Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilman JL Richard led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Attendance: Council members present were Antoine Babineaux, Coach Allen Conque, Kim Guidry, J. L. Richard, and Alfred Sinegal.

The Mayor began the meeting by introducing Ms. Maydell Poydras Landor who was presented with a proclamation from the Carencro City Council honoring Ms. Landor’s 100th birthday on July 17, 2008. Ms. Landor, when asked what her secret to a long life was, said she didn’t have a secret, that only the man above knew the answer to that question. Ms. Landor was also presented with a “Key to the City”.

Mayor Brasseaux commended Carencro Police Chief Carlos Stout upon being elected to the position of Second Vice President of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police and in three years will move on to the position of President. Chief Stout also is currently serving as the President of the Southwest Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Mayor announced that the City of Carencro was named the recipient of the Louisiana Rural Water Association’s award for the “Source Water Protection System of the Year” at its annual conference in Alexandria last week. Since the Water Supervisor, Buster Broussard, was unable to attend tonight’s meeting, the Mayor will have Buster and his department attend August’s Council Meeting to congratulate them.

Representative Bobby Badon sent Mayor Brasseaux notice of the annual Louisiana state sales tax holiday which will take place on August 1 and 2, 2008. Revenue Information Bulletin 08-018 describes eligible purchases and provides retailers information on their roll. RIB 08-018 can be viewed at the revenue department’s website:

http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov/forms/lawspolicies/RIB08018A.pdf

Mayor Brasseaux introduced the four announced candidates for the upcoming election in October for the Carencro City Council position temporarily being filled by Alfred Sinegal. Mr. Sinegal was appointed by the Council until this election in October. The election will fill the final two years of this position which vacancy was created when Councilman Bobby Badon was elected to the Louisiana State House of Representatives. The Mayor asked the candidates to introduce themselves and speak if they wished. The four candidates recognized are LJ Boudreaux, Dean Fuselier, Tom Myers, and Alfred Sinegal.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Matt Harmon, the new principal of Carencro Middle School. Mr. Harmon served as one of the Assistant Principals at Carencro High for six years and looks forward to serving at Carencro Middle to help guide these students in their education and help them transition to high school to earn their diplomas. Mr. Harmon introduced Ms. Claire Leger who is the coordinator for Carencro Middle School Campus Beautification Project which
will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2008, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Ms. Leger and Mr. Harmon invited council members and those interesting in this project to come out this Saturday and show your support.

Mayor Brasseaux introduced Jay Castille, Lafayette Consolidated Government Councilman, District 2, whose district includes a portion of Carencro.

A motion was made by Councilman Babineaux to approve, as presented, the minutes of the regular scheduled Carencro City Council meeting on June 16, 2008; second by Councilman Conque; motion approved.

A motion was made by Councilman Richard to approve, as presented, the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Carencro City Council on June 19, 2008; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Lynn Guidry, Tom Sammons, and Hans Breaux who presented an update on Carencro’s Growth Management Plan. The mayor requested that a “land use” ordinance be in place to introduce at the August council meeting. Then, Lynn’s team can make presentations to area citizens, businesses, civic clubs, etc., to inform the public of the purpose for the ordinance, to receive questions and feedback from citizens, and to make any adjustments before final adoption of this ordinance which is the heart of the Growth Management Plan.

The Mayor requested comments and questions regarding departmental reports.

Police Chief Carlos Stout informed the council that the Lafayette Parish School Board has approved addition of a School Resource Officer at Carencro Middle. Chief Stout will present an amendment to the agreement with the school board adding Carencro Middle. The school board funds this program; Carencro was fortunate to receive the funding for an additional officer at Carencro Middle; we have a Resource Officer at Carencro High also. These officers provide a tremendous service to the schools in which they serve; to their own police departments for handling situations at the schools to which regular duty officers would have to respond; and to the citizens of the community by having more patrols on the street instead of responding to calls at the schools.

The Mayor explained that on July 1 and 2, 2008, the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) reviewed the city’s fire rating. He believes the city will maintain its favorable current rating which is a four (out of ten with ten being the lowest rating); however, it will take several months before the official rating is received. The city is rated every five years; this rating affects fire insurance premiums for residents and businesses.

Glenn McCall from Fenstermaker informed the council that the purchase of the Dupon property is waiting on the Corp of Engineers’ who has scheduled a field investigation this week. Upon receipt of the Corps favorable report, Mr. McCall can then proceed with the platting of the property. The Street Overlay Project which includes portions of Moss Street, Walter Drive, and Tournament Drive is almost completed. The drainage project at Parklane is also nearing completion.

PARC members took a brief “vacation” due to issues with the new ethics reforms implemented recently. However, the opinion of the city attorney, Jerry Mallet, is that the financial reporting requirements do not apply to the city’s PARC commissioners because Carencro falls below the population requirements. The Mayor thanked these volunteers for the services they provide and is glad to have them back. PARC Chairman Murray Conque asked the candidates running for the council position to please consider serving on the commission if they are not elected in October.
ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION

Ordinance No. 2008-011  An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting construction setbacks, safety barriers including fences and gates and other matters relating to swimming pools.

After requests for comments from the council and the public, Councilman Richard made a motion for final adoption; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2008-012  An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) for Hazard Mitigation Grant, Project No FEMA 1603-DR-LA, Project No. 0072.

Mayor Brasseaux commended city manager, Lloyd Rochon, and Planning-Department administrator, Bonnie Anderson, for their attention and expertise in obtaining money that is available for some much needed infrastructure improvements. Mr. Rochon is seeking monies for improvements to: culverts at Post Road Treatment Plant, Richard Street drainage, and Church Street improvements near Andre Street. Also, Mr. Rochon has pressed Coulee Mine project back into the attention of LCG to seek monies to alleviate drainage problems along that coulee. Both Lloyd and Bonnie have attended meetings to seek mitigation monies available to the city; their efforts should provide some very positive results for the residents of Carencro.

After requests for comments from the public, Councilman Sinegal made a motion for final adoption; second by Councilman Conque; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 2008-013  An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the code of ordinances amending section 10-2, titled: Keeping of Small Animals. As explained, this ordinance is removing from the existing ordinance the paragraph stating “that this section shall not apply to the keeping of dogs as domestic pets only and not for breeding or for gain”.

After comments from the council and the public, Councilman Babineaux made a motion to introduce; second by Councilman Conque; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2008-014  An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the sale by the City of Carencro of the Enterprise Center of Louisianan (ECOL). After much discussion with University of Louisiana at Lafayette, the new president has agreed to the city’s asking price but he has to obtain approval from his Board of Regents before the sale can be completed.

After comments from the council and the public, Councilman Sinegal made a motion to introduce; second by Councilman Richard; motion approved.

The following resolutions were then considered:

1. A Resolution of the Carencro City Council requesting that the Acadiana Legislative Delegation amend Act No. 472 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature to, at a minimum, establish a window of six (6) months for the implementation of the Act, and to delete the financial penalties pertaining to members of boards and commissions.
After request for comments, Councilman Richard made a motion to approve; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

2. A Resolution of the Carencro City Council in support of the 2014 Congres Mondial Acadien being held in the State of Louisiana in order to share our unique culture, music and “Joie de vivre” of the people of Acadiana. Our twin city Dieppe will bid to bring this Congres to Louisiana; Quebec will also be bidding for this event.

With no public comments Councilman Babineaux made a motion to approve; second by Councilman Richard; motion approved.

3. A Resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2008 General Fund Budget providing $50,000 for a storage building for the Police Department. The city will fund this project from the Police Department’s Special Fund.

With no public comments Councilman Richard made a motion to approve; second by Councilwoman Guidry; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux opened discussion to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 2006 LCDBG Armand Street Lift Station Project.

With no public comment, Councilman Richard moved, based on Pensco’s recommendation to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 2006 LCDBG Armand Street Lift Station Project; second by Councilman Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux then requested comments for the public to allow those who needed to leave to speak before the executive session was called. With no comments, Mayor Brasseaux called an executive session to discuss possible litigation concerning Acadiana Water and Sewer, Inc.

Councilman Babineaux made a motion to enter into executive session; second by Councilwoman Guidry; motion approved. The Council cleared the meeting room for the executive session discussion.

After the executive session adjourned, the public was invited to reenter the council meeting room. A motion to return to regular session was made by Councilman Sinegal; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

A motion to approve the execution of the agreement, as enunciated by the Joint Stipulations and the Stipulated Judgment concerning Acadiana Water and Sewer, Inc., with the Mayor’s signature; second by Councilman Babineaux; motion approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candice L Baque
Assistant City Clerk