The meeting was called to order by Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux. Councilman Coach Allen Conque led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. Mayor Brasseaux thanked everyone for taking time to attend the council meeting.

Council Members in attendance were Antoine Babineaux, Bobby Badon, Coach Allen Conque, Kim Guidry, and JL Richard.

Mayor Brasseaux reminded council members of the Council of Governments’ (COG) meeting this Thursday, March 22, 2007, in Scott at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 6:00 PM.

The Mayor then recognized one of many outstanding Carencro businessmen, Lee Verret, and congratulated Mr. Verret upon receiving the James O. Modisette Award, Louisiana’s highest award to a public library trustee. This award was presented to Lee by the Louisiana Library Association and by members of the Lafayette Public Library Control Board. Lee, a 10 year member of the control board was the driving force between the City of Carencro and its donation of land to locate the new Lafayette North Regional Library Branch in Carencro. Lee was not present at this time due to a meeting of the same board who honored him.

Mayor Brasseaux asked to add the following items to the agenda:

First, under Discussion item #3, the mayor requested that authority be granted to the Mayor to negotiate an agreement and to sign a contract with C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Inc. to build a new water plant and water well.

Under Discussion item #4, the Mayor recommended that C.H. Fenstermaker be appointed the city engineer. PENSCO will continue to be the engineering firm for projects in progress some of which may take two years to complete. Some of these projects include a few subdivisions, an RV park, the sidewalk project and the LCDBG sewer lift station project. Any new projects as of tonight’s meeting will be engineered by Fenstermaker if council approves this recommendation.

Discussion item #5 if Lee Verret is able to join tonight’s meeting; Mr. Verret will address the council concerning the progress of the library construction.

City manager Lloyd Rochon stated that procedure would dictate that the Fenstermaker recommendation by the Mayor should be Discussion item #3 and Discussion item #4 should be the authorization for the Mayor to negotiate and sign a contract with Fenstermaker for construction of the new water plant. Mayor Brasseaux agreed.
Councilman JL Richard reminded the Mayor to discuss Nelson Quebedeaux’s request. Mayor Brasseaux explained that Mr. Quebedeaux, chairperson of the Carencro Centennial Committee, and the Centennial Committee had a goal to break even on the Centennial events planned in 2005. The committee ended with approximately $6,000 for which they have planned to purchase and install welcome signs to the City of Carencro. The Mayor passed pictures of the signs; the committee is awaiting approval from DOTD to locate the “Welcome Signs” at specific entrances into the city. The Council and Mayor thanked the Centennial Committee on all their work and dedication.

A motion to add these items to the agenda was made by Councilmember Guidry; second by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked council’s permission to now present to US Navy Commander Kurt Rogers’ parents, longtime Carencro natives Don and Pat Rogers, the Resolution honoring Commander Rogers’. This resolution honors Commander Rogers for being awarded the US Navy Meritorious Service Medal, an award of the Legion of Merit for either outstanding achievement or meritorious service in a non-combat situation or setting (similar to the Bronze Star). Commander Rogers received this award for his work as the Director of the Navy Surgical Technologists School in San Diego, California, for providing the Navy during a three year period with over 300 highly trained surgical technologists in support of the troops fighting the war on terror. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Conque; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

A motion was made by Councilman Babineaux to approve the minutes of the regular city council meeting of February 19, 2007; seconded by Councilman Richard; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux then introduced guests attending the meeting: Lafayette Consolidated Government Councilman Dale Bourgeois, District 2; Lafayette Parish School Board Members: Dr. David Thibodeaux, District 7; Carl LaCombe, District 2, and Gregory Aubrey, District 6. He also recognized Marc Broussard, recording artist and Carencro native. One CD that Marc has released is titled, “Carencro”, and features the Carencro water tower on the cover. Marc, no matter where he goes, is proud to let people know he is from Carencro, Louisiana; the City of Carencro and state of Louisiana is also proud that Marc hails from our great city and state.

Monthly reports from department heads were submitted with the agenda. Murray Conque added that the Mercredi Show at Pelican Park begins a new season Wednesday, March 21, 2007, from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM (weather permitting) with Warren Storm, Willie T. and Cypress performing, free of charge to the public. The shows are the third Wednesday of the month from March through May and September through November.

The Mayor informed the Council that Grant Credeur resigned as a full time fireman to pursue work in another field. The Council and Mayor wishes Grant the best of luck in his new field. His position is in the process of being filled.

Included in P.A.R.C.’s report was information regarding Pelican Park’s summer program, recapping 2006 and presenting the program for 2007. The Mayor recognized John Gotch, a local umpire who resides in Carencro. Mr. Gotch was awarded the “Umpire of the Year” for the state of Louisiana by the UAAASA on February 3, 2007, in ceremonies in Dallas, Texas. The Council and Mayor extend their congratulations to Mr. Gotch.
Mayor Brasseaux asked Buster Broussard, water & sewer supervisor, to recap problems with water well #3. Buster related that because of iron ore attaching to the shaft, what was once a one inch shaft has been increased to two inches which robs the water capacity of the well. Repairs should be complete next week at a cost of approximately $11,000 unless the shaft has to be replaced in which case it will take longer and cost more. The council had previously budgeted $20,000 for this project.

**ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION**


ORDINANCE NO. 2007-003: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARENCRO ANNEXING PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF CARENCRO INTO ITS CORPORATE LIMITS. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Guidry; second by Councilmember Conque; motion approved.

**INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-004: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CARENCRO CITY COUNCIL EXTENDING MEMBERSHIP IN AND THE BENEFITS OF THE PLAN PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF LOUISIANA TO THE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CARENCRO. City Manager Lloyd Rochon briefed the Council on the second phase of providing all employees of the City of Carencro with an equivalent retirement plan (Municipal Employees Retirement Plan-MERS) similar to the recent retirement plan that is now offered to the police department (Municipal Police Employees Retirement Plan-MPERS). At present the employee contribution will be 5%; the city contribution will be 9.75%. An actuarial report will be provided regarding costs to “buy-back” up to five years of eligible retirement years. The Mayor noted that in order to keep qualified, dedicated employees, the city has to be competitive with salaries and benefits. A motion to introduce was made by Councilmember Richard; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-005: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CARENCRO CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE CARENCRO CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY DELETING CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE III, SECTION 30-153 DETENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, SUBPARAGRAPH (5)a., WAIVERS, AND DELETING SECTION 30-154 DETENTION. REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS, SUBPARAGRAPH (5) AREAS WHERE CONDITIONS WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE EQUIVALENT DISCHARGE RATES. The current ordinance allows a 5% increase in discharge rates as new developments are built with no regard for a cap of overall effect at this discharge rate. This ordinance will reduce that discharge rate to zero percent (0%). A motion to introduce was made by Councilmember Guidry; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

The following resolutions were then considered:

A Resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2006/2007 General Fund Budget by increasing grant funds in the amount of $2,782.04 matching funds for the Bullet Proof Vest program and $10,000 received as a line item appropriation by Act 17 of the State Legislature for Police Equipment. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Richard; second by Councilmember Conque; motion approved.

A Resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the sale of a 1998 Ford Explorer which is no longer needed for public purposes. (1998 Ford Explorer VIN 1FMZU32P7WUB89346, Color: Blue, Mileage: 159,666,
Minimum Acceptable Bid: $500.00). A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Babineaux; second by Councilmember Conque; motion approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

A proclamation of the Carencro City Council declaring March, 2007, as American Red Cross Month and March 21st as Hometown Heroes Day. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Conque; second by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

A motion to close the regular session and open a public hearing for final plat approval of the Great Escape Family Entertainment and RV Park, located in Sections 35 and 100, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana; developer R. Gothreaux as defined below by Bonnie Anderson was made by Councilman Guidry; second by Councilman Richard; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux opened the public hearing and asked Bonnie Anderson to give her report. Bonnie's report is as follows:

Re: Final Plat Approval
The Great Escape RV Park
Carencro, Louisiana

On September 18, 2006 preliminary plat approval was given for The Great Escape RV Park located near the Louisiana HockeyPlex with (5) five conditions, which are as follows:

1. Submittal of complete construction plans to the City Engineer, which shall include, but not limited to, a site drainage plan and erosion control plan, and details of all tie-ins to roadway and drainage infrastructure.

2. Submittal of drainage impact analysis to the City Engineer for review and approval, which shall include but not limited to a drainage area map, lot grading plan, methodology, computations, capacity of roadside ditches, a pipe sizing chart and summary.

3. All items listed on Lafayette Planning, Zoning, and Codes letter with the exception of item # 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12.

4. Minimum acceptable grade for the proposed pen ditch drainage system is 0.10%.

5. Full compliance of Carencro RV Park Ordinance No. 2006-010.

Enclosed, please find the plat of The Great Escape RV Park for final approval with all the above conditions completed.

I recommend that you along with the Council grant final plat approval for the Great Escape RV Park.

Bonnie Anderson
Planning Department
City of Carencro
Councilmember Badon thanked the developer for locating the RV Park in Carencro.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Richard; second by Councilmember Conque; motion approved.

A motion for final plat approval was made by Councilmember Richard; second by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

**DISCUSSIONS**

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Lynn Guidry and Tom Sammons who discussed a “Growth Management Plan” for Carencro to continue to grow with “Smart Growth”. A motion was made by Councilmember Badon to authorize the mayor to negotiate for the preparation of a “Growth Management Plan” and the cost of such a plan with Mr. Lynn Guidry and Mr. Tom Sammons. The plan is to be completed in twelve months. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Conque; motion approved.

The Mayor recognized from the Lafayette Parish School Board Dr. David Thibodeaux, Mr. Carl LaCombe, and Mr. Gregory Aubrey who made a presentation on the deplorable conditions of Lafayette Parish School buildings and the need for new construction to alleviate the over-crowded conditions that exist today and to dispose of the so-called temporary buildings some of which have been in place for thirty years. With no money available for construction or repairs from the federal government and a decreasing amount from the state, they will be making these presentations to solicit voter approval for local involvement in passing a sales tax increase dedicated strictly to the construction/repairs of Lafayette Parish schools.

Mr. Lee Verret informed the City Council that their generous donation of land to locate the Lafayette North Regional Library here in Carencro has been the talk of the state wherever he represents the Lafayette Library Control Board. He also thanked the Council for their earlier recognition of his award but stressed that it was the donation of land by the Carencro City Council that spotlighted him to be nominated and receive this award.

Mayor Brasseaux recommended appointing C. H. Fenstermaker and Associates, Inc. as the city engineer. A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Babineaux; second by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

A motion was made by Councilmember Richard to award the engineering contract to build the new water plant to C.H. Fenstermaker and Associates, Inc.; second by Councilmember Conque; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux opened the meeting to the public. Ms. Cherise Henry introduced herself as the reporter designated by the Daily Advertiser to cover news stories for the Carencro News.

With no further comments the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candice L. Baque
Assistant City Clerk