



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016 6:00 PM
CARENCRO CITY HALL
210 E. ST. PETER ST.
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA

Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Councilmember J. L. Richard 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:

Mayor Brasseaux reminder the council and the public that the Carencro Country Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Carencro Community Center from 9 am till 4 pm. The Carencro Lions Club will be hosting the Carencro Children's Christmas parade that will begin at 2 pm. Everyone is invited to attend both events.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that the sales tax election notice has been submitted via email to the citizens of Carencro that registered to receive email notices from the city. Information about the sales tax election notice will also be posted on the website which is www.carencro.org.

Mayor Brasseaux stated that Carencro High School Football is still in the playoffs and will be playing this Friday, November 25, 2016 at Carencro High School against Neville High School who ranks #1. Mayor Brasseaux and the council congratulated the CHS football team on their success thus far this year and wished them good luck in route to the "dome" and the state championship.

Mayor Brasseaux introduced the following guest:

*Brett Mellington, LEDA

PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on October 17, 2016; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Richard motioned to adopt the minutes of the Public Budget Hearing held on November 14, 2016; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments regarding the monthly reports with there being none.

UPDATES: City Manager Jay Castille 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. Also the election of the sales tax needs to pass by the voters. Once the city receives all monies and the sales tax is approved by the voters then the design phase can start for this project.

One Cent Sales Tax: The City of Carencro will be proposing a one cent sales tax on the December 10, 2016 ballot. The city will be working on different avenues of communicating to the citizens the importance of passing this one cent sales tax. This sales tax will generate revenues to repay the 40 year \$23 million loan to build the new sewer treatment facility. It would be beneficial for the citizens to vote and pass the tax as opposed to increasing the minimum sewer rates an additional \$65.00 per month on top of the current rate of \$20.25 per customer for a minimum total rate of \$85.25 just for sewer usage. Residents living outside the city limits that will be shopping in Carencro will help pay for the facility by increasing revenues through the sales tax. Approximately two thirds of the sales tax will used to pay the note on the Sewer Treatment Facility with a portion dedicated to the Fire and Police department.

Richard Street Hazard Mitigation Project: This project is completed with the exception of a punch list with minor items that need to be done.

St. Anne Drainage Project: This project is completed with the exception of an area of the road that has been damaged but is being repaired by the contractor.

Gaston Coulee Project: This project is completed with the exception of a punch list with minor items. The Arceneaux road culvert has been completed as well.

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 \$4.5 million dollars.

Carencro Indoor Recreation Complex: Architect Lynn Guidry gave a brief update. The project has been completed with a punch list of minor items. This list will not prevent the building from been used.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2016-029: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to enter into an Intergovernmental agreement with the Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Project No. 1786-055-0002, FEMA 1786-DR-LA Project No. 0089 for Phase Two of the Andre Street Drainage Project.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-029; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2016-018: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances, Chapter 30, "Floods".

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-018; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2016-014: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting an operational budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2017 and adopting an amended operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2016.

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. 2016-014; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2016-015: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Ordinance No. 2009-009 by deleting Section 3 in its entirety providing that dealers shall not be allowed to take compensation in accounting for and remitting the tax levied by Ordinance No. 2009-009.

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. 2016-015; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2016-016: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing an amendment to Section 9.03 of the City of Carencro's Sales and Use Tax Ordinance adopted effective June 1, 1967.

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. 2016-016; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2016-017: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing an amendment to Section 9.3 of the City of Carencro's Sales and Use Tax Ordinance adopted effective July 1, 1993.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council and the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-017; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

DISCUSSIONS:

Discuss PARC's per diem.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Councilmember Boudreaux. Councilmember Boudreaux stated that as a former PARC board member this position is a volunteer position which did not get per diems during his tenure. The desire to serve on this board is to serve the community in providing recreation activities. Several years ago the PARC Chairman approached the Mayor and council seeking per diems for their involvement. During that time with the economy providing sufficient revenues it was approved to give the PARC Chairman \$2,000.00 per month with officers receiving \$250.00 and board members \$125.00 per month. The city has made some cutbacks for this year's budget due to the declining economy and loss of revenues and he felt that PARC should do the same. Councilmember Boudreaux suggested that the Chairman of PARC reduce his per diem to \$1,300.00 per month and the officer who handles the Mercredi Show events would receive an increase up to \$300.00 per month while the remaining board members at this time would not receive any compensation. This would save PARC \$19,800.00 per year in which those funds would be dedicated to recreation.

PARC Commissioner Tom Meyers approached the Mayor and Council stating that the per diems should not be taken away from the board members. He stated that the valuable time that the board members gives should be compensated especially with the new sports complex that is now opened.

Discuss the 2016/2016 amended budget for PARC and Pelican and the 2016/2017 proposed budget for PARC, Pelican Park and the Carencro Sports Complex.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion and seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux to discuss the PARC budget. At this time Councilmember Boudreaux made an amendment to amend PARC's budget by reducing the per diem's line item in the amount of \$19,800.00; seconded by Councilmember Richard. Amendment approved. Original motion as amended was approved.

Discuss appointments that are expiring December 1, 2016 for the Parks and Recreation Commission Board. The three appointments are:

1. Vacant seat which is appointed by the Council due to the resignation of David Anderson upon his appointment as Police Chief. This term expires on December 1, 2017.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that Mr. Todd Olivier and Mr. Kyle Arceneaux both submitted a letter showing an interest in serving on the board. Both candidates approached the council and said a few words showing their interest in serving.

Councilmember Babineaux nominated Mr. Todd Olivier to fulfill the vacant seat.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to close the nomination; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

2. Dylan Schott's term on PARC is set to expire on December 1, 2016. Dylan is a Mayor's appointment. Mayor Brasseaux stated that he spoke with Mr. Schott and that Dylan is interested in serving another term on PARC. Mayor Brasseaux appointed Mr. Dylan Schott.
3. Ms. Sarah Menard whose term expires on December 1, 2016. Mayor Brasseaux stated that Ms. Sarah Menard was interested in continuing to serve.

Councilmember Babineaux nominated Mr. Kyle Arceneaux. Councilmember Sinegal nominated Ms. Sarah Menard.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to close the nomination; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked each councilmember to state who they would like to appoint:

Councilmember Boudreaux:	Kyle Arceneaux
Councilmember Richard:	Kyle Arceneaux
Councilmember Babineaux:	Kyle Arceneaux
Councilmember Guidry:	Kyle Arceneaux
Councilmember Sinegal:	Sarah Menard

Mr. Kyle Arceneaux was appointed.

Mr. Jesse Conques of MossRose Gardens Residential Development on Kate Road, Carencro, La., requesting an additional one year extension that will expire in January 2017.

Mr. Conques was unable to attend the meeting but Mayor Brasseaux stated spoke with Mr. Conques and he agreed to follow all new subdivision requirements.

Councilmember Richard made a motion granting the one year extension in MossRose Gardens residential development with stipulations; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Jason Guidry residing at 317 Ira Street approached the Mayor and Council inquiring how the one cent sales tax election came about. Mayor Brasseaux informed Mr. Guidry that the project actually started in 2011. Due the growth within the city limits of Carencro, state agencies such as the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Health and Hospital (DHH) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandates certain requirements for the quality of services the city provides to the citizens. Any government agency that does not follow these rules and regulations would incur huge penalties and fines. The sewer pond and the Manola treatment plant have reached their capacity. The City's engineer along with Water/Wastewater Supervisor Buster Broussard and the city's administration have done extensive research which takes into consideration future growth and any future requirements that would be mandated by the state agencies. So to eliminate getting the penalties and fines and for the betterment of the citizens and due to the expensive cost of building a new sewer treatment plant the option of proposing a one cent sales tax as opposed to increasing the sewer services fees (by three times the amount being paid right now) seems to be the best option.

Mr. Anthony Guidry, residing at 131 Ira Street approached the Mayor and Council inquiring if the budget could be posted on the website. He also asked if the website could be user friendly such as adding a link for a specific topic. This would allow individuals looking for certain information to find it easier.

Mayor Brasseaux informed Mr. Guidry that at this time we are updating the city's website. He will look into placing the budget on the website so that the citizens can view it.

Mr. Guidry owns mobile home lots on Ira Street and complained about the city ordinances dealing with mobile homes being too strict. He also complained about the restrictions pertaining to utilities for new subdivision developments. Mr. Guidry suggested the city impose impact fees for all new developments.

Ms. Lorna Crevier, residing at 400 St. Pierre Blvd approached the Mayor and Council also inquiring about the one cent sales tax in which the Mayor answered her questions. She also suggested the city should impose impact fees for new developments. Ms. Crevier complained to the council about the condition of the coulee on the side of her house filled with trash and boxes in which that section of the coulee is not in the city limits. She also inquired about the retention pond at Settler's Cove. She stated that the pond is holding water. City Engineer Luke Hebert informed Ms. Crevier that it was designed that way and the water in the pond is normal as long as it is not above the outfall drainage pipe.

Mayor Brasseaux wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Babineaux seconded; motion approved.

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro