent Voisin, Fire Chief Warren for their dedicated efforts on their participation of the Louisiana State Fireman Competitive Drill held in Marksville, La. On April 24th, 2010. There were thirteen teams competing. This drill was dedicated in honor and recognition of our deceased Fire Chief Jason Simon. Youngsville brought this trophy home. Councilman Tim Barbier gave each of these Firemen, Appreciation Certificates from the City of Youngsville honoring them for their efforts and hard work in placing first in this competition. Everyone applaud; recognizing the tremendous accomplishments of these Youngsville Firefighters.

(2) A public hearing was held prior to this regular meeting on the proposed development of lots 1A, 1B, and 1C of Copper Meadows Subdivision, Phase II. City Engineer Raymond Reaux briefly discussed the Lafayette Consolidated Government's Areawide Development Review Committee Comprehensive Report (#2010-0013). Raymond Reaux then discussed his own recommendations given by letter to Mayor Viator dated May 6th, 2010. After discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Burley and seconded by Councilman Tim Barbier to accept the recommendations of City Engineer Raymond Reaux with the deletion of the last sentence of #4 on the Lafayette Consolidated Governments Areawide Development Review Committee's Comprehensive Report On #7, that there shall be two driveway accesses, 36 feet wide; one between lot 1B and 1C and one between 1A and 1B, contingent upon DOTD approval. Pertaining to Raymond Reaux's recommendations, waive #1 of the plat revisions. On item F and G, all expenses be paid by the builders, because there is water and sewer service on the property.

Mayor Viator stated that regarding sidewalks, Richard Minvielle and he will look into the possibility of grant monies for sidewalks for the city connecting the old section of the city to the new subdivisions on public right of way. Passed unanimously.

(3) Engineer Adam Thibodeaux with Domingue, Szabo, and Associates discussed the four bids opened on May 10th, 2010 at 10:00AM for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade. Refer to letter from Domingue, Szabo and Associates dated May 12th, 2010 recommending to award the contract to the lowest bidder, McInnis Brothers Construction in the amount of \$3,129,000.00. Our engineer's estimated cost was \$3,500,000.00. Motion was made by Councilman A J Bernard and seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Burley to accept the lowest bidder, McInnis Brothers Construction in the amount of \$3,129,000.00 for the wastewater upgrade project (#4548.02) subject to the Department of Environmental Quality approval. Passed unanimously. Smoke testing will begin tomorrow on another sewer project.

(4) Rick Garner discussed invoices paid by the city in the amount of \$10,302.06 for repairs to a sewer line which was damaged by Gulfgate Construction for boring for the installation of an AT&T cable. Mark Bruno addressed the council on his request to ask for consideration from the council to share the cost, because he stated the sewer lines were not marked. In discussion, the city had not accepted the subdivision facilities prior to the boring, and the city was not the owner of the sewer lines. City Attorney George Knox stated that the damages were incurred and the city should be compensated for same. No council action was taken regarding this matter, therefore the city is to be compensated for the full amount of \$10,302.06.

(5) (a) Motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Burley and seconded by Councilman Paul Huval to adopt Resolution #2010-04 authorizing Mayor Viator to sign the 5 year waste pick-up and removal contract between the City of Youngsville and Waste Management of Louisiana, LLC . Waste Management is also asking for services rendered and not paid for because of incorrect monthly billing in the amount of \$8,500.00. Councilwoman Brenda Burley made the motion to compensate Waste Management in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the error in billing and services rendered. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dianne McClelland. Passed unanimously.

(5) (b) Motion was made by Councilman Tim Barbier and seconded by Councilman A J Bernard to adopt Resolution #2010-05 in support of the Veterans Action Coalition of Acadiana to support the organization as it works toward the establishment of a Veterans facility/hospital in Lafayette. Former Marine and strong advocate Rodney Hamilton discussed the need for veteran care in the Acadiana Region and the current move for a veterans facility once Our Lady of Lourdes relocates to Ambassador Caffery Parkway which will vacate the existing facility on St Landry Street in Lafayette. This would be an excellent location for a veterans facility. Petitions supporting this endeavor are available for public signature at City Hall to push for this local undertaking to make it become reality. Motion passed unanimously.

(5) (c) Motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Burley and seconded by Councilman Tim Barbier to adopt Resolution #2010-06 to authorize Mayor ProTempore Paul Huval to execute the cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of Youngsville and the Lafayette Parish School Board to acquire right of way and servitudes for drainage and utilities through the Lafayette Parish School Board Section 16 property for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the portion of Chemin Metairie Parkway Phase II located in the southern sector of the City of Youngsville. Roll call was taken on the motion, with Councilman Tim Barbier, Councilman A J Bernard, Councilwoman Brenda Burley, and Councilwoman Dianne McClelland voting in favor of the motion. Councilman Paul did not vote in this matter because he will sign the documents as Mayor ProTempore. Motion carried.

(5) (d) Mayor Viator and Police Chief Earl Menard discussed their proposed annual employee salary increases; Ordinance #323 for introduction. Refer to tape for detailed discussion on same. Rick Garner's salary increase and police budget projections/deficit were also discussed. Motion was made

by Councilwoman Dianne McClelland to amend Ordinance #323 as proposed, to cap pay raises at 7%, any employee cannot receive more than 7%. Motion failed due to a lack of a second. After discussion, another motion was made by Councilman Paul Huval and seconded by Councilman Tim Barbier to introduce Ordinance #323 on employee salary increases. As recommended by Mayor Viator and Police Chief Earl Menard. Roll call was taken, with Councilwoman Brenda Burley, Councilman A J Bernard, Councilman Paul Huval, and Councilman Tim Barbier in favor of the motion. Councilwoman Dianne McClelland voted against it. Motion carried.

(6) (a) Mayor Viator wanted to make the council aware of what he will be working on concerning annexation of properties along both sides of Bonin Road/Ambassador Caffery to Fortune Road in attempt to get enough signatures for council consideration. These water lines need to be looped for necessary water pressure. The annexation of these properties will also generate property tax revenues to compensate the city for water line extension. Mayor Viator stated he had several meetings with Lafayette Utilities System on running a water line Ambassador Caffery from Highway 89 to LaNeuville; possibly a 12 inch line and also met with Bill Fontenot with the Department of Transportation and Development to put this water line within the state right-of-way. Bill Fontenot did not see a problem with this. Youngsville would share in the cost of the water line from Highway 89 to Bonin Road at an estimated cost of \$275,000.00 and Youngsville will negotiate a percentage to pay which has not been determined yet. Mayor Viator also looked at the cost of a water line down Bonin Road, at an estimated cost of \$205,000.00 to run a 12 inch line to loop into our present line at Fortune Road and Bonin. Mayor Viator stated that he met with Mayor Langlinais of Broussard after the COG Executive Meeting and a proposal was made by Mayor Langlinais to give us free water and sewer for that area with the idea of Youngsville de-annexing that strip to allow Broussard to go through. Mayor Viator has appreciated that offer of approximately \$900,000.00 but feels that Mayor Langlinais is offering something he cannot do. Nobody can tie into the LUS water line without the permission of LUS. Mayor Viator stated that we do not need to de-annex that property for Broussard to run water and sewer lines to customers to the west. He can ask Bill Fontenot with DOTD to run the lines in the state easement. Broussard does not have permission to tie into LUS water lines. Mayor Viator is asked to continue negotiating until he is absolutely satisfied that it is not a benefit to Youngsville. Attorney George Knox briefly discussed de-annexation and stated that he does not encourage de-annexation in short of a hazardous discovery. Councilman Paul Huval wants Mayor Viator to follow-up with him and report back the information. Citizen Rodney Hamilton stated that we should remember the Trojan Horse; there are reasons for that offer and stated that we need to keep that 35 feet. Ray Trahan stated that we need to keep the 35 feet, otherwise the City of Broussard will have total control over that area. Mayor Viator went on record to say that he will negotiate with anybody and will take the proposal and discuss it with City Attorney George Knox for legalities. Councilwoman Brenda Burley asked that we give them the courtesy of looking at the proposal.

(7) Rick Garner discussed Ordinance #237 which became effective on May 1, 2010 pertaining to water conservaton measures and policy for the City of Youngsville during drought conditions to ensure adequate supply of potable water to meet critical needs in our city. Discussion is given on tape.

(8) Engineer Raymond Reaux with C H Fenstermaker and Associates discussed ongoing city projects.

(8)(a) The final plans are 90% complete on the Straightening of Highway 92/roundabout. Right-of-way acquisitions were discussed by Mayor Viator and should be completed next week.

(8)(b) Raymond Reaux stated that the Chemin Metairie Parkway Phase I is moving forward and temporary lane closure was discussed.

(8)(c) In regards to the Chemin Metairie Parkway Phase II, appraisals need to be updated an new buyer/seller agreements executed as directed by Facility Planning & Control, because of expired date.

(8)(d) Raymond then discussed the private development updated report, mentioning that a new development of Fortune Hills is to be reviewed at our regular meeting in June.

(8)(e) Annexation update report was discussed by Raymond Reaux stating that we are working on the Butcher annexation of property, the Chemin Metairie Parkway Phase II, Viaulet Road annexation, and the Verret property annexation.

(8)(f) Engineer Dax Douet with C H Fenstermaker and Associates discussed the Fortune/Bonin Road roundabout project. Additional funding is needed because of an over-run cost; any amount over the \$250,000.00 would need council approval. Motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Burley and seconded by Councilwoman Dianne McClelland to approve the increase of the budget to \$275,000.00 on that project funding. Passed unanimously.

(8)(g) In reference to the Bonin/Highway 92 Roundabout, DOTD has awarded the contract and notice to proceed is to be executed.

(8)(h) The fixed base water meter project was briefly discussed with progress being slow because of shortage of American-made products. The is no problem with funding of this project.

(9) Motion was made by Councilman A J Bernard and seconded by Councilwoman Dianne McClelland to accept the financial report and the paying of the bills. Passed unanimously. Councilwoman Brenda Burley questioned expenditures for Copper Meadows easter egg hunt and the school sign expenditure. Mayor Viator explained that these expenditures were to promote Youngsville and the excellent schools for the general public. Councilwoman Brenda Burley stated that she would like a courtesy call to the council. Mayor stated that he would have a staff member call the council on donations/funding assistance expenditures. Mayor Viator also discussed a new bonding agency for possible municipal funding for sewer and future water, sewer, and road projects.

(10) Motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Burley and seconded by Councilman A J Bernard to approve the minutes of the April 8th, 2010 regular meeting, the special meeting of April 15th, and the special meeting minutes of the April 28th, 2010; dispensing with the reading of each. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rae Trahan, School Board Member, thanked the City Council for endorsing the School Board's Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and urged everyone to look at the School Board's Facility Plans which will be an info item at their next meeting and also discussed the need for additional schools in the southside of our parish which could be located on the School Board property on the Chemin Metairie Parkway Phase II. There are plans to completely demolish Green T Linden School and rebuild a new school, as well as Catherine Drexel School. Comeaux High School is in need of improvements, as stated by Rae Trahan.

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Dianne McClelland and was seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Burley to adjourn this meeting. Passed unanimously.

This meeting was declared adjourned by Mayor Wilson Viator.



Wilson B Viator Jr., Mayor
City of Youngsville



Rebecca Gondron, CMC
City Clerk