



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 15, 2010 6:00PM
CARENCRO CITY HALL
210 EAST ST. PETER STREET
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA

Mayor Pro-Tem Allen “Coach” Conque called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer. Mayor Pro-Tem Conque informed everyone that Mayor Brasseaux was out of town attending the National Leagues of Cities which was sponsored by the (LMA) Louisiana Municipal Association and representing LMA in his position as Second Vice President.

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

Announcements made by Mayor Pro-Tem Conque included the following:

*Mayor Pro-Tem Conque recognized LCG Councilman Jay Castille who attends most of our meetings.

*City Manager Lloyd Rochon informed everyone that sometime within the next two weeks, the 2010 Census forms will be mailed out. It is very important that we all take the time to fill out this form so that we can get an accurate count of each citizen residing in the Carencro community.

*Mayor Pro-Tem Conque recognized Mr. Bobby Guidry with Allied Waste. Mayor Brasseaux previously expressed his displeasure with Allied Waste increasing their fees shortly after services started in the city limits of Carencro. This increase was due to the fact that at the time the contract was signed between Allied Waste and The City of Carencro, there was a waiting period of approximately 6 to 7 months for the order and delivery of carts. At that time the Mayor and council decided to absorb the increase of .98 cents per month, per customer for a total yearly amount of \$24,684.00, however in all likelihood this increase plus the 5% increase scheduled for implementation on December 1, 2010 will be passed on to our customers. Mr. Guidry explained that the City of Carencro has a flat rate of 5% increase each year which is better than the CPI (Consumer Price Index) that has increased anywhere between 5.9% up to 6.2% over the last ten

years. The City of Carencro has the lowest cost for trash pick-up then any of the other surrounding municipalities.

*Mayor Pro-Tem Conque recognized Mr. Damien Davis, a student at Carencro High School who will be attending the National Youth Leadership & CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) Forum in Washington, DC in July 2010. Mr. Davis was one of the few nominated to attend because of his exemplary academic record and interest in the field of law. Mr. Davis will be doing a fund raiser to help defray the cost of his trip. Anyone interested in helping Mr. Davis may contact city hall at 337-896-8481.

*Councilman L.J. Boudreaux announced that City Clerk Gwen Gravouia has been re-elected on the board as a trustee for the Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association. She had served a three year term and will continue her services for three more years.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Councilwoman Kim Guidry read a proclamation honoring Stanley “Buckwheat” Dural, Jr. for his latest honor received on Sunday, January 31, 2010 when he won the Grammy Award for the album “Lay Down Your Burden.”

Councilman Antoine Babineaux made a motion to adopt this proclamation; seconded by Councilman L. J. Boudreaux; motion was approved.

Councilwoman Kim Guidry read a motion honoring Carencro Middle School Band who will be marching at the Disney Parade in Orlando, Florida this month.

Councilwoman Kim Guidry made a motion to adopt this proclamation; seconded by Councilman L. J. Boudreaux; motion was approved.

Councilman Antoine Babineaux made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on February 15, 2010; seconded by Councilman L.J. Boudreaux; motion was approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Conque then asked for any questions or comments concerning the departments’ monthly reports.

Fire Chief Oren Haydel informed the council that he applied for three grants and was approved at this time for one in the amount of \$65,000.00. This grant will be used to purchase safety equipment.

City Attorney Jerry Mallet informed the council that he has been working with Murray Conques regarding the contract between Parc/Pelican Park and the City of Carencro as well as the by-laws. When the contract is finalized, it will be presented to the council for review.

PUBLIC HEARING:

FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2010-001: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the assessment of an additional \$1.00 in court cost to be transmitted to the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police to be used for law enforcement education and training in accordance with Act No. 661, adopted in the 2008 regular Legislative session.

Councilman L. J. Boudreaux made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-001; seconded by Councilwoman Kim Guidry; motion was approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE:

Ordinance No. 2010-002: An Ordinance of the City of Carencro, Louisiana establishing and adopting rules and regulations for parades within the City of Carencro, Louisiana.

Councilman Antoine Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2010-002; seconded by Councilwoman Kim Guidry; motion was approved.

RESOLUTION:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Conque reminded the council about the International Property Maintenance Code. He asked that each council member review and submit any questions or suggestions to City Manager Lloyd Rochon.

Mayor Pro-Tem Conque recognized Mr. Donald Sagrera with Teche-Vermillion Fresh Water District. Mr. Sagrera was present to ask the council to endorse the renewal of the 1.5 mills property tax. The renewal of this millage is vitally important to maintain and construct the necessary infrastructure for the protection of a fresh water supply and to abate the pollution in Bayou Teche and the Vermillion River.

Councilman Antoine Babineaux made the motion to endorse the renewal of the 1.5 mills property tax for the Teche-Vermillion Fresh Water District; seconded by Councilwoman Kim Guidry; motion was approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Conque recognized Derek Development requesting an 8 ft. sign variance due to height restrictions for a development of a shopping center located at the 800 block of Veterans Drive. The City of Carencro's sign ordinance authorizes 12 ft. According to Mr. Ken Stelly with AAA Sign, it would benefit the shopping center to have a 20 ft sign because of the high traffic in this area. The sign would have rectilinear signage area advertising local businesses within the shopping center.

Councilwoman Kim Guidry made a motion to grant the sign variance; seconded by Councilman Antoine Babineaux; motion was approved.

Mr. Kevin Credeur, owner of the property on the south-east corner of I-49 Frontage Road and Wallace Broussard Road requested a variance of set backs due to the Performance

Land Use Ordinance. City Manager Lloyd Rochon explained to the council the variances requested by Mr. Credeur as follows: on the north property line a 15 foot greenbelt required, requesting a 3 foot variance; on the south property line a 20 foot green belt required, requesting a 15 foot variance; on the west property line a 15 foot greenbelt required and is in compliance; on the east property line a 20 foot greenbelt required, requesting a 10 foot variance. The plans for this property are a medical office building which will have two doctor offices and an after-hours walk-in clinic.

After discussion, Councilman Antoine Babineaux made a motion to grant the set back variances; seconded by Councilman J. L. Richard; motion was approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Conque recognized Mr. John Slaughter of LA Fish Fry. Mr. Slaughter was present to introduce Mr. Jose Mendoza who will be opening LaHacinda 2, a Mexican restaurant in place of LA Fish Fry. Mr. Mendoza has several restaurants operating in St. Landry parish, as well as, St. Martin parish. This restaurant will be his 5th establishment. Mr. Slaughter on behalf of Mr. Mendoza requested that the waiver granted to LA Fish Fry at the regular council meeting of December 21, 2009, be granted to Mr. Mendoza. City Manager Lloyd Rochon suggested that the council approve the waiver for Mr. Jose Mendoza for the LaHacinda 2, with the same conditions granted to Mr. Slaughter contingent upon Mr. Mendoza submitting the proper paperwork, and review and approval of same by staff. The waiver includes all noise, including music (live or DJ), will be kept at a level so as to not disturb the neighborhood; no alcoholic beverages of low or high alcoholic content will be sold through the drive-thru window; if liquor is sold to be consumed in the outside area, this area will be enclosed with a sight proof fence; no loitering and the facility must close no later than 10 pm. This waiver is issued for Mr. Jose Mendoza, ONLY; any new proprietor/operator shall be required to submit a new waiver request for the Council's consideration.

Councilwoman Kim Guidry made the motion to approve the above waiver; seconded by Councilman L. J. Boudreaux; motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Conque then recognized the audience for questions and comments. With there being none, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Gravouia, CMC
Certified Municipal Clerk
City of Carencro