



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
6:00 PM, MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009
CARENCRO CITY HALL
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA**

Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilman J.L. Richard 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, Kim Guidry, and J.L. Richard.

Because Ms. Duhon had another commitment, Mayor Brasseaux first recognized Liz Duhon, representing Entergy's Teamwork Louisiana. Ms. Duhon presented the City of Carencro with a grant of \$15,000 to help defray the cost of a proposed round about on Hector Connolly Road. Mayor Brasseaux thanked Liz Duhon and Entergy for this grant for infrastructure improvements.

On behalf of the Carencro City Council, Mayor Brasseaux presented a proclamation honoring Joshua Mouisset, son of Kelly and Chris Mouisset, for being one of two students to compete in the La Grande Finale Internationale de la Dictee P.G.L. 2008-2009, an international French spelling bee in Montreal, Canada. Josh was one of only two students from the United States to compete in this spelling bee, an accomplishment of which he can be very proud.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Lee Verret who was representing the Carencro Business Association's (CBA) Academic Backers' Club. Each year the CBA honors every student at Carencro High School who maintains a 4.0 average throughout the school year by presenting them with a \$50 check and inviting them to the City Council Meeting whereby the City Council presents each student with a proclamation and a city pin.

Prior to this year the highest number of students honored was sixteen; this year thirty-nine students maintained a 4.0 GPA for 2008/2009 school year. Of those thirty-nine students, one student, Ashley Guilbeau, maintained a 4.0 GPA for her entire four years of high school. The Mayor and Council congratulated all these students for their hard work throughout the year and wished for their continued success in life.

Mayor Brasseaux welcomed Rod Rodriquez, Scott Communications on Gloria Switch, who is the newly elected President of the CBA. Mr. Rodriquez has several store locations of which one is located in Scott and, now, one in the Carencro area.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Mr. Rodriquez who informed the meeting that he was past President of the Scott Business Association and now with his newest location on Gloria Switch, wished to contribute to the Carencro Business area. Mr. Rodriquez looks forward to working with the businesses and people of Carencro and was very impressed with the number of honor students being honored.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized LCG Councilman Jay Castille and Mr. Bruce Conque, VP of Marketing & Governmental Relations with the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the Carencro Council that LCG has formed the LINC (Lafayette IN a Century) Citizens Committee with the mayors of Carencro, Duson, and Scott appointing one person to serve on this committee. Mr.

Tom Meyers has accepted the appointment which was approved by Mayor Brasseaux, Mayor Susie Lagneaux of Duson, and Mayor Hazel Myers of Scott to represent the interest of these three municipalities. (Parish President Joey Durel will appoint two members, each LCG Councilman will appoint one member, and the mayors of Broussard and Youngsville will appoint one member to represent both of those municipalities.)

PUBLIC HEARING

The following ordinances were considered for final adoption:

1. Ordinance No. 2009-014: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council establishing flat rates for sewer services.

The city auditor's comments in the 2008 Audit Report strongly recommended that the Council increase sewer rates in order to eliminate a \$154,000 deficit. Failure to act would result in this deficit increasing until it became unmanageable.

As always, the city's goal is to provide the best service at the lowest possible rate and be able to operate as efficiently as possible. The rate schedule was developed with Louisiana Rural Water Association statistical information to least impact those on fixed incomes. Water rates will remain unchanged but because operating costs for wastewater (sewer) are so much higher than operating costs for water, it was necessary to recoup some of these costs by adjusting the sewer rates.

Councilman Babineaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-014; second by Councilman Conque; after comments, the motion was approved.

2. Ordinance No. 2009-015: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting the provisions of a Traditional Neighborhood Development, attached hereto and identified as Appendix A, and made a part hereof by reference, to encourage mixed-use, compact development that is sensitive to the environmental characteristics of the land and facilitates the efficient use of services.

The Mayor pointed out that the ordinance can be adjusted if needed but was modeled after plans adopted by other cities. This ordinance makes it possible to develop traditional neighborhoods, like River Ranch, without having to issue, as LCG did, over two-hundred variances to approve a [the River Ranch] development.

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-015; second by Councilwoman Guidry; with no further comments, motion was approved.

3. Ordinance No. 2009-016: An ordinance of the City of Carencro authorizing the sale by the City of the old Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way property which is no longer needed for public purposes.

Councilman Babineaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-016; second by Councilwoman Guidry; after comments, motion was approved. This property will be sold through the normal bid law procedures.

Ordinance No. 2009-17: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting a Millage rate of 3.960 for the year of 2009 on all property subject to taxation by the City of Carencro. (The millage rate would remain the same as last year.)

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-017; second by Councilman Babineaux; after comments, the motion was approved.

Ordinance No. 2009-018: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to enter into an Act of Deposit on behalf of the Carencro Police Department of K9 Roughneck to Chad LeBlanc.

