



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 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. Mayor Brasseaux asked that we offer our thoughts and prayers to Todd Arceneaux, a city employee that was in a car accident on Sunday and is currently in the hospital.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add approval of the audit reports for the City of Carencro and Parks and Recreation Commission of Carencro, Inc.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to amend the agenda adding the approval of the audit reports for the city and PARC; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public that Mr. Tom Carroll, Director of the Public Works Department with Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) announced today that Auburn Drive between Albert Street and Clo Drive will be closed starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 until Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 9 a.m. The closure is necessary for drainage infrastructure construction being performed in the neighborhood. This drainage construction is part of the Coulee Mine project that LCG has been working on for several years. Detour routes will be available.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public about "8 Days of Hope", an event that will be held from June 4-11, 2017, in rebuilding 300 homes in 8 days in Acadiana. The organization is seeking volunteers in all trades to donate their time and talent in rebuilding homes that were damaged in the flood of August 2016. You can also donate

monies that will cover building materials, food, utilities, etc. To learn more about volunteering or donating, please visit any Iberia Bank location or via the website at eightdaysofhope.com or loveacadiana.com.

Mayor Brasseaux read a letter from Ms. Monica Scott, Executive Director of Lafayette Council on Aging, Inc. in regards to a recent investigation report in Baton Rouge about the Executive Director of the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, Inc. that brought a 94 year old client to an attorney (a member of the Board of Directors of the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, Inc.) for the purpose of drafting and filing a will. In that will, the Executive Director was named Executor of the Estate and was to receive a monthly payment of \$500.00 for her services for a period of 21 years when the last heir would reach the age of 30 years old. Over a period of 21 years as Executor, the Executive Director would have received an amount that would have been in excess of \$120,000.00. When the client passed away in March 2017, the family members were unaware that their mother/grandmother had executed any will, much less the one that was filed. Ms. Scott wanted to provide assurance to the Parish President, Mayors, Members of the Council and the Lafayette Parish Legislative delegation that neither she nor any members of her staff or the Board of Directors would provide information or assist in drafting a will or any end of life decision for any of their clients. Ms. Scott wanted to emphasize that what happened in East Baton Rouge will not and does not happen with the Lafayette Council on Aging, Inc. Their main function is to be the number one advocate of all senior citizens in Lafayette Parish.

Mayor Brasseaux announced that today, May 15th is National Police Officers Memorial Day. Flags are flown at half-staff in memory of those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guest:

*Jay Castille, LCG Councilmember District 2

PROCLAMATION:

A Proclamation honoring Mr. Kirk Martin.

Mayor Brasseaux read a proclamation honoring Mr. Kirk Martin for his dedication and inspiration to youths involved in 4-H. Mr. Martin was recently inducted in the 4-H Hall of Fame.

Mr. Martin, his wife Melanie and one of their daughters Shelley with two of their grandchild were present at the meeting. Mayor Brasseaux presented Mr. Martin with a key from the City of Carencro. Mayor Brasseaux and the council congratulated him and thanked him for his leadership to the many children involved in 4-H.

Mr. Stan Dutile and Ms. Hannah Devall, 4-H agents were also present at the meeting.

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on April 17, 2017; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Councilmember Richard motioned to adopt the minutes of the special meeting of the Carencro City Council on May 1, 2017; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

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

Police Chief Anderson was expecting to introduce a new employee, Officer Logan Duplechain but unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting due to other obligations. Chief Anderson informed the Mayor, council and the public that on June 12, 2017 from 6 p.m. till 7 p.m. a “Walk across Acadiana” will be held by all local police departments within Lafayette Parish with the motto of “Connecting with our Community One Person at a Time”. The walk will be within the neighborhoods of the Carencro community to enhance the relationship between the police department and the citizens of Carencro. For further details you can contact the Carencro Police Department at 337-896-6132.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that Fire Chief David Mouton was unable to attend the meeting due to family obligations. Per Chief Mouton’s report, the Carencro Fire department loaned Carencro Heights three sets of firefighting gear so the teachers could race to one end, put on the gear, and then ride a small tricycle back while wearing the bulky gear to the finish line. This was put on for a testing pep rally to motivate the kids and prepare them for the leap test. The relay race was called “Set the test on Fire”.

