



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017 6:00 PM
CARENCRO CITY HALL
210 E. ST. PETER ST.
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA

Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Kim Guidry led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge Mayor Brasseaux asked for a moment of silence for our military service personnel and their families who have served and for those who continue to serve our country defending our freedoms.

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

Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Discuss election of Mayor Pro-Tem for 2017.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to appoint Councilmember Kim Guidry as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2017; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-001 pertaining to the levy of sales tax under item K-1.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to add Ordinance No. 2017-001; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux read the following Notice to the Public:

“Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the city hall, 210 E. St. Peter Street, Carencro, Louisiana, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana, plans to adopt an ordinance providing for the levy of a 1% sales and use tax in the town, pursuant to voter authorization at the December 10, 2016 election.”

Discuss the Act 605 of the Louisiana Legislature’s 2016 Regular Session which became effective January 1, 2017.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and public that Act 605 increased the Safe Drinking Water Fee from an annual \$3.20 per metered connection or account to \$12.00 per year per account. Previously the customer's billing showed a fee of .27 cents per month. Effective January 2017 the monthly billing will increase from .27 cents to \$1.00 per month. This fee is for the protection of safe drinking water and shall be used towards the following:

- *to comply with the provisions of existing law and the federal Safe Drinking Water Act

- *to offset the annual cost of the Louisiana Rural Water Association's Energy Conservation Program in an amount not to exceed \$500,000

- *to fund up to 40 sanitarian positions with LDH

This increase allows for providing of additional services to water systems at no extra cost. More information about Act 605 can be found on the website at www.legis.la.gov

Mayor Brasseaux introduced the following guest:

- *Brett Mellington, LEDA

- *Stacey Judice, Community Chronicles

PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on December 19, 2016; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the minutes of the special meeting of the Carencro City Council on January 11, 2017; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments regarding the monthly reports.

Police Chief Anderson recognized Officer Nathaniel Thibodeaux who was chosen by his peers in the 4th quarter of 2016 as "Officer of the Quarter". Officer Thibodeaux answered 424 calls for service and through his investigations made 21 arrests in which those arrests accounted for 100% of the Felony arrests and 90% of the Misdemeanor arrests. Chief Anderson congratulated Office Thibodeaux and thanked him for his dedication to the Carencro Police Department.

Chief Anderson recognized Asst. Police Chief Ronnie Richard as 2016 "Officer of the Year". Asst. Chief Richard has been with the Carencro Police Department for over 15 years, starting in the Patrol Division, and working his way through the Narcotics Division, Detectives, Evidence Custodian and Patrol Captain and in July 2016 he was promoted to Asst. Police Chief. Chief Anderson thanked Ronnie for a remarkable job running the department when former Police Chief Stout resigned and continues providing the best possible services to the citizens of Carencro. Chief Anderson thanked Ronnie for his excellent services and for also making his transition as Police Chief very easy.

Chief Anderson recognized Sgt. Grant Thorne. Sgt. Thorne has been with the Carencro Police department since February 2013. Sgt. Thorne was recently promoted to Shift Supervisor and has shown great leadership. Chief Anderson congratulated Sgt. Thorne on his promotion.

Chief Anderson introduced a new employee, Officer Derek Vanasselburg. Officer Vanasselburg brings 15 years of law enforcement experience. Chief Anderson welcomed Officer Vanasselburg to the Carencro Police department.

Mayor Brasseaux and the council congratulated all the officers for a job well done and welcomed Officer Vanasselburg to the City of Carencro. Mayor Brasseaux also congratulated Chief Anderson on becoming the newly elected Police Chief without any opposition.

Fire Chief Don Chauvin informed the Mayor and Council that Firefighters Holden Leon and Dusty Meyers participated in a Mass Casualty drill conducted at the Acadian Ambulance training facility. The Carencro Fire Department was the only truck that showed up from the surrounding areas. Students from Lafayette High School's Health Academy received high level of instruction in a realistic environment. They also participated as victims and gained a new found respect for their chosen field of study.

Mayor Brasseaux took the opportunity since the majority of the audience was firefighters attending to thank them for everything they do to protect and serve the citizens of Carencro and surrounding areas. He also thanked their families for supporting their firefighters.

UPDATES: Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and public regarding:

New Sewer Treatment Plant- The city is still waiting for the Legislature to fund our Capital Outlay projects which needs \$4.7 million dollars for the new Sewer Treatment Plant. The \$2,872,400 in the Capital Outlay Budget for the city's sewer infrastructure has been approved by the state. The \$2,770,000 which is in propriety 5 for the city needs to get in propriety one during the next legislative session. Now that the sales tax has been passed by the voters, the engineers can start working again on the design plans. The sales tax revenues will help pay for the cost of the design phase since the loan from USDA will not cover this expense. This project started in 2011 and the construction phase will probably take another two/three years before it will actually begin.

One Cent Sales Tax: The City of Carencro thanks the citizens for passing this very much needed sales tax. The collection of this tax will start in April 2017.

Water Wells and Water Plant on East Side of I-49: The design plans are complete and the application has been submitted to DHH for a Revolving loan to build a new plant which will cost around \$5 million dollars. Mr. Jerry Osbourne with Foley & Judell has been contacted to discuss funding for this project.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2017-001: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2016/2017 General Fund operating budget by providing an additional \$12,500.00 to the Fire Department salary line item.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-001; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Resolution 2017-002: A resolution of the Carencro City Council accepting the recorded plat of survey for the property located on the corner of St. Charles Street and St. John Street.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-002; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Resolution 2017-003: A resolution of the Carencro City Council supporting the “I-49 Lafayette Connector”.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public that an open public meeting about the I-49 Lafayette Connector will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 beginning at 6:30 pm at Lafayette’s Downtown library.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-003; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Resolution 2017-004: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2016/2017 General Fund operating budget by providing an additional \$10,073.00 to the inmates labor line item.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-004; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2017-001: An ordinance providing for the levy within the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana, effective April 1, 2017, of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax (the “Tax”) upon the sale of retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said city, the tax having been authorized at a special election held in the city on December 10, 2016.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2017-001; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2016-019: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council limiting the number of fireworks stands operating within the City of Carencro.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council and the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-019; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2016-020: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council prohibiting vehicles with more than three axels from traveling or parking along Railroad Avenue.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council and the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Richard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-020; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2016-021: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the purchase of the Arceneaux property.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council and the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-021; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

DISCUSSIONS:

Carencro Mardi Gras Association requesting permission to host the Carencro Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, February 18, 2017.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that the parade will begin at 11 a.m. starting at Carencro High School and then travel down University Avenue ending at Debutante passed the Carencro Community Center. The roads will close at 10 a.m. that morning. Information about the parade and registration can be found on the website at www.carencromardi grasassociation.com

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion granting permission to the Carencro Mardi Gras Association to host the Carencro Mardi Gras parade on Saturday, February 18, 2017; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Discuss appointed Fire Chief vacant position.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public that this position became vacant when Fire Chief Don Chauvin accepted the position as City Manager for the City of Carencro. After much discussion with Chief Chauvin they decided to recommend David Mouton who is currently a Fire Captain with the Lafayette Fire Department with 25 years of experience. A large number of firefighters attended the meeting in support of Mr. David Mouton.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to appoint David Mouton to fill the vacant Fire Chief position; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Mr. David Mouton approached the Mayor and Council and thanked them for their vote of confidence in him. He thanked his family for their support as well as the firefighters attending the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Stephen Ortego, residing at 107 E. St. Peter Street approached the Mayor and Council stating that the council should follow the rules and regulations of the Land Use Ordinances which they passed. They should be enforced fairly for all business owners. Mr. Ortego informed them that he is residing at the above address.

Mayor Brasseaux informed Mr. Ortego that the Land Use Ordinances are being enforced. At the time of the adjacent business property owner's review, all city and state's permits filed at city hall indicated that Mr. Ortego's "residence" was listed as a "commercial" property therefore the surrounding businesses are in compliance.

With no further comments, Councilmember Richard made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Babineaux seconded; motion approved.

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro