



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
6:00 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2009
CARENCRO CITY HALL
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA**

Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux 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. In addition to honoring our military, Mayor Brasseaux asked that we offer our thoughts and prayers to the family of Jody Poussan who recently passed away (she was the bookkeeper at Pelican Park) and to Carencro Police Officer William Walker whose father recently passed away.

Attendance: Council Members Antoine Babineaux, L.J. Boudreaux, Coach Allen Conque, Kim Guidry, and J.L. Richard.

Mayor Brasseaux asked to add to the agenda item I/J.1.-a resolution of the Carencro City Council granting the authority to the Mayor to sign and submit all necessary documents, appoint an administrative consultant and engineer, and to commit costs for the FY 2010/2011 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to add item I/J.1. to the agenda; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Miss Micaiah Jae McZeal, daughter of Carencro residents Durkey and Stasia McZeal. Miss McZeal was recently crowned National American Miss Princess in the 4-6 year old age bracket. She will continue to compete in Anaheim, California, during the week of Thanksgiving at the National Level. Miss McZeal was accompanied by her mother and grandmother.

Other announcements made by Mayor Brasseaux included the following:

Temple Baptist Church will honor public servants on August 30 at 11 a.m. and invited all public servants to please attend. Lunch will be served after the service. The Church has invited the Carencro Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department to attend the youth service to interact with the children.

The city received \$34,000 from FEMA as reimbursement for expenses in the aftermath of Hurricane Gustav. This check excluded the damages to the police station as those final costs have not yet been determined.

The city's sales tax revenues are down by approximately nine percent (9%).

Mayor Brasseaux recognized LCG Councilman Jay Castille who attends most our meetings.

The Mayor presented a proclamation designating the month of September as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery" Month. The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals has partnered with Isis Media to create a day-long celebration at the La. State Museum grounds at the foot of the State Capital on September 26, 2009. For more information contact Milena Merrill with Isis Media at 985-789-7082; email milena@isisfilms.com or DHH Supervisor James Cooper at 504-715-4768, email james.cooper2@la.gov .

Councilman Babineaux made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on July 20, 2009; second by Councilman Boudreaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux then asked for any questions or comments from those departments submitting monthly reports.

PARC Commissioner Murray Conque presented a letter and a survey that will be mailed to Carencro residents. The PARC asked the Council to please submit their thoughts regarding the letter and survey by Friday, August 28, 2009. The PARC commission would like to mail these surveys to gather information regarding what the citizens of Carencro would like to see in the sports and recreation areas to help determine how to develop recently acquired property adjacent to Pelican Park. Murray thanked Commissioners Tommy Fontenot and Tom Myers for the work they did preparing this letter and survey. As soon as the Council offers any feedback, the P.A.R.C. will mail the surveys to citizens.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the Council that water well #2 was back online but is pumping at less than capacity. We are in the process of determining if the wrong pump was sent or what may be causing the problem.

Also, with the construction on Gloria Switch, DOTD approved the project even though our utilities are in their right of way. However, an 18" drainage pipe had to be changed to a 36" pipe and now our gas lines have to be moved due to this change. E.B. Feucht has estimated the cost to move these lines at approximately \$10,000. The City is working with DOTD regarding these costs.

City Attorney Jerry Mallet informed the Council that he received notice from the Justice Department which has no objections to the annexation of Bridget and Buster Broussard's property. He will move forward to closing this item.

PENSCO reported that bids for the sidewalk project will be on August 26, 2009 so this project can proceed towards the construction phase.

PUBLIC HEARING

The following ordinances were considered for final adoption:

1. 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.

This project has gone back and forth between DEQ and EPA regarding either much needed sewer project or water meters. As of now this money will move forward with a water meter project to automate the meter reading process. The bond commission explained that the project has been approved for water meters under a "sewer" project because water usage rates are the basis for sewer rates charged.

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2009-023; seconded by Councilman Babineaux; after comments, the motion was approved. [The Loan & Pledge Agreement and Supplemental Loan Agreement can be viewed at Carencro City Hall.]

The following ordinances were introduced and will be presented for final adoption at the next regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on September 21, 2009:

2. Ordinance No. 2009-024: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances, Article 3 - Noise, Section 22-154 Restricted uses and activities, sub-paragraph (5) limiting the hours for construction and demolition activities to 8:00 pm on weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

Councilwoman Kim Guidry made a motion to introduce this ordinance; second by Councilman Richard; after comments were heard, the motion was approved.

3. Ordinance No. 2009-025: An ordinance approving and authorizing a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Broussard, City of Carencro, Town of Duson, City of Scott, City of Youngsville, and Building Code Inspection Services, LLC, and adopting a permit fee schedule in connection therewith.

Councilman Conque made a motion to introduce above ordinance; second by Councilman Babineaux; the motion was approved after comments regarding the fee schedule. There are some differing opinions regarding the fee schedule which will need to be agreed upon before final adoption.

The following resolutions were considered:

1. A resolution granting the authority to the Mayor to sign and submit all necessary documents, appoint an administrative consultant and engineer, and to commit costs for the FY 2010-2011 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Mayor Brasseaux informed the Council that one bid was received for the old Union Pacific Railroad Right-of-Way property in the amount of \$5,000 from Faye Talbot.

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to approve the bid award to Ms. Talbot; second by Councilman Richard; motion approved.

2. Mayor Brasseaux asked the Council's guidance on issuing letters of authorization for organizations wanting to raise funds by soliciting donations on the street corner.

Upon motion by Councilman Babineaux the City of Carencro will advise requesting parties that they must comply with State law in lieu of receiving a letter of authorization from the City of Carencro; seconded by Councilwoman Guidry and after much discussion, the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Brasseaux opened the meeting for public comments:

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Certified Municipal Deputy Clerk
City of Carencro

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