



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 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 Antoine Babineaux 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, J. L. Richard and Alfred Sinegal

Absent: Councilmember Kim Guidry

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux asked for a motion to amend the agenda adding item M-1 pertaining to the preliminary plat approval for Connolly Park.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the Council that this item needs to be added to the agenda to move the project forward as it was overlooked when the agenda was finalized. The required letters notifying all property owners within 300 feet were sent out by LCG's Planning, Zoning & Code Department stating the date, time and place of the meeting for the preliminary plat approval.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to amend the agenda adding item M-1; seconded by Councilmember Richard; Councilmember Sinegal abstain; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Ms. Candyce Perret, a candidate for Judge in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Perret commented on her candidacy.

Mayor Brasseaux read a news release from FEMA encouraging Louisiana Homeowners to buy flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). NFIP provides affordable flood insurance to homeowners, condo owners, business owners and renters. The average annual flood insurance policy costs about \$700 per year and properties located in moderate-to low-risk areas may qualify for lower-cost Preferred Risk Policy rates which may be as low as \$150 per year. FEMA assistance is not the

same as insurance. Assistance only provides the basic needs for a home to be habitable which insurance covers more damages. NFIP payments are not dependent on state or federal disaster declarations. To learn more about any property's flood risk, estimate an NFIP premium or located an insurance agent who sells flood insurance please visit the website at www.floodsmart.gov.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Mr. Ted Johnson, Entergy Customer Service Representative who gave a brief overview of recent upgrades to Entergy's Transmission, Distribution and Substation located in Carencro. These upgrades will provide better power quality to the citizens of Carencro and surrounding areas. An upcoming AMI initiative will allow Entergy to receive notifications and alerts immediately to resolve the issues quicker.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the Council and public at next month's council meeting to be held on April 17, 2017, LCG Revenue Evaluations/Finance Liaison Committee will give a presentation regarding the evaluations of revenues, millages, subsidies, expenses and immediate needs of the Parish of Lafayette. Mayor Brasseaux encouraged everyone to attend as some of the items pertain to drainage issues, recreation, fire protection and other issues within the entire parish.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guest:

- *Jay Castille, LCG Councilmember District 2
- *Brett Mellington-LEDA

PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on February 20, 2017; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

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

Mayor Brasseaux informed the Council and public that Detective Chad Primeaux and Sgt. Trent Walker attended a nationally recognized school of Interview and Interrogation and Child Abduction Rapid Deployment Training. For the month of February, all officers have attended approximately 140 hours of training. On the first Tuesday of each month, citizens are invited to come and have a cup of coffee with Chief Anderson and the officers at McDonald's in Carencro from 7 am till 8:30 am.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the Council and public that during the rescue operations in Youngsville caused by the extreme flooding in August 2016, it became apparent that a larger vehicle would be better suited for operations in an urban setting. The Fire department conducted a search and purchased a military truck. Mr. Bobby Badon generously donated over \$2,000 to purchase the emergency lighting for this vehicle affectionately named the HULK. The Mayor, Councilmembers and the Carencro Fire Department are truly grateful for his support!

UPDATES:

Flood damaged home located at 205 N. St. John Street: City Manager Don Chauvin informed the council that this home was flooded during the 2012 flood. The issue was contacting the owners of the property. The owner was protected under the Soldiers and Sailors Act which protects property owners on deployment. Mr. Chauvin stated that he received a phone call recently saying that the bank has possession of the home and is researching their options as what to do with the house. He will keep the council informed with updates on this project.

St. Anne Drainage Phase IIB: City Manager Don Chauvin stated that the bid packages have been sent to contractors. The pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 11:30 am at city hall. The bid opening will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 2 pm at city hall.

Post Road Channel Improvements: City Manager Don Chauvin stated that the advertisements for bids will be on March 15th, 22nd, and the 29th. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled at city hall for Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 10:00 am. The bid opening will be held at city hall on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 2 pm.

Water Tower: Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public the issues the city is experiencing with the water tower located on Eloise Road. This tower is a 500,000 gallon tank while the tower located on Andre Street is a 300,000 gallon tank. Eloise water tower tank has been drained so the interior can be cleaned, repainted and updated to meet Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH) standards. Although Andre Street water tower is keeping up with heavy demands which are normally shared by both towers, the iron sediment in the predominately old pipes is being stirred up. The City of Carencro's water has always contained heavy iron content. Our city water is tested regularly by DHH; it meets all their standards and is safe to drink even though it may be discolored. We apologize for this inconvenience and ask for your patience until this situation is resolved. The upgrades and maintenance should be completed by mid-April.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2017-008: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2016/2017 General Fund operating budget by providing and additional \$25,000.00 to the police department uniform line item.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that the monies will be transferred from the General Police special account.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-008; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Resolution 2017-009: A resolution of the Carencro City Council approving the completion of the Louisiana Audit Compliance questionnaire for the year 2016 with stated answers and authorizing forwarding of same to the city auditor.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-009; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Resolution 2017-010: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2016/2017 General fund operating budget by providing \$4,000.00 to the City Planner line item.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-010; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2017-003: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council prohibiting vehicles with three axles or more from traveling or parking along designated city streets.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for a motion to amend the title by changing the word “three axles” to “two axles”. He recommended this change per complaints he received from Home Owners Associations within the city limits.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to amend the title per the Mayor’s recommendation; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2017-003 as amended; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2017-004: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the City Administration to designate certain Natural Gas customers as commercial users and to establish a commercial rate by which to compute billing for such commercial users.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2017-004; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2017-002: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council requiring residential developments to create and maintain a “Homeowners Association” within the city limits of the City of Carencro, Louisiana.

Mayor Brasseaux asked that Ordinance No. 2017-002 be tabled until next month’s council meeting as it is not ready at this time for final adoption.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to tabled Ordinance No. 2017-002; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Preliminary plat approval of Connolly Park, a Commercial Development located in Section 96 & 97, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana by Watson- Ricks Engineering, LLC.

City Manager Don Chauvin gave a brief overview of City Engineer Luke Hebert's report as well as LCG's Planning, Zoning and Code department's report. Mr. Chauvin recommended granting preliminary plat approval based upon the city's engineers recommendations.

Mr. James Ricks with Watson-Ricks Engineering was present at the meeting and confirmed that he had received the report from the city's engineer Mr. Hebert and had no objections to making the changes per the recommendations of the city engineer in order to be in compliance with the city's ordinances.

Mrs. Nick Hargrave, residing at 201 Hector Connolly stated that she is already having issues getting out of her driveway due to heavy traffic. She is concerned with the new Walmart and FedEx opening soon and then this new development that traffic issues will increase. Mayor Brasseaux informed Mrs. Hargrave that the city understands her issues and are just as concern and will contact the local Louisiana DOTD District Office.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approval preliminary plat approved based on the recommendations by the city engineer; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; Councilmember Sinegal abstained; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Miss Beau Fisher in regards to the Carencro Community Garden.

Miss Fisher presented a slideshow presentation to the Mayor and Council on the Carencro Community Garden. Due to technical difficulties at last month's meeting, Mayor Brasseaux invited Ms. Fisher back to show her presentation. Once again, she thanked the Mayor and Council for their continuing support in achieving her awards through Girls Scout.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

With no further comments, Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Sinegal 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