When K9 dogs are retired the custom is to entrust the dog to its handler who is obligated not to dispose of the dog without notifying the Council. Chief Stout informed the council that Officer LeBlanc, personally, with no cost to the city, purchased and trained, and obtained certification for a new dog to replace retired K9 Officer Ruffneck.

Councilman Conque made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-018; second by Councilman Boudreaux; with no further comments, motion was approved.

Ordinance No. 2009-019: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Ordinance Number 2008-016 establishing a franchise fee of three percent (3%) of the cable or video service provider's gross revenues. (There was no increase in this fee.)

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-019; second by Councilman Boudreaux; with no further comments, the motion was approved.

Ordinance No. 2009-020: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, Section 22-54 Notice to Owner; abatement by City Authorizing changing the time the property owner has to abate the violation of overgrown weeds from ten (10) days to five (5) days, adding a provision for posting a notice of the violation in lieu of five (5) days notice, and adding additional provisions to abate the violation.

Councilman Babineaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-020; second by Councilman Richard; after comments, the motion was approved.

Ordinance No. 2009-021: an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2009-009 exempting prescription drugs from the sales and use tax of one percent (1.00%) in the Carencro Economic Development District and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-021; seconded by Councilwoman Guidry; after comments, the motion was approved.

Ordinance No. 2009-022: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting the attached Agreement between the City of Carencro and Gulf States Real Estate Services, L.L.C. as the agent for Evangeline Court Market Place (regarding a round-about on Hector Connoly near I49).

Mayor Brasseaux thanked Janita Lebleu of Gulf States Realty for getting grass cut around that property. Ms. Lebleu also informed the Council that the closing on the property purchased by a supermarket chain would be signed on Wednesday, July 22, 2009.

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-022; seconded by Councilman Babineaux; after comments, the motion was approved.

The following ordinances were introduced and will be presented for final adoption at the next regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on August 17, 2009:

Ordinance No. 2009-023: An ordinance authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of a Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, by the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana; employing bond counsel, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Originally, this money was to purchase automated meters as part of a "green" project. Just in the last week, the EPA ruled that this project did not qualify under "green" projects. However, the City may still be able to receive funding to upgrade sewer lift stations under a different program; therefore, the City needs to go before the bonding commission to approve this project. The approval by the bond commission is a technicality and will not prevent the city from receiving these funds as a grant.

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2009-023; seconded by Councilman Boudreaux; after comments, the motion was approved.

The following resolutions were considered:

1. A Resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2008/2009 Budget increasing revenues in the Police Department by \$5,682.00 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and approving a local match of \$1,894.00.

In answer to Councilwoman Guidry's question, this grant provides funding for criminal patrols.

Councilman Richard made a motion to approve this resolution; second by Councilwoman Guidry; after comments, motion was approved.

2. A Resolution of the Carencro City Council declaring as surplus computer items listed in Exhibit 1, dated June 22, 2009, Exhibit 2, dated June 16, 2009 and EXHIBIT 3, undated picture.

Councilwoman Guidry requested that proper procedures are followed to erase the hard drives before disposing of these computers.

Councilman Babineaux made a motion to approve this resolution; second by Councilman Conque; after comments, motion was approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Mayor Brasseaux called on City Manager Lloyd Rochon to discuss incurring of engineering cost to develop sewer project for funding from the 2010/2011 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program.

After discussion Councilman Conque made a motion to approve incurring the engineering costs involved in seeking funding; second by Councilman Richard; motion approved.

2. Upon recommendation from city engineer, Glenn McCall, Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and record the Notice of Acceptance of Final Completion of the 2009 City of Carencro Water Improvement Project (Prejean Road and Gourmet Road); second by Councilman Boudreaux; motion approved.

3. Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to authorize Mayor Brasseaux to solicit proposals for repairs to the roof and light pole at the Carencro City Police Station. These damages were from Hurricane Gustav and because of the warranty restrictions on the metal roof, the City had to find a contractor certified to repair this type of roof. FEMA did allow that once we were able to do the repairs, they would reopen our file from Gustav to be reimbursed for damages resulting from Gustav.

Councilman Babineaux seconded the motion and after further discussion, the motion was approved. (To maintain the roofing warranty, we will have to correct errors on the part of the contractor at the time of installation; these costs would not be reimbursed from FEMA.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Brasseaux opened the meeting for public comments:

LCG Councilman Jay Castille informed the Council that LCG also changed Lafayette's grass ordinance regarding response time to notice to dispose of trash and debris on empty lots from ten days to five days.

Jennifer Zerangue, a CPA residing in Carencro, offered to be involved in the City in any way she can be of help.

Cel Boudreaux who helped chair with her husband, Council L.J. Boudreaux, commented that most of the constructive criticism received from the Cleanest City contest had to do with private property which is beyond the jurisdiction of the city employees.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candice L Baque, CMDC
Certified Municipal Deputy Clerk
City of Carencro

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