



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009  
CARENCRO CITY HALL  
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA**

Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilwoman Kim Guidry led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Attendance: Council Members Antoine Babineaux, L.J. Boudreaux, Kim Guidry, and J.L. Richard. Mayor Pro Tempore Coach Allen Conque was absent to attend his grandson's high school graduation.

Mayor Brasseaux announced that Carencro Businessman and owner of Prejean's Restaurant, Bob Guilbeau, was inducted into the Acadiana Business Hall of Fame as the recipient of the "2009 Businessman of the Year Award". Each year the Daily Advertiser and Capital One present these awards to recognize the accomplishments of individuals who have made a significant impact in our local business community. On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Brasseaux expresses the city's appreciation for what Prejean's does for our City of Carencro.

The Mayor thanked Councilman L.J. Boudreaux and his wife, Cel Boudreaux, for co-chairing this event. With the help of business owners and the citizens of Carencro we hope when they announce the winning cities that the City of Carencro will be included. Many thanks goes to the businesses and residents of Carencro for their help and for taking great pride in our community.

Mayor Brasseaux announced that Carencro's Second Annual National Day of Prayer held at the Carencro Community Center on May 7 was a great success also. Thanks go out to Stacey Judice and Holly Comeaux for organizing this event as well as all those who participated.

The Mayor recognized and welcomed (1) LCG Councilman Jay Castille who comes to most of the city's council meetings, and (2) representing Pamela LeFleur from LEDA, Josephine "Josey" Ennis.

Mayor Brasseaux also recognized Carencro Police Officer Marshall Menard for becoming Carencro's the "Officer of the Year". Officer Menard is one of two SRO officers at Carencro schools.

The Mayor commended the P.A.R.C. for its successful Spring Mercredi Show. The shows have been averaging over 400 people and will begin again in September for seven consecutive Wednesday nights. Once again, the business community has been supportive by sponsoring this event and also by feeding those in attendance.

The approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Carencro City Council was considered. Councilman Babineaux made a motion to adopt the minutes with the following additions/corrections: (1) Councilman Richard commented the P.A.R.C. commissioners and the staff at Pelican Park for the excellent job they are doing and for the positive audit report they received; (2) the correction needed under Ordinance 2009-009, Section 5 & 6 was identified by Councilman Richard instead of Councilman Boudreaux. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Guidry; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux then asked for any additional comments from those departments submitting monthly reports:

Police Chief Stout informed the Council that Carencro Police Officer Kenneth Quillens was also named the “2009 Office of the Year” by the Lafayette Kiwanis Club. Officer Quillens who was deployed to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina with his military unit for approximately three years is back on the job in Carencro. Congratulations to Officer Quillens for his dedication to his duty to his country and to the City of Carencro.

Chief Stout further commented that Police Officer Marshall Menard who the Mayor recognized earlier, was also instrumental in developing and directing the new Carencro Explorer Post which is open to teens, ages 14 years and older. The new Explorers will soon go on a three-day trip to Toledo Bend, paid through the Post; some of the teens have never been far from home and this camping experience will be their first. The police department is proud of its new Explorers and grateful for any support provided in making the Explorer Post a success.

To accommodate those who attended the meeting regarding Evangeline Court Marketplace, Mayor Brasseaux recognized Bonnie Anderson, who presented her findings regarding the discussion item for final plat approval for Evangeline Court Marketplace, a commercial development located in Section 97, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, Lafayette Parish, City of Carencro, Louisiana. (This property is located at the corner of Hector Connolly Road and I-49 North Frontage Road.) After further comments, Councilman J.L. Richard made a motion for final plat approval; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

#### **ADOPTION OF FINAL 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.

With no comments and upon a motion by Councilwoman Guidry and seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, the motion to adopt 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.

With no comments and upon a motion by Councilwoman Guidry and seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, the motion to adopt 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 Babineaux and seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, the motion to adopt 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 Richard noted that he thought the district would have positive results for Carencro as the adoption of this type of district has been good for other communities in the area and in the state.

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

City Manager Lloyd Rochon clarified that the verbiage changed from "shall finger print" to "may fingerprint" [the exotic dancers] to allow the police department more flexibility in this process. Also, the fee for fingerprinting was changed from \$25 to \$50.

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

#### **INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 2009-011** An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 50, Article III, Section 50-64, adding a provision for the removal of any and all resulting debris immediately following the discharge of fireworks.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-012** An ordinance of the Carencro City council authorizing purchase by the City of Carencro of immovable property for future public use (the Coussan property).

Mayor Brasseaux explained that this property is adjacent to the existing water plant on Andre Street. Purchasing this property would allow for future expansion of the utility yard and would eventually save the city some future construction costs in regards to running lines to the new water plant and not having to relocate the existing driveway to the yard at a future date.

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

THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL ADOPTION AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CARENCRO CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 26, 2009 AT 12:15 P.M. AT THE CARENCRO CITY HALL, 210 EAST SAINT PETER STREET.

(In order to meet an absolute final deadline for purchasing this property, the mayor asked for a Special Meeting of the Carencro City Council on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. at city hall to consider final adoption.)

**Ordinance No. 2009-013** An ordinance of the Carencro City Council annexing property owned by Buster and Bridget Broussard (Tract 1-A) and Carolyn G. Martin (Tract 1-B) consisting of 12.564 acres located in Section 33, T-8-S, R-4-E in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana as identified on a map of survey prepared by Michael J. Breaux & Associates, Inc and dated February 10, 2009.

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

**Ordinance No. 2009-014** An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting sewer rate increases in order to comply with the recommendations of the city's auditor.

Mayor Brasseaux commented that City Manager Lloyd Rochon and the staff have "crunched" numbers to determine the lowest level of increase to meet the needs discussed with the city auditor. Those rates will be outlined at the regular city council meeting on June 15, 2009 when this ordinance will be presented for final adoption. The rates then would become effective with the July billings after notification to the public of the increase.

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

The following resolution was considered:

1. A Resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2008/2009 budget providing \$50,000 to purchase property adjacent to the water plant.

With no comments, Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept; second by Councilwoman Guidry; motion was approved.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Mr. Stephen Ortego regarding his request for various waivers for La Vie Verte Subdivision. The City Engineer suggested that the first item that should be addressed is the change to a private right of passage at the back of the property from Tison Road to be used as the primary vehicular access. Without approval of this change, the other two changes become mute points.

After comments Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to allow a private right of passage as requested; with no second to the motion, there was no action to be taken.

With further discussions regarding a private drive/alley/right of passage, the City Engineer read the ordinance which prohibits public or private "alleys" as a primary vehicular access. The ordinance does allow for a private street as the primary vehicular access as long as it has a turn around at the end of the street for emergency vehicles.

After further comments, Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to allow a private street with a variance waiving the requirement of the end of the street turnaround; with no second to the motion, there was no action to be taken. Mr. Ortego had no further comments.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Brasseaux opened the meeting for public comments:

Bonnie Anderson, who is the only Certified Floodplain Manager in Lafayette, will, in June, be attending the 33rd Annual National Conference of the Association of State Flood Plain Managers in Orlando, Florida. Bonnie is president of the Louisiana Association of Flood Plain Managers; as such, her entire trip will be paid by the Association.

Mr. Easton Bourgeois, a resident of Carencro along Arceneaux Road commented that the La Vie Verte project is a worthwhile project that the City should try to keep here in Carencro. The proposed houses had some very worthwhile energy-efficient features.

Councilman Richard announced that the Carencro Fire Department will be selling tickets for the Lions Club on Sunday, May 31, 2009, to send underprivileged children to summer camp. The Carencro Fire Department was, in recent years, the recipient of the jaws-of-life and other life saving equipment, a donation from the Lions' Club. The Fire Department and Lions Club will appreciate your support.

After hearing public comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candice L Baque, CMDC  
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City of Carencro