



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011, 6:00PM  
CARENCRO CITY HALL  
210 EAST ST. PETER STREET  
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 followed by a moment of silent prayer with prayers for our military service personnel who have served our country defending our freedoms.

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

Absent: none

With no additions to the agenda Mayor Brasseaux made the following announcements:

- The City Council and the Mayor commended all the city employees on a job well-done for the Carencro Mardi Gras Parade. Carencro Police Chief Carlos Stout had 64 officers that handled the security before the parade and along the parade route and kept alert to the weather conditions. And the city's public works department employees were quick and thorough with the clean up after the parade.
- President of the Carencro Mardi Gras Association, Timmy Duhon, presented Nelson Quebedeaux and Councilman L.J. Boudreaux with a small token of their appreciation for what these two gentlemen contributed to the pre-register of floats in advance of the parade.
- A Special City Council Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Carencro Business Association's meeting on March 30, 2011, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Carencro Community Center at 5115 N. University Avenue. The general public is encouraged to attend to participate in a discussion regarding preserving Carencro's unique downtown area. An invitation will be posted on the city's website and circulated to spread the word to the citizens of Carencro.
- Louisiana Rural Water Association (LRWA) recognized Mayor Brasseaux, Carencro City Council, and Water/Wastewater Supervisor, Buster Broussard, in there quarterly publication which is distributed nationally. The city was recognized for the vision of building a new water plant that is state-of-art and will support not only the present needs of the city, but also the future needs as Carencro continues to grow. A two page article with pictures was included in LRWA's Spring 2011 publication.

- Due to the renovation underway at city hall, Carencro City Council Meetings will be held for the next several months at the Carencro Community Center at 5115 N. University on the third Monday of the month beginning a 6 p.m.

Mayor Brasseaux welcomed Pamela LaFleur from LEDA and introduced Wayne Phillips from SLEMCO. Mr. Phillips filled the position vacated when Ken Bordelon retired. Mr. Phillips has been with SLEMCO for 29 years and is now the Governmental Affairs Representative for SLEMCO.

The Mayor then asked those candidates seeking positions in upcoming election of April 2, 2011, to speak: two candidates for Justice of the Peace of Ward 6, Keith “Flap” Credeur and Kevin “Che Che” Credeur spoke along with Jay Castille, Lafayette Consolidated Councilman for District 2 incumbent, running for the position he now holds. Councilman’s Castille district will be redrawn to, tentatively, include all of Carencro and other portions of upper Lafayette Parish.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on February 21, 2011; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

The Mayor asked for any questions or comments concerning the departments’ monthly reports:

- Police Chief Stout informed the council that the total cost of manpower and food for the 64 law enforcement officers that worked the Mardi gras Parade totaled \$8,768. (Mayor Brasseaux added that total cost to the city was approximately \$16,000 to \$18,000.) Chief Stout thanked Timmy Duhon and the Mardi Gras Association for their cooperation in helping his officers provide safety controls for parade participates. Rescheduling the parade due to the weather conditions that day was not an option as security would not have been available; therefore, as weather conditions improved, the parade was able to roll.
- Mayor Brasseaux reported that the new fire station had the final walk through and inspection; the retainage will be held until all items on the punch list are cleared.
- Mayor also noted that preparations are being made to start pouring the concrete slab for the new council meeting room. The concrete is necessary to bring the floor levels between the two sides of the building level.
- City Engineer, Glenn McCall, reported that the traffic counts on TeeMa Road were sent to Tony Trammell’s office, LCG Traffic Engineer department, which will hopefully have a report ready for the next city council meeting in April.
- Mr. McCall also reported that the water plant is ready for final acceptance and he will have that paperwork ready for signatures.
- Mayor Brasseaux reported that the old water plant has been demolished except for the shell of the building which the city will use for storage once repairs are completed.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2011-003: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the transfer of ownership of water well no. 6 (as public property no longer needed for public purposes) from the City of Carencro to the owner of the private property upon which said well is located.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-003; Councilmember Guidry seconded the motion; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2011-004: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the purchase by the City of Carencro, of 1.67 acres of real property currently owned by Milton J. Prejean and Patricia Broussard Prejean and located at St. Charles Street in Carencro, Louisiana.

Mayor Brasseaux explained that this area is in a floodway; therefore, under FEMA regulations no structure can be built on the parcel of land. The city is purchasing this property to be used as part of the Corp of Engineer's drainage project within the City of Carencro.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2011-004; Councilmember Babineaux seconded the motion; motion approved.

With no ordinances for final adoption, the following resolutions were adopted:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CARENCRO CITY COUNCIL APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF CARENCRO, INCORPORATED. (THE REVISED BY-LAWS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ARE AVAILABLE AT CARENCRO CITY HALL.)

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to accept; Councilmember Guidry seconded motion; motion approved.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to amend the above resolution deleting from the Articles of Incorporation the next to the last line of Article VI "two (2) from CAYSI: if CAYSI appoints no one, their appointments will revert to the Carencro City Council"; and from the By-laws delete the sixth line from Article 3, Section 2 "five (5) by the Carencro City Council; two (2) by the Mayor of the City of Carencro; if CAYSI appoints no one, their appointments will revert to the Carencro City Council." Councilmember Guidry seconded the motion; motion approved.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CARENCRO CITY COUNCIL DECLARING A 2003 FORD CROWN VICTORIA, VIN#2FAFP71W33X129735 AND A 2004 CHEVY IMPALA, VIN#2G1WF55K049310251, NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, ESTABLISHING THE VALUE OF EACH VEHICLE AT \$3,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAME.

With no comments Councilmember Babineaux made motion to accept; Councilmember Sinegal seconded the motion: motion approved.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CARENCRO CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF KEEPING SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA, INCLUDING LAFAYETTE PARISH, A PART OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSSIONAL DISTRICT DURING THE DECENNIAL REAPPORTIONMENT OF LOUISIANA'S CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS.

With no comments Councilmember Boudreaux made motion to accept; Councilmember Richard seconded the motion: motion approved.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CARENCRO CITY COUNCIL DECLARING FIFTY-EIGHT (58) CHAIRS, WITH BROWN FABRIC LOCATED IN THE COUNCIL'S CHAMBERS AS EXCESS AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SAID CHAIRS TO THE VILLAGE OF CANKTON.

With no comments Councilmember Guidry made motion to accept; Councilmember Sinegal seconded the motion: motion approved.

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF NORTH POINTE PHASE II, A MIX-USE DEVELOPMENT, LOCATED IN SECTION 26, 34, & 35, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, CITY OF CARENCRO, LAFAYETTE PARISH, LOUISIANA.

Bonnie Anderson recommended final plat be approved upon conditions that all minor items noted in the walk-through are final approved by the Planning Department.

Councilmember Guidry motioned for the final plat approval upon all minor issues being resolved and approved by the City's Planning Department; Councilmember Richard seconded; motion approved.

#### DISCUSSIONS

- Community Center Operating Procedures: The following changes were recommended by a study group of Council members Boudreaux and Guidry who studied rates for both municipal halls and privately owned halls. They made the following recommendations:
  - A. Instead of increasing the \$1200 rate for the main hall for a five hour function, the recommendation was to charge \$1200 for a four hour rental; rental rate for half the main hall would increase from \$550 to \$700 for a four hour rental;
  - B. Rental for a conference/meeting room would increase from \$250 to \$300; for half a conference room, rate would increase from \$150 to \$200;
  - C. Add language requiring a law enforcement officer at all functions except "showers when no alcohol is served": rate for security will be \$30 per hour per officer; payment of security is required with all events regardless of organizer's tax status.

- D. Increase rate for adding additional hours to a function from \$100 an hour to \$295 an hour; (does not include additional \$30 per hour per officer for security);
- E. Discounted Rental Fees are as follows:
1. Carencro Business Association \$300
  2. All schools within the Carencro City Limits \$400
  3. Any other organization within the Carencro City limits requesting a discounted rate must be have a federal 501 (c) designation for a not-for-profit organization and must submit a written request to the City Council for approval of a discounted rate; (personal appearance before the Carencro City Council is required);
- F. No rental fees will be charged for the following events:
1. Public Hearings
  2. National Day of Prayer
  3. Veterans Day Honors
  4. Council of Governments (COG) meetings
  5. Louisiana Rural Water Association (LWRA) functions
  6. Louisiana Water Conference
  7. Department of Health and Hospital/DEQ functions
  8. Or any organization beneficial to the City of Carencro.

Councilman Richard made a motion to approve the above changes to the community center operating procedures; Councilmember Babineaux seconded; motion approved.

- A request of the Parks And Recreation Commission of Carencro to amend the 2010-2011 budget in the amount of \$26,000 which would include the following monetary compensation, effective April 1, 2011, for the Board of Trustees or commission members of the Parks and Recreation Commission of Carencro:
  1. \$ 125 per month for Commission Members;
  2. \$ 250 per month for Commission Officers;
  3. \$2,000 per month for Chairman of the Commission

The commission felt these changes were needed due to the additional duties and responsibilities that have been experienced in the past and will be experienced in the future.

In response to Councilmember Babineaux's question regarding the legality of the above compensation, city attorney, Jerry Mallet said he consulted with attorneys with the Louisiana Ethics Board although he did not request a written opinion. Mr. Mallet stated that as long as the compensation for the services provided to the public by individuals listed above are reasonable, the said compensation is legal. Mr. Mallet further stated that financial disclosure under the new ethics laws is not required under the law by the members listed above. Since the Board can only recommend a budget or expenditures and said recommendations must be approved by the City Council before funds are spent, then board members act in an advisory capacity only in respect to the expenditure of public funds, they are not subject to the disclosure requirements under current Louisiana ethics law. (See attached email dated March 22, 2011, from city attorney, Jerry Mallet.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve above budget request; Councilman Richard seconded; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux opened the meeting to public comments:

- Police Chief Stout noted that the traffic lights at I-49 and Hector Connoly are working great as accidents have all ready been reduced in the few days they have been in operation. Tony Trammel informed Mayor Brasseaux that he recommended the traffic light be changed from a vertical orientation to a horizontal orientation as the red light on the vertical alignment is not clearly visible from a distance due to the overpass hanging across the road when approaching on Veterans going east.
- Nelson Quebedeaux announced the Spring 2011 Season of the Mercredi Show will begin Wednesday, April 6, at Pelican from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Don Rich and the Don Rich Band will be playing.
- Cel Boudreaux noted that several years ago the cost to add an extra hour to an event at Rip Van Winkle Gardens was \$500 an hour.
- Mayor Brasseaux reminded everyone that the next several meetings of the Carencro City Council will be held at the Community Center during renovations at city hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice L Baque, CMDC  
Certified Municipal Deputy Clerk