



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020 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 Danielle Capritto 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 thanked the Carencro Mardi Gras Association, Carencro Fire and Police Department, Carencro utility workers and Acadian Ambulance for a successful Mardi Gras parade. He commended the Carencro Mardi Gras Association and Police Chief David Anderson on the preparation and planning prior to the parade. He also commended City Manager Don Chauvin and the utility workers for a job well done on cleaning the streets on Sunday. City Manager Don Chauvin also thanked Pelican Waste for the trash boxes that were placed throughout the parade routes which help tremendously with the trash.

Recognize Ms. Rachel Godeaux with Acadiana Planning Commission presenting a proposal for public bus transit in the city limits of Carencro.

Mayor Brasseaux asked that this item be postponed due to the new administration and staff changes at Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG). This will allow them time to review this project and see if it is feasible.

GUESTS:

Ms. Brittney Deal, LEDA

Mr. Brian Tabor, Parish Councilmember LCG, District 1

Mr. Nathan Broussard, LCG Chief of Government Relations

PROCLAMATION:

A proclamation honoring Mrs. Effie Leger Roger Speyrer celebrating her 100th birthday on February 16, 2020.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and public that he attended a birthday party held on Sunday, February 16, 2020 and presented her with the proclamation.

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on January 21, 2020; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to approve the financial reports as presented; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

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

Police Chief David Anderson reported that the Carencro Mardi Gras parade had 78 floats with about 80,000 people attending. They had 92 officers with only 2 arrests. Traffic