



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 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 L. J. Boudreaux 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 asked for a motion to amend the agenda adding a discussion item about the Lafayette Parish Visitors Enterprise Fund.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to amend the agenda adding the discussion item; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux announced that the City of Carencro was approved for the FY 2017 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) in the amount of \$769,900.00. These funds will be used to improve the city's wastewater collection system by upgrading the Arceneaux Road lift station and raising the elevations of integral equipment above the 100-year base flood elevation for this lift station and the Francois Street lift station, as well as including videoing and points of repairs to deficient sewer mains.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the LCG Revenue Evaluations/Finance Liaison Committee present to do a presentation regarding Lafayette parishes' needs. The committee members present were LCG Revenue Evaluations/Finance Liaison Committee Chairperson Kenneth Boudreaux representing District 4, LCG Councilmember Jay Castille representing District 2 and LCG Councilmember Bruce Conques representing District 6.

The committee members did a presentation on the evaluation of the Lafayette Parish Property Taxes. In comparison with other parishes, Lafayette Parish ranks 50th in total parish millage out of 64 parishes in Louisiana. The total property tax millage is dedicated millage for Roads & Bridges, Drainage Maintenance, Courthouse & Jail, Health/Mosquito/Animal, Detention Correction Facility and Juvenile Detention. Unfortunately the dedicated property taxes are inadequate to fund the basic Parish Government Operations which has caused huge deficiencies in the budget. Funding for the Volunteer Fire Department's Supplemental Aid has been reduced as well as 20% across all departments and divisions at LCG. There are no property taxes dedicated for fire protection or recreation in the unincorporated areas of Lafayette Parish. The committee members have been attending council meetings within the parishes of Lafayette to inform all elected officials as well as the public the issues that LCG is facing regarding the needs of the parishes.

Mayor Brasseaux thanked LCG Councilmembers Jay Castille and Kevin Naquin along with the entire LCG government for securing funds to improve drainage on Coulee Mine. This has improved some of the drainage issues within the city limits of Carencro which is why the city's administration continues to look for resources to enhance the drainage issues for the betterment of the citizens.

LCG Chairperson Kenneth Boudreaux informed the Mayor and Council that the drainage maintenance budget for 2016/2017 is experiencing a budget shortfall and is predicting a greater shortfall for the budget year of 2017/2018. The situation with LCG's budget shortfall will have a serious impact against Carencro in our fight together against drainage issues along with the remaining Lafayette parishes.

A summit will be held in the fall hosted by the LCG Revenue Evaluations/Finance Liaison committee members inviting all Mayors, Councilmembers and Police Chiefs from all Lafayette Parish municipalities to attend so that together they can discuss ideas to help resolve the issue.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the Lafayette Parish School Board (LPSS) members present to discuss the proposed ½ cent sales tax. Present were LPSS Superintendent Dr. Donald Aguillard, LPSS Board Member Tommy Angelle representing District 2 and Chief Administrator Officer Joe Craig.

Superintendent Dr. Auguillard and LPSS Board Member Tommy Angelle addressed the Mayor, Councilmembers and the public that on April 29, 2017 the Parish Wide School Board Proposition of the ½ cent sales tax for ten years will be on the ballot. This tax will be on the sales of retails but not collected on food or prescription drugs. This ½ cent sales tax will be dedicated to acquiring and/or improving lands for building sites and playgrounds, purchasing, erecting and/or improving schools and school related facilities within Lafayette Parish. In all 248 temporary metal classrooms will be eliminated from campuses across Lafayette Parish through replacement with permanent school structures. The LPSS board members want to insure that every child is receiving the best education in a safe and security environment. Dr. Augillard stated that Carencro Heights is the oldest school facility in Lafayette Parish which was built in 1958. The LPSS board

members reviewed the needs of all schools and prioritized those with the greatest need and if this tax passes Carencro Heights will have a brand new school. Dr. Augillard and LPSS Board Member Tommy Angelle encouraged the Mayor, the councilmembers and the public to vote in favor of this ½ cent sales tax.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guest:

*Jay Castille, LCG Councilmember District 2

*Brett Mellington-LEDA

PROCLAMATION:

A Proclamation by the Carencro City Council declaring the month of April as Fair Housing Month.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve the proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

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

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

Mayor Brasseaux informed the public that at the grand opening of Walmart held on April 5, 2017, a check was presented to the Carencro Fire Department Association in the amount of \$1,000.00. Fire Chief David Mouton along with several firefighters were present to accept this generous donation.

UPDATES:

Flood damaged home located at 205 N. St. John Street: City Manager Don Chauvin informed the council that this home was protected under the Soldiers and Sailors Act which protects property owners on deployment. Mr. Chauvin stated that the bank has possession of the home and has been informed that the home is in violation of FEMA's guidelines. The proceeding to either repair or demolish the home has begun.

St. Anne Drainage Phase IIB: City Manager Don Chauvin stated that the bid opening was held on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 2 pm at city hall. The low bidder was Cecil Perry Improvements, LLC in the amount of \$130,000.00

Post Road Channel Improvements: City Manager Don Chauvin stated that bid opening has been postponed until April 25, 2017, 2:00 pm at city hall due to amendments pertaining to the concrete handling.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2017-011: A resolution by the Carencro City Council supporting the ½ cent 10-year sales tax dedicated to funding infrastructure and maintenance in the Lafayette Parish School System.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-011; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; Councilmember Sinegal abstained due to working as a part time employee of the school board; motion approved.

Resolution 2017-012: A resolution declaring the intention of the governing authority of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana (the “City”), to issue in the name of the city, taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000) for the purpose of constructing and acquiring additions and improvements to the waterworks system of the city, a work of public improvement of the city, including appurtenant equipment, accessories and properties, both real and personal; generally describing said Utilities Revenue Bonds and the security therefor; authorizing the newspaper publication of a notice of such intention setting forth a date and time when said governing authority will meet in open and public session to hear any objections to the proposed issuance of such bonds; applying to the State Bond Commission for the approval of the issuance of the bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-012; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Resolution 2017-013: A resolution of the Carencro City Council proclaiming April 17-22, 2017 as National Community Development Week.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-013; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2017-005: An ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement by and between the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana, and the I-49 Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, providing for certain matters regarding the payment of operating expenses of a water system to be financed by the issuance of bonds of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2017-005; 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 called for comments from the council and the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-002; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

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

Mayor Brasseaux asked that the title of Ordinance No. 2017-003 be amended to read as:

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

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to amend the title of Ordinance No. 2017-003 to read as above; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux called for comments from the council and the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-003; 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.

Mayor Brasseaux asked that the title of Ordinance No. 2017-004 be amended to read as:

Ordinance No. 2017-004: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the City Administration to categorize Natural Gas customers as commercial and residential users and to establish a separate rate schedule for each category.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to amend the title of Ordinance No. 2017-004 to read as above; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux called for comments from the council and the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-004; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

DISCUSSIONS:

Discuss the Lafayette Parish Visitors Enterprise Fund.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public that he has been working on grant monies to build a pavilion behind city hall to host the Cultural District events. The city has been awarded \$18,500 through the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP). The total project is around \$35,000. Mayor Brasseaux stated that he was approached by Ben Berthelot, President & CEO of the Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission. Mr. Berthelot informed Mayor Brasseaux that grant monies can be applied

through the Lafayette Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund. These grants are given to Non-profit and governmental entities that are trying to enhance its arts and culture activities along with cultural tourism within the community.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for a motion from the council granting him authorization to proceed with applying for the grant and to execute all documents necessary to effect the completion of the herein stated project.

Councilmember Richard made a motion granting Mayor Brasseaux authorization to proceed with the Lafayette Parish Visitors Enterprise Fund grant and to execute all documents necessary to complete the project; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro