



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008
CARENCRO CITY HALL
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA**

Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Alfred Sinegal led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer especially for recent victims of "Gustav" and "Ike".

Attendance: Council members present were Antoine Babineaux, Coach Allen Conque, Kim Guidry, J. L. Richard, and Alfred Sinegal.

Mayor Brasseaux requested the following items be added to the agenda under M. Discussions:

2. Recognize Janell Carrier concerning a variance for property located at 105 N. St John Street.
3. Consider acceptance of Act of Substantial Completion for the 2006 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Sewer Rehabilitation Project.
4. Consider authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to negotiate with Allied Waste for "Automated Waste Collection Services".

A motion to approve the additions to the agenda was made by Councilman Babineaux; second by Councilman Sinegal; motion approved.

City Manager Lloyd Rochon presented a preliminary report on damage/cost assessment for Hurricane Gustav. Cost assessment for debris removal, sandbags, personnel overtime, damage to buildings and equipment, etc. are approximately \$189,000. The cost estimate does not include repair costs on some sewer and water equipment and motors, nor the damages at Pelican Park (fences \$15,000 and lights \$10,000). Damages to buildings and equipment are uncertain due to what may or may not be covered by insurance. The numbers will change as invoices for repairs, etc. are received. As a point of reference, debris removal after "Rita" was \$40,420. To date the first round of debris removal for "Gustav" (which is not complete) to date is \$123,748; this cost will increase as the first round of pick-ups is completed and the city plans on at least a second round of pick-ups for debris.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the Council that he is inquiring about the costs of a portable generator to power sewer lift stations to alleviate the problem encountered with the sewer system during "Gustav". Entergy was not able to restore power for several days to operate the sewer stations. A generator would provide some relief until power is restored. The backup generators at the fire station and police station worked great providing relief to those facilities until power could be restored. With no power from Monday to Thursday night, city hall was closed; however, we were able to operate city hall's main phone line from the police station and were able to answer citizens' phone calls.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized St. Landry Parish President Don Menard for responding to a request for sandbags after Carencro depleted its supply of bags. In response a request from Mayor Brasseaux, President Menard personally

brought 3,000 bags for use by the City of Carencro. The generosity of St. Landry Parish President Don Menard is a prime example of "regionalism" at its best. The Mayor apologized to City-Parish Councilman Jay Castille for not mentioning that Mr. Castille personally bought 4,000 bags to Carencro from Lafayette Consolidated Government. Again, the people of Acadiana are, as Mayor Brasseaux likes to say, "what make this region a great place to live, work, and raise a family".

Mayor Brasseaux commended all the city employees. The public works employees have worked approximately three weeks straight from bagging sand for citizens before the storm through clean up efforts after the storm. The police department was instrumental in keeping Carencro safe, as well as, the volunteer fire department who often were the only ones who could answer calls during the worse of the storm. Also, the citizens of Carencro are much appreciated for their efforts and patience to help the city government in its efforts to help them and to Flap's and Don's Country Mart in providing meals to the city's personnel. The Mayor received many complimentary calls from citizens on how well the city handled this emergency.

The September 11th presentation regarding the city's Growth Management Plan and the proposed land use ordinance was postponed until October 14, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Carencro Community Center, 5115 N. University Avenue. The Mayor and Council would like the public to attend to understand what this ordinance will do, why they feel it is needed, and to answer any questions or concerns citizens may have.

The COG (Council of Governments) meeting will be held a LEDA, Thursday, September 18, 2008. A briefing regarding animal control will be presented; the Mayor encourages the Council to please attend this important meeting.

The Mayor asked citizens to remember to vote in the October 4th elections as Carencro will be voting to fill the remaining two years of former Carencro Councilman Bobby Badon's term whose position was vacated when he was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives. Please vote Saturday, October 4, 2008 for the councilman of your choice.

The Mayor then recognized several people:

1. Police Chief Carlos Stout upon his appointment by Governor Bobby Jindal to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice.
2. City of Carencro's Water Department under the supervisor of Buster Broussard for receiving from Louisiana Rural Water Association the "2008 Source Water Protection System of the Year Award" at LRWA's annual training conference in July in Alexandria.
3. Councilman Conque asked that a former 4.0 GPA graduate of Carencro High, April Savoy, be recognized for receiving her Doctorate from Purdue University as an outstanding graduate.

A motion was made by Councilman Babineaux to approve, as presented, the minutes of the regular scheduled Carencro City Council meeting on August 18, 2008; second by Councilman Conque; motion approved.

A motion was made by Councilman Richard to approve, as presented, the minutes of the emergency meeting of the Carencro City Council on September 3, 2008; second by Councilman Sinegal; motion approved.

Lynn Guidry reported that he and Tom Sammons will present the Growth Management Plan and proposed Land Use Ordinance at the rescheduled meeting, October 14, at the Carencro Community Center. Lynn and Tom will present why this land use ordinance is needed, how it works, and will present case studies with specific properties existing in Carencro today. Citizens should attend to understand the reasoning behind this move to adopt a land use ordinance.

The Mayor requested comments and questions regarding departmental reports.

