



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009  
CARENCRO CITY HALL  
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA**

Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux was in Washington D.C. for Louisiana Rural Water Association; Mayor Pro Tempore Coach Allen Conque called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilman L.J. Boudreaux led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Attendance: Council Members Antoine Babineaux, L.J. Boudreaux, Coach Allen Conque (Mayor Pro Tempore), Kim Guidry, and J.L. Richard.

Mayor Pro Tem Conque recognized Burton Kolder who presented the city's Audit Report for the year ending November 30, 2008. Because of the continued loss in the sewer department, the audit report recommended increasing sewer rates to delete this deficit.

Mayor Pro Tem Conque commended the sewer/water department for their part in helping keep cost down. (Sewer repairs are more costly than any other repairs in general.) He also commended the Utility Department as a whole for the great job they do.

The audit report also recommended that the policy for inventory control be followed to account for the city's assets with each departmental management officer insuring that all assets are properly logged and tagged in accordance with policy. An annual physical inventory should be taken in accordance with policy established.

City Manager Lloyd Rochon commended City Clerk Gwen Gravouia (who is responsible for the budget) for the excellent work she does.

Mr. Kolder also presented the P.A.R.C.'s and Pelican Park's Audit Report for the year ending November 30, 2009 at a briefing at 5:30-before this meeting. With new software the City will be able to access P.A.R.C.'s financial records and have oversight to them.

Councilman Babineaux made motion to accept the P.A.R.C. and Pelican Park's Audit Report as presented; second by Councilman Richard; motion approved.

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to accept the City of Carencro's Audit Report as presented; second by Councilman Boudreaux; motion approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Conque recognized David Henderson from the city's bond agency, Foley and Judell. Mr. Henderson was filling in for Jerry Osborne to present item G. 5, an ordinance introduced at a Special Meeting of the Carencro City Council held on April 13, 2009. The ordinance for final adoption at this regular meeting is as follows:

Final Adoption- **Ordinance No. 2009-007** An ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of a One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) of Certificate of Indebtedness, Series 2009, of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Certificate; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Certificate; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; providing for the acceptance of an offer for the purchase of said Certificate; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

This ordinance for the issuance of this bond was necessary in order to move forward with the city's water plant project for which the lowest bid came in over budgeted money by \$1.5 million.

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion for final adoption of this ordinance; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

The approval of the minutes of the March 16, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Carencro City Council was considered. Upon motion of Councilwoman Guidry and seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, the motion was approved.

The approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2009, Special Meeting of the Carencro City Council was then considered. Upon motion of Councilman Babineaux and seconded by Councilman Richard, the motion was approved.

The two proclamations for the Girls and Boys Parish League basketball teams are postponed until the June meeting as the youths are involved with baseball until then.

Councilman Boudreaux informed the council that the Mercredi Show on April 15 with Don Rich attracted approximately 700 people, a record breaking crowd for these shows. Chief Stout reported that the new Police Department Explorer Post had explorers on hand to help park cars among other duties. Fire Chief Haydel also reported that the VFD sent a truck to show the department's present at this event.

Mayor Pro Tem asked that Bonnie Anderson be commended for her work towards the City of Carencro receiving the Certified Rating System (CRS) Class 8 rating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The City of Carencro is the first city in Lafayette Parish to receive this rating resulting in the citizens of Carencro receiving a ten percent (10%) discount on their flood insurance beginning with May 1, 2009, renewals. Bonnie is currently working on the city receiving a Class 7 rating in the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) which would result in a 15% discount. Many thanks should go to Bonnie for the results of her efforts.

City Manager also asked to recognize two LCG Councilmen, Purvis Morrison and Jay Castille, both who usually attend Carencro's council meetings as their districts encompass parts of Carencro. Both men were instrumental in getting an approval from the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) for over \$7 million of the approximately \$9 million available from the economic stimulus package money for their respective districts. The citizens will see this money at work as projects, such as overlaying University Avenue, begin.

Councilman Boudreaux, Co-chairperson with his wife Cel Boudreaux, reminded everyone that City of Carencro recently won the Clean City Contest at district level and now will move up to compete with Jonesboro and Amite at the state level on May 5, 2009. This win was possible only with the cooperation of the citizens and businesses of Carencro. So please continue the good work in making Carencro beautiful and join the state judges at a reception on May 5 at 10 a.m. at the North Regional Library in Carencro.

The following ordinances were finally adopted:

**Ordinance No. 2008-001** An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Code of Ordinances deleting Article III, Guidelines for Certain Developments, Chapter 54, Sections 54-181 thru Section 54-186.

This ordinance was necessary to correct some conflicts regarding buffer zones and green belts in regards to certain “obnoxious” land uses that were created with the passage of Ordinance 2008-018-A Performance Land Use Ordinance. Specifically, this ordinance pertains to what types of trees are to be planted in buffer and greenbelt zones.

After comments and upon motion by Councilwoman Guidry and seconded by Councilman Richard, the motion to adopt was approved.

**Ordinance No. 2008-002** An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Melville for the donation of a 2003 Chevrolet Impala VIN # 2G1WF55K339407720.

This vehicle belonged to the Carencro Police department. Typically, these vehicles have high mileage and the residual value is usually less than \$500.

With no further comments and upon motion by Councilman Babineaux and seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, the motion to adopt was approved.

**Ordinance No. 2008-003** Ordinances of the Carencro City Council authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafayette Consolidated Government for the donation of two (2) 2002 Chevrolet Impala VIN # 2G1WF55F429337028 and 2G1WF55KX29316071 for use by the City Marshall’s office, said vehicles are no longer needed for public purposes.

Again, these vehicles belonged to the Carencro Police Department with a low residual value. The City of Carencro is offering this act of donation for the Auxiliary department of the LCG’s Marshal’s office which does not have funding for vehicles.

With no further comments and upon motion by Councilwoman Guidry and seconded by Councilman Babineaux, the motion to adopt was approved.

**Ordinance No. 2008-004** An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the publication of a “Notice of Intention” to create the I-49 Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana and to levy a 1.00% sales and use tax and a 1.00% hotel occupancy tax therein, under the authority of Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (LA. R.S. 33:9038.31 ET SEQ); and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

The adoption of this ordinance is the initial step in the process to establish an “Economic Development District (EDD)”, officially titled the “I-49 Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana”. The 1% sales tax collected from the EDD would be set aside for improvements of roads and infrastructure servicing the EDD.

Councilman Boudreaux asked that the map be included; Mr. Rochon assured him that the map would be included.

With no further comments and upon motion by Councilman Babineaux and seconded by Councilwoman Guidry, the motion to adopt was approved.

As mentioned at the beginning of this report Ordinance No. 2009-007 was also adopted (see page 1).

#### **INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 2009-005** An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) to supply specific animal control and shelter services for the City of Carencro.

Councilman Richard commented that the city has been serviced by LCG Animal Control which would be much more costly if the City had to establish its own Animal Control. Mr. Rochon commented that LCG has provided this service thus far at no cost to the city. The city's budget took into account costs for this service in anticipation of this change; costs for this service is still below what it would cost the city if the city had to provide this service.

With no further comments and upon a motion by Councilwoman Guidry and seconded by Councilman Babineaux, the motion to introduce was approved.

**Ordinance No. 2009-006** An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Environment, Article II General, adding new Sections 22-33 thru Section 22-37, Litter Abatement.

Councilman Boudreaux inquired if litter would include fireworks; Mr. Rochon stated that fireworks were not specifically named.

With no further comments and upon motion by Councilman Richard and seconded by Councilman Babineaux, the motion to introduce was approved.

**Ordinance No. 2009-008** An ordinance creating the "I-49 Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana"; defining the boundaries thereof from which area local and state sales tax increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

With no comments and upon motion by Councilman Boudreaux and seconded by Councilman Babineaux, the motion to introduce was approved.

**Ordinance No. 2009-009** An ordinance levying an additional sales tax of one percent (1%) in the I-49 Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana (The "District"); designating the full amount of such additional sales tax as the sales tax increments in the District from which the local and state sales increments will be determined and used to finance economic development projects in the District in accordance with and as authorized by Part II, Chapter 27, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, designating the initial annual baseline collection rate and establishing a monthly baseline collection rate for the District; pledging and dedicating such tax increments to reimburse economic development costs and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

Councilman Boudreaux pointed out two changes in Section 5 and Section 6 which will be changed before final adoption.

With no further comments and upon motion by Councilman Babineaux and seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, the motion to introduce was approved.

**Ordinance No. 2009-010** An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6, Article III, Division 2, Section 6-113 (b) and (c). (Note: this ordinance is changing verbiage and fees regarding exotic dancers.

With no further comments and upon motion by Councilman Babineaux and seconded by Councilman Richard, the motion to introduce was approved.

The following resolutions were considered:

1. A Resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2008/2009 Operating Budget increasing revenues received from the Governors Office of Homeland Security in the amount of \$13,319.00 to support interoperable communications.

This ordinance was to amend the budget for a police department grant received. After further comments Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to accept; second by Councilman Richard; motion approved.

2. A Resolution of the Carencro City Council adopting "Red Flag" rules in accordance with the "Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Reporting Act" (FACTA) adopted by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Mr. Rochon explained that with this resolution the City of Carencro has adopted an Identity Theft Prevention Program regarding protection of customer records insuring that these records remain confidential.

With further comments, Councilman Richard made a motion to accept; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion was approved

3. A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2008/2009 Budget increasing revenues in the amount of \$35,289 for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant, EMW-2008-F0-01403, and a local match of \$3,921. This grant is for the purchase of "turn out" gear.

With no comments Councilman Babineaux made a motion to accept; second by Councilman Boudreaux; motion approved.

4. A resolution from the Mayor and City Council of the City of Carencro, Louisiana to urge and request that the Governor and the Louisiana Board of Regents fully fund the LSU AgCenter (LSUAC) at the 2008-009 level of state appropriations due to the critical economic development and educational services they provide in all 64 Louisiana parishes.

Wilson Viator, Mayor of Youngsville, requested support for funding for the LSU AgCenter. With no comments Councilman Richard made a motion to accept; second by Councilman Boudreaux; motion approved.

Councilman Babineaux made a motion to add to the agenda the resolution in support of LRWA contract renewal; second by Councilman Boudreaux; motion to add to agenda was approved.

Addition: A Resolution of the Carencro City Council urging renewal of the \$500,000 contract for fiscal year July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 between Louisiana Rural Water Association (LRWA) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for various services in water and sewer management.

This resolution is to support the LRWA who contracts with DEQ (since 1991) to provide free services to municipalities for water leak detection, sewer infiltration surveys (smoke testing), sewer camera work, meter testing, etc,

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to accept; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion was approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Conque recognized Mr. Harry Hebert who is requesting a waiver of the 20" front setback to a 11" setback for Fairgrounds North Subdivision allowing a bigger back yard. No action was taken by the Council; waiver was not granted.

After hearing public comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candice L Baque, CMDC  
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City of Carencro