



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009
CARENCRO CITY HALL
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA**

Mayor Glenn L Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilwoman Kim Guidry 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Upon request by Mayor Brasseaux to amend the agenda to add a discussion item regarding the State Stimulus Package and an update on Grants, a motion was made by Councilman Babineaux; seconded by Councilman Boudreaux; motion to add item was approved.

Mayor Brasseaux welcomed State Representative, District 40, Elbert Lee Guillory who is running for State Senator, District 24. Representative Guillory urged everyone to vote in the April 4, 2009, elections and support him for State Senator.

The Mayor then recognized LCG Council members Purvis Morrison (Chairman) and Jay Castille (Vice Chairman) along with the Director of Public Works, Tom Carroll. They urged citizens to please vote "YES" on April 4, 2009, in support of a \$26 million bond issue to fund repairs to roads and bridges in the unincorporated areas of Lafayette Parish.

Approval of this bond referendum will not increase current taxes. This bond issued will be serviced by existing property tax previously approved by voters in years past. Voting yes to this Bond Issue will see repairs to one hundred forty-nine roads and seventeen bridges in unincorporated areas of Lafayette Parish for which funding at present has not been adequate.

Everyone travels on roads and bridges outside their own city limits, therefore, citizens will benefit from these road and bridge repairs no matter where they live. Without this money these roads and bridges will continue to deteriorate with very little relief.

Councilman Babineaux made a motion to approve a resolution expressing the Carencro City Council's support of the proposed issue of twenty-six million dollars of General Obligation Bonds for Lafayette Parish, to pay the cost of a proposed Capital Improvements Program to include reconstructing of existing roads and improving public roads, highways and bridges within the Parish; second by Councilwoman Guidry; motion approved.

The approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2009, Regular Meeting was then considered and on motion of Councilwoman Guidry, seconded by Councilman Boudreaux, the motion was approved.

Mayor Brasseaux noted that upon his request due to some serious issues regarding publication of the city's legal notices, an apology letter from The Daily Advertiser was received. The Mayor commended City Manager, Lloyd Rochon, and Deputy City Clerk, Candy Baque, for their efforts to resolve this issue with the Advertiser, the city's Official Journal.

Mayor Brasseaux then presented two proclamations to publicly commend several sports teams from the City of Carencro. The first proclamation was for two teams, both of which won the Turkey Bowl Championship in their respective age groups.

"Senior" Turkey Bowl Champions (11, 12 and 13 year old age bracket) were the CAYSI Big Dawgs while the championship for the seven and eight year old age bracket went to the CAYSI Patriots. The Mayor also mentioned that the CAYSI Chargers won second place in the Turkey Bowl for the seven and eight year old age bracket.

The second proclamation was presented to commend the Teener Football program 2008 Champions, the Carencro High School Team, "The Ephus". The City Council was honored to recognize all these teams for all their accomplishments.

Mayor Brasseaux moved a discussion item on the agenda to recognize Mr. Mac Comeaux who requested a waiver of a drainage analysis on property on Ira Street where Mr. Comeaux intends to build a triplex. The City Council felt that with the drainage problems in the Carencro area and in the area near the Ira Street property, that they could not in good conscious grant a waiver, therefore no action was taken.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Mayor Brasseaux asked the department heads for any additional comments regarding their monthly reports:

Police Chief Carlos Stout was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Brasseaux briefly presented the Police Department's outline for a new Explorer Post affiliated with the Carencro Police Department. Any questions may be directed to Chief Stout.

The Mayor recognized City Manager, Lloyd Rochon, who updated the council on two grants the city has received. One grant is an Act 18 grant in the amount of \$25,000; the second is an Act 19 grant in the amount of \$50,000. Both grants are for sewer manhole repairs.

Mayor Brasseaux updated the Council on the Economic Stimulus Package listing five projects that the Lafayette Metropolitan Planning Organization has identified for this package. The City Engineer, Glenn McCall, updated the Council on several potential projects for which, on the city's behalf, he is seeking information on possible funding.

Mayor Brasseaux briefed the Council regarding the bid for the new water plant. We have been granted a sixty day extension to seek changes to reduce the cost of the project for which the lowest bidder was over budget by approximately one million dollars. In response to a question by Councilman Richard, any changes made to the original specs for this project will not reduce the effectiveness of the processing of the city's water.

Mr. Rochon gave an update on the Sidewalk project which had stalled at the state level. the project is still proceeding due to the severe slope of approximately three driveways. Costs have increased since the initial approval of the project in 2004 and Mr. Rochon believes that the DOTD will cover increased construction costs of this project.

There were no introductory ordinances to be presented or any ordinances for final adoption.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were considered:

A Resolution of the City of Carencro supporting the propose issue of Twenty-six Million Dollar General Obligation Bonds for Lafayette Parish was approved at the beginning of the meeting as stated above.

A Resolution of the Carencro City Council approving the completion of the Louisiana audit compliance questionnaire with the stated answers and authorizing forwarding of same to the city auditor was approved upon motion by Councilwoman Guidry and seconded by Councilman Babineaux.

A Resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the sale of a 1994 Chevrolet Pickup Truck, and a 1996 and 1997 Ford Pickup Truck which is no longer needed for public purposes was approved upon motion by Councilman Babineaux and seconded by Councilwoman Guidry.

A Resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2008/2009 Budget increasing revenues in the amount of \$6,000 awarded to the Carencro Police Department through the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission for computer equipment was approved upon motion by Councilwoman Guidry and seconded by Councilman Boudreaux.

A Resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the disposal of surplus vehicles which are no longer needed for public purposes was approved upon motion by Councilman Babineaux and seconded by Councilwoman Guidry. Mayor Brasseaux noted that these vehicles were police cars that have been replaced with new vehicles.

A Resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2008/2009 Operating Budget transferring \$75,000 from the Engineering line item in the General Fund Budget to the Engineering Line item in the Utility Fund Budget was approved upon motion by Councilman Richard and seconded by Councilman Conque.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Brasseaux opened the meeting for public comments. Mr. Rodgers was distressed to hear that the Lafayette Firefighters Association took no action regarding the ban of "rocket" type fireworks. Mayor Brasseaux has written a letter to the State Fire Marshal's office and will relate any response he receives.

A request was made to have a music concert at Pelican Park by Ms. Morgan Lewis and Paul "Bunny B" [last name was not mentioned]. Due to traffic control issues into and out of Pelican Park, the Council has limited the use of Pelican Park for other than softball events to those events specific to the City of Carencro. Unfortunately, Prejean Road can not handle large amounts of traffic to and from the Park for events that attract very large crowds.

After further comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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City of Carencro