



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008
CARENCRO CITY HALL
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA**

Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilman J.L. Boudreaux led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer with a request from Mayor Brasseaux to give special thanks during the Thanksgiving Day holiday especially to those who serve to protect our freedom and the American way of life.

Attending: Council members Antoine Babineaux, L.J. Boudreaux, Coach Allen Conque, Kim Guidry, and JL Richard.

Mayor Glenn L Brasseaux welcomed newly sworn in Councilmember L.J. Boudreaux who was sworn into office before the council meeting by Deputy Clerk of Court, Melissa Hebert. The Mayor also recognized members of Mr. Boudreaux's family including his mother, Irene Boudreaux, from Cutoff, Louisiana. Mayor Brasseaux thanked Alfred Sinegal for his dedication in serving as councilman until this election was held.

Mayor Brasseaux thanked the P.A.R.C. for the work they do to make the Mercredi Shows at Pelican Park the success that they have been and hopes that they continue to grow. Also, the Mayor appreciates the sponsors who help defray some of the expense in putting on the Mercredi Shows.

Councilman Conque brought to the Mayor's attention a request to inform the public that Belle Rose Gardens on Arceneaux Road would appreciate any donations to help them construct back porch covers on the units at Belle Rose. Anyone interested can call city hall for contact information to make a donation.

Mayor Brasseaux welcomed State Representative Bobby Badon, and LCG Councilmen Jay Castille and Purvis Morrison who were in attendance.

Mayor Brasseaux then recognized several employees for receiving various levels of certifications in their respective positions with the city. Those employees are as follows:

1. Gwen Gravouia, City Clerk, entered her second of four levels in the process of receiving the designation of "Master Municipal Clerk". She received her designation of "Certified Municipal Clerk" in 2005 from the Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association (LMCA).
2. Candice Baque, Assistant City Clerk, received the designation of "Certified Municipal Deputy Clerk" this past October, also from the LMCA.
3. Bonnie Anderson, Planning Department, received her designation of "Certified Municipal Assistant", also this past October, from the Louisiana Association of Municipal Secretaries and Assistants (LAMSA).
4. Buster Broussard, Water/Sewer Department Supervisor, received his Class III certification in Wastewater

Treatment from the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH), Office of Public Health, Environmental Services. Buster also holds his Class IV certifications in Wastewater Collection, Water Production, Water Distribution, and Water Treatment which he has accomplished in his ten years of service to the city.

5. Randall Mouton, Water/Sewer Department, passed the tests for Class I certification in Water Production and in Water Distribution which is the first step in receiving these two certifications from DHH. Randall has been with the city for approximately one year.

6. Kevin Baque, Water/Sewer Department, passed the tests for Class I certification in Water Production, Water Treatment, and Water Distribution which again is the first step in obtaining these certifications from DHH. Kevin has been with the city for approximately ten months.

The Mayor and Council support and encourage the continuing education of all its employees to develop the best possible talents for the city, as well as meeting certifications requirements for the state and/or federal government.

The Mayor reminded the Council that Carencro is hosting the Council of Governments (COG) meeting, Thursday, November 20, 6 – 8 p.m., at the Carencro Community Center.

The approval of the minutes from the October 20, 2008, Regular Meeting was then considered and on motion of Councilman Babineaux, seconded by Councilman Conque, the motion was approved.

The approval of the minutes from the November 3, 2008, Special Meeting was considered. With one correction, that correction being that Councilman Babineaux led the Pledge of Allegiance for the November 3, 2008 Special Meeting, and on motion of Councilwoman Guidry, seconded by Councilman Babineaux, the motion was approved.

Mayor Brasseaux called upon department heads to add comments to their submitted monthly reports. The Mayor commented that sales tax collection were slightly higher this year then for the same period last year.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Murray Conque, P.A.R.C., to discuss several appointments to the P.A.R.C. Murray verified that each of the following persons would accept an appointment:

The Mayor had one appointment; he reappointed Greg Brown to serve from December 1, 2008 – December 1, 2011.

The Council made two appointments. The first appointment to re-appoint Dale Carrier to serve from December 1, 2008 through December 1, 2011 was made upon motion by Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, motion approved.

The second appointment to re-appoint Nelson Quebedeaux to serve from December 1, 2008 through December 1, 2011 was made upon motion by Councilman Boudreaux, seconded by Councilman Richard, motion approved.

Newly sworn in Councilman Boudreaux will resign his position on the P.A.R.C. to allow other interested persons to seek appointment in his place on this commission.

Glenn McCall, city engineer from CH Fenstermaker, mentioned that advertisement for bids for the new water plant went out today; bid opening will be December 18, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at city hall.

PENSCO has one project to finish for the city which is the sidewalk project which has stalled in red tape. The Mayor continues to push for completion of this project which would provide sidewalks from Carencro Middle School to the Library. With the addition of the new library, sidewalks would relieve safety issues concerning children and others walking from school to the library.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Linda Campbell from Home Bank who is again seeking Council approval to sponsor the annual Carencro Children's Christmas Parade on December 6, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. from Church Street, to St. Peter Street, and up University ending at the Carencro Community Center where the annual Carencro Country Christmas is being held. Councilman Babineaux made a motion to approve request, seconded by Councilman Richard, motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux then called for a public hearing for final adoption of the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-004 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CARENCRO CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING MAYOR GLENN L. BRASSEAU TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS WHEREBY THE CITY OF CARENCRO SHALL ACQUIRE FROM WILLIAM A. DUPON, M.D., FEE TITLE TO IMMOVABLE PROPERTY, THE SIZE OF SAID PROPERTY TO BE DETERMINED BY SURVEY.

This ordinance will be deferred to the December 15, 2008, regular meeting pending final maps, surveys, etc.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-018 (DRAFT #3) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERFORMANCE LAND-USE REGULATIONS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CARENCRO, LOUISIANA.

The city will hold another public meeting mid-January (date to be announced) to continue to receive input from persons willing to participate in forming this ordinance before final adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-021 An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting an Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2008, and ending November 30, 2009, and amending the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning December 1, 2007, and ending November 30, 2008.

Due to a late publication date, this ordinance is deferred to the November 24, 2008, Special Meeting of the Carencro City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-022 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CARENCRO CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CARENCRO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 74, ARTICLE II, SECTION 74-37, ADDING A NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH (b), PROHIBITING VEHICLES HAVING MORE THAN THREE AXLES ON THE DRIVEWAY LEADING TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY AND ON CENTENNIAL DRIVE AND ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

Mayor Brasseaux explained that tractor trailers are using the parking lot at the Community Center to turn around and are causing damage to the road surface.

With no further comments from the public, a motion to adopt was made by Councilman Conque; seconded by Councilman Boudreaux; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-023 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CARENCRO CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARENCRO AND ALLIED WASTE SERVICES OF ACADIANA (FORMERLY BFI WASTE SYSTEMS OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.) PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE TO INCLUDE PROVISION OF AUTOMATED RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES.

Mayor Brasseaux requested that Bobby Guidry from Allied Waste answer any questions regarding automated trash collection services to begin in March, 2009. As dates are finalized, the city will make every effort to keep its citizens informed.

After further questions and comments from the public, Councilman Babineaux made a motion to adopt; seconded by Councilman Richard, motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-026 An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Section 50-1 of the Code of Ordinances adopting by reference the Model Municipal Criminal Code, State of Louisiana, Revised 2008, and all future amendments and revisions as published by the Louisiana City Attorney's Association and the Louisiana Municipal Association, incorporating same as if set forth in full.

This ordinance is necessary to update the Code of Ordinances with the most recent provisions of the Model Municipal Code. This ordinance will allow the mayor's court to be more functional.

With no further public comments, a motion to adopt was made by Councilman Boudreaux; seconded by Councilwoman Guidry; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-027 An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III Building Standards, Division 8 Permits and Inspections, Section 14-271, adding sub-paragraph (c), Expiration of Building Permits.

At present our building permits have no expiration dates and therefore would live in perpetuity. This ordinance states that if no action is taken, a building permit would expire in 180 days.

With no further comments from the public, Councilman Babineaux made a motion to introduce; seconded by Councilwoman Guidry, motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-028 An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Section 62-34(a) of the Code of Ordinances decreasing width of sidewalks from five to four feet and adding a new Section 62-65 (a) thru (d) procedures for construction of sidewalks in public right of way.

After hearing comments, a motion to introduce was made by Councilwoman Guidry; seconded by Councilman Boudreaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked that a motion be made to add a Proclamation to participate in a day long fundraising activity, "Turn on the Lights" as item I/J.1. on the agenda. Motion to add was made by Council Babineaux; seconded by Councilwoman Guidry; motion approved.

The Council then considered a proclamation to "Turn on the Lights" on Saturday, November 22, 2008, by raising money to help families in need pay their utility bills, through a day long fundraising activity designed to raise awareness and remind our communities that a helping hand can often mean the difference between life and death and/or the disruption of families. Chief Stout explained that we are asking for donations of a dollar to be dropped off at designated locations, such as, Don's Country Mart and Don's Specialty Meats; these donations are to be used to help some of those in need pay their utility bills.

Councilman Conque so moved; seconded by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked the Council to approve the appointment of an architect, that architect being Lynn Guidry, to design a new fire station and design the renovations to the existing city hall.

The plan is to close the fire station connected to city hall and build a new fire station in front of the police station and then renovate the entire building on St. Peter Street to expand the existing city hall offices. The City hopes to expedite the process of receiving capital outlay money for these two projects by having a design plan in place.

A motion was made by Councilman Boudreaux to appoint Lynn Guidry as this project's architect; seconded by Councilman Conque; motion approved. Mr. Guidry thanked the Council for their confidence in his profession.

Mayor Brasseaux opened the meeting for public comments. Tom Myers congratulated L.J. Boudreaux upon his election to the Council and to the employees who received certifications; he also thanked the Mayor for getting the agenda posted on the city's website.

Mr. Dominique was assured that the long-grass complaints near Kentwood Drive are being monitored and will be addressed if in violation of city regulations as prescribed by law.

Ms. Patricia Rogers thanked the City for the prompt attention and the excellent and speedy job in the clean up after Hurricane Gustav.

Rosa Richard thanked the Carencro Police department for the exceptional job they did in monitoring activities on Halloween night.

Alfred Sinegal expressed his pleasure in filling, as the temporary appointee, the vacated council seat. Mr. Sinegal served until a fall election was held in November. Mayor Brasseaux expressed hope that Mr. Sinegal will stay active in the community.

The Mayor asked Jay Castille and Purvis Morrison to attend a meeting at Carencro City Hall at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, with LCG staff, the Corp of Engineers and the City of Carencro to discuss the coulee project that has been ongoing for a number of years.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candice L Baque
Assistant City Clerk