Police Chief Stout reported that two police cars sustained approximately \$1,750 in damages due to Hurricane Gustav. He also reported that during the storm, his department ran two shifts of ten officers on each shift during the storm and reported that there were no thefts in Carencro during this time. Chief Stout also thanked the Carencro Volunteer Fire Department for their help. During the heavy winds, the fire trucks were the only vehicles heavy enough to withstand the winds and were able to respond to some calls that the police could not.

The roof of the new police station was damaged with holes punched in the metal from flying debris. The roof comes with a 20 year warranty. The city wants to insure that any repairs done to the roof does not void the warranty so Lynn Guidry, the original architect for the building, is securing information on preserving this warranty during the repairs.

Murray Conque reported on the damage to Pelican Park and also that it would be closed for approximately two weeks. However, they had obtained a "loss of income" insurance policy which will help cover some of their loss revenue during "Gustav". However, the Mercredi Show will open the fall season as scheduled on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at Pelican Park from 6 – 9 p.m. The only change is the Kevin Naquin and the Ossun Playboys will play. The original band, Jackie Callier, Ivy Dugas and the Cajun Cousins, had to cancel due to building damages band member who are from Beaumont, Texas, sustained from Hurricane Ike.

Councilman Conque complimented P.A.R.C. on their new reporting format which he found easier to read and understand.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

Ordinance No. 2008-004: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to execute documents whereby the City of Carencro with a monetary donation from P.A.R.C. shall acquire from William A. Dupon, M.D., fee title to immovable property, the size of said property to be determined by survey.

The survey is completed; P.A.R.C. is completing last minute details to acquire additional land for a right-of-way and will proceed from that point to completion of this sale. Action was postponed until the October Council meeting.

Ordinance No. 2008-015 An Ordinance requiring a permit for use of municipal property for business operations in the City of Carencro; requiring the provision of certain information prior to issuance of such permit; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

After comments from the council and public, Councilman Richard made a motion for final adoption; second by Councilman Conque; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2008-016 An Ordinance setting the franchise fee to be paid by those entities providing cable or video service within the City's municipal limits under a state – granted franchise authority and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

With no further comments, Councilman Conque made a motion for final adoption; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2008-017 An Ordinance requiring the payment of public, educational, governmental access programming support to the City of Carencro by cable or video service providers operating within the City's municipal limits under a state-issued certificate of franchise authority and otherwise providing with respect thereto. Mayor Brasseaux commented that although at present this ordinance does not affect the City of Carencro he is requesting final adoption for future needs.

With no further comments, Councilman Babineaux made a motion for final adoption; second by Councilman Sinegal; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2008-018 (Draft #2 – July 21, 2008) An Ordinance establishing performance land use regulations within the city limits of the City of Carencro, Louisiana.

As previously discussed, this ordinance was tabled until the public has an opportunity to preview this very important ordinance.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2008-020 An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to execute any and all documents relating to the exchange of property between Paul Martin and the City of Carencro.

After comments from the council and public, Councilman Conque made a motion to introduce; second by Councilwoman Guidry; motion approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Council considered a sign height variance for Walgreen's to be located at the corner of two state highways, North University Avenue and Gloria Switch Road. The proposed sign will be a 24 foot pole; the ordinance allows for a 12 foot pole. Councilwoman Guidry noted that a lower sign may obstruct the view at that busy intersection. Also noted that the sign is the standard signage used at all Walgreen's pharmacies and that it does not detract from the esthetic value.

After further comments, Councilman Babineaux made a motion to grant the requested variance; second by Councilwoman Guidry; motion approved.

Ms. Janell Carrier was not present to request a variance for property located at 105 North St. John Street; therefore no action was taken.

The Council then considered the acceptance of an Act of Substantial Completion for the 2006 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant sewer project. This grant was for approximately \$465,000 for repairs on sewer lift stations, remedial work on sewer lines, and repairs on sewer pipe on Richard Street.

After comments from the council and public, Councilman Richard made a motion to accept the Act of Substantial Completion; second by Councilman Conque; motion approved.

On the last item for discussion, the Council considered authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to negotiate with Allied Waste for automated waste collection services. Bobby Guidry from Allied Waste requested to meet with the Council and the public to do a full presentation on this automated service and to answer any questions the public and the Council may have. The Council agreed to have a public briefing on Monday, September 22, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at city hall to view a slide show presentation of Allied Waste's automated waste collection service.

After further discussions, Councilman Richard made a motion authorizing Mayor Brasseaux to negotiate with Allied Waste for automated waste collection services; second by Councilman Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux opened the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Brett Price, 8 year-old son of Bonnie Anderson in Carencro's Planning Department, asked the Mayor if the city would consider building a skate park. Mayor Brasseaux referred Mr. Price to Carencro's P.A.R.C. Commissioner, Murray Conque, for further discussion.

Lynn Guidry, former city architect, thanked the city for taking such measures during the recent storms to secure the safety of Carencro's citizens and their property during the storms and for the rapid response in the recovery efforts.

City Manager, Lloyd Rochon, commended O'Neil Woods for the excellent directions he displayed in deploying the public works employees during and after the recent storms, particularly the clean up after "Gustav"; Councilman Conque requested the minutes reflect Mr. Rochon's comments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candice L Baque
Assistant City Clerk