



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 6:00 PM  
CARENCRO CITY HALL  
210 E. ST. PETER ST.  
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA

Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Councilmember Alfred Sinegal led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge Mayor Brasseaux asked for a moment of silence for our military service personnel, along with our veterans and their families who have served and for those who continue to serve our country defending our freedoms.

Attendance: Councilmembers Jordan Arceneaux, Antoine Babineaux, Danielle Capritto, Kim Guidry, and Alfred Sinegal

Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux asked for a motion to amend the agenda adding under Discussion #2: Metropolitan Planning Committee (MPO).

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to amend the agenda adding Discussion #2; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux commended the Carencro Cultural District committee on the success of the "Old Fashioned Christmas" held behind city hall in the pavilion. The event included the lighting of the Christmas tree with Santa Claus, caroling with cookies and hot chocolate being served. The Carencro Business Association held the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Carencro Country Christmas" at the Carencro Community Center. Both events were enjoyed by the many attending.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Carencro Middle School Principal Jeff Janette for being chosen by the Lafayette Parish School Board as "Middle School Principal" of the Year. Congratulations to Principal Janette for his outstanding school leadership!

Mayor Brasseaux recognized LCG District 2 Councilman Jay Castille who represented the City of Carencro for the last 12 years with Lafayette Consolidated Government. Mayor and councilmembers thanked Councilman Castille for his dedication to serving our city.

Mayor Brasseaux publicly thanked Lynn Guidry for his years of service on the Metropolitan Planning Committee. Lynn was very vocal in his position for the betterment of the community. He resigned from this position and asked the Mayor to assist him in replacing his position.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Brittany Deal with Lafayette Economic Development Authority for being named one of the honorees for the "20 under 40" Acadiana Leadership Awards presented by the Lafayette Daily Advertiser.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council about the Lafayette Transit System (LTS) Bus Route and the proposed new routes they are working on which will include a bus stop at Carencro's Walmart. City Manager Don Chauvin stated that LTS is asking the city

assistance in the operating cost which is around \$50,000.00 for the shortest route. Mayor Brasseaux is asking a representative with LTS to speak at the January council meeting.

PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the Public budget hearing of the Carencro City Council on November 18, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Councilmember Capritto motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on November 18, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Arceneaux motioned to approve the financial reports; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

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

Fire Chief David Mouton informed the Mayor and Council that Carencro Catholic School thanked them for allowing the "Hunk" to be auction for a ride around town. The fund raiser was very successful in raising money for the betterment of the students.

PARC Commissioner Tom Meyers informed the Mayor and Council that Park Director Jim Thibodeaux will be retiring and board member Brett Theriot resigned from his position. Therefore the council needs to find a replacement for Mr. Theriot's position and the search for a new park director will begin soon.

UPDATES: City Manager Don Chauvin gave the following updates:

Andre Street Drainage – Approximately 99% of construction is complete. Erosion control and fencing are all that remain and both are underway.

Hector Connolly Water Plant – Project is 91% complete with negotiations ongoing for change order processing and to determine a startup date.

Andre Street Bridge- Contractor is expecting delivery and installation of the concrete arch structure tomorrow. Coordination is in place with Entergy and ATT to de-energize the overhead lines above the structure during installation so minimal power disruption is expected.

Historic House/ Welcome Center- Steven Ortego reported that the chimney and roof is completed. Contractor Jeff Thompson informed the Mayor and Council that the house was out of plum but has been corrected. A short video was shown to everyone on the progress of the restoration. Mr. Ortego stated that he is working on putting together a video to document the entire progress from start to finish.

Woodland Trail/Pelican Park Drainage- PARC Chairman Tom Meyers stated that SLD's Engineer Chad Roussel will develop a long term plan for Pelican Park's drainage. It was promised that the drainage report would be delivered before tonight's meeting but it has not arrived.

Rampart St. Drainage – The bid opening occurred on October 8, 2019 with the bid awarded to SIEMA at \$49,883.50. SIEMA hired Champagne Companies in which they have begun to clear the brush at the dead-end of Pamela Drive. Marking of the ditch excavation lines on Pamela Drive will begin soon.

Street Overlay Project- City Engineers has submitted 65% of the plans. They are currently contacting LCG to inform them of our project should they wish to overlay some of the roads in the parish. Mayor Brasseaux informed the council the reason for this is because some of the roads such as Thoroughbred are in the city and parish. By joining forces with LCG this overlay project would include the entire street. He also informed

the council that regardless if LCG does not chose to overlay their portion of the road we will continue with our overlay within the city limits.

Sosthene Road Drainage Project—Notices to residents were mailed announcing a public hearing that was held at last month's council meeting for the proposed residential ditch digging. No residents showed up or contacted the city. This project is currently budgeted at \$70,000 in the 2019/2020 proposed budget.

Fireworks: City Manager Don Chauvin stated that on December 11, 2019 Asst. City Clerk Lisa Meche informed him of an application for a firework stand had been received for the Blast City location next to Burger King. The application was from a new vendor. At the same time Kenneth Duhon with the State Fire Marshal's Office arrived inquiring about the activity at the Blast City location. Lt. Duhon informed them that the previous owner is currently suspended from selling fireworks in Louisiana for five years due to illegal activity involving a fireworks warehouse. In 2016 the council passed an ordinance to regulate the number of fireworks stands to the number of stands authorized to operate during that year which was four (4). Don contacted City Attorney Jerry Mallet and his interpretation of the ordinance only applies to the number of stands allowed but not the ownership. If the ordinance did not intend to restrict the number to the specific, then currently authorized stands, then each annual application for the four allowable stands would be open to everyone. In the interest of fair competition this would require an extensive vetting and selection process. Or the city could elect to cease permitting and through attrition to eliminate them. Don also pointed out that the city only collects a \$200.00 permit fee but do not obtain an occupational license for each stand. As such the tax collector's office can't determine if the city receives any tax proceeds without a formal investigation. If the selection of who gets the four available stands were to require a selection process and subsequent permitting the man-hour cost would exceed the fees.

After much discussion Mayor Brasseaux recommended forming a committee which would consist of City Manager Don Chauvin, City Attorney Jerry Mallet, and Police Chief David Anderson as well as two members from the council. Councilmember Arceneaux and Capritto both volunteered.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to form a fireworks committee consisting of the city manager, city attorney, Police Chief and two councilmembers; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Councilmember Capritto made a motion not to grant a fireworks permit to the new application; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Faul's Wrecker Service location- Councilmember Guidry inquired about the status of this location. City Manager Don Chauvin informed the council that at the April 15, 2019 council member Mr. Glenn Faul came before the council and public with the history of the property located at 3830 N. University Ave. Mr. Faul assured the Mayor and Council that he has begun cleaning and clearing the site for a new business. Due to his efforts to follow the city's ordinances he was informed that he could come to city hall to apply for a temporary water connection, meet with the City Manager and the planning department to move forward with the proper procedures. On April 16, 2019 Mr. Faul came to city hall and set up the account for temporary water services. At the August 19, 2019 City Manager Don Chauvin gave an update reporting that he has been in contact with Mr. Faul in reference to the nature of his business. The business is in the overlay district therefore enforcing district codes. He informed Mr. Faul that a Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued until the business is in compliance. Several attempts have been made to contact Mr. Faul with no success.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion for City Manager Don Chauvin to provide Mr. Faul with notice requiring his attendance at the January 21, 2020 council meeting to inform the council of his business plans at the location of 3830 N. University in order to resolve this matter to the council's satisfaction. If the matter is not so resolved, he will be subject to termination of his temporary water services; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

## RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2019-031: A resolution of the Carencro City Council ratifying the motion made by Park and Recreation Commission, Inc. amending the by-laws of Parks and Recreation Commission of Carencro, Inc.

PARC Commissioner Tom Meyers informed the council that the amendment was to add (a) that any trustees that is absent for three (3) meeting in a consecutive twelve (12) months period shall be automatically referred to their appointing authority for removal form the Board of Trustees; and add (b) the trustees may be compensated with a monthly per diem for attending meeting as recommended by the Board and approved by the City Council.

After further discussion Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to remove (b) contingent upon approval by the PARC board; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Councilmember Sinegal approved Resolution 2019-031 as amended; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

FINAL ADOPTED ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2019-010: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances regarding approved drainage systems.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council and public. Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2019-010; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Preliminary and Final Plat approval No. 1 (Revised) for Warren Arceneaux property-Plot 2-A. A residential development located in the City of Carencro Section 34, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, Kate Road, Carencro, La.

Mayor Brasseaux asked if anyone was present representing this plat located in the 300 block of Kate Road. Mr. Brett Breaux approached the Mayor and Council representing this plat. He informed the council that the property was un-platted so it needs a legal description. His plans are to build a single-family dwelling.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion approving preliminary and final plat approved for Warren Arceneaux property; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Discuss appointments that are expiring on the Park and Recreation Commission Board. The following are:

Appointed by the Mayor-term expired December 1, 2019.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and public that he was able to speak with Mr. Schott. Mr. Schott could not commit to attending all the board meetings. Mayor Brasseaux also spoke with Mr. Brian Viator who was interested in serving on the board previously but currently is not interested due to other commitments. Mayor Brasseaux appointed Mr. Larry Breaux whose term begins immediately.

Appointed by the Council-term expired December 1, 2019 and vacant seat in which the term expires December 1, 2021.

Councilmember Capritto made a motion to appoint Norman Barashick for the term expiring December 1, 2021; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Mr. Barashick approached the Mayor and council thanking them for the opportunity to serve the community.

The vacant seat for term expiring December 1, 2020 appointed by the council will be added to next month's agenda.

Metropolitan Planning Committee (MPO):

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that he would like to recommend the following appointments on the MPO committees:

City Manager Don Chauvin to serve on the Transportation Policy Committee  
City Engineer Luke Hebert to serve on the Transportation Technical Committee

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation for the MPO committees; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Robert Richard residing at 135 Tison Road inquired about the hours that fireworks are allowed to be popped. City Manager Don Chauvin looked up the ordinance and gave Mr. Richard the timeframe allowed within the city limits.

Mayor Brasseaux wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year's.

PARC Commissioner Tom Meyers approach the Mayor and Council wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's on behalf of all the PARC board members.

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC  
City Clerk  
City of Carencro

Glenn L. Brasseaux  
Mayor  
City of Carencro