UPDATES:

Flood damaged home located at 205 N. St. John Street: City Manager Don Chauvin informed the council that their 30 day notice to respond with their actions regarding the home has expired today. Don will start the condemnation process this week.

St. Anne Drainage Phase IIB: City Manager Don Chauvin stated this project is set to begin when school lets out for the summer. This is being done in consideration as not to interfere with the school bus routes along St. Anne Road. This project will take about a week to complete.

Post Road Channel Improvements: City Manager Don Chauvin stated the bid opening was held on April 25, 2017 and has been awarded to the low bidder, Merrick, LLC out of Cottonport, La.

Ira Street: City Manager Don Chauvin informed the council that Ira Street will close after school lets out for the summer to replace culverts along Ira Street. This is also in connection with the Coulee Mine Project that LCG is working on.

Police Chief Anderson offered to put up the message board along Ira Street and St. Anne to inform drivers of the upcoming road closures.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2017-015: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2016/2017 Utility Fund budget by providing \$44,000.00 for the purchase of a 2012 310SK John Deere Backhoe.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-015; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Resolution 2017-016: A resolution by the Carencro City Council accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit report and setting actions to maintain permit requirements (LA000020150) Post Road

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-016; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Resolution 2017-017: A resolution of the Carencro City Council abandoning the dedication of Mozart Drive in Gayle Acres Subdivision, Carencro, Louisiana.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-017; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Resolution 2017-018: A resolution of the Carencro City Council supporting the expeditious completion of H.003459, La. 726 at I-49 Frontage Road, Carencro, Louisiana.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-018; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2017-006: A General bond ordinance authorizing the issuance from time to time of Utilities Revenue bonds of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form and certain terms and conditions of said bonds including a rate covenant relating thereto; establishing funds and accounts relating to said bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2017-006; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2017-007: A First Series bond ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$5,500,000 of taxable Utilities Revenue bonds, Series 2017, of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana, in accordance with the terms of the General Bond ordinance; prescribing the form and certain terms and conditions of said bonds; and providing for others matters in connection therewith.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2017-007; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2017-008: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the City of Carencro to purchase immovable property and associated property rights for the installation of a sewer lift station.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2017-008; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2017-009: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the purchase of certain immovable property needed for the Andre Street Drainage and Utility Improvement project.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2017-009; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

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.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Preliminary plat approval of Moss Bluff Phase III, A Single Family Residential Development, located in Section 100 Township 8 South, Range 4 East, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.

Valerie Bosset, Planning Administrator, gave a brief overview of her report and recommended preliminary plat approval with conditions as stated in her report as well as conditions that were included in the City Engineer's report.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to grant preliminary plat approval based on Planning Administrator Valerie Bosset's recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Discuss investments with Morgan Stanley.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that currently the city has some investments with Morgan Stanley that formally was Smith Barney. In the past we had a representative that would stay in contact with City Clerk Gwen Martin. Since Morgan Stanley has taken over the accounts there has been no representative locally to service us if needed. We have spoken with the city's auditors who advised the Mayor that he has the authority to move the funds as long as they are within the guidelines and stipulations of investments for government entities. Mayor Brasseaux is asking the council to grant him permission to move the funds locally where we will have a representative to serve the city's needs.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion granting the Mayor permission to move the funds locally with a representative that will serve the city needs; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Discussion to approve the City of Carencro and PARC's audit report.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve the audit report as presented by the City's Auditors, Burton and Brad Kolder; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to approve the audit report as presented by the City's Auditors, Burton and Brad Kolder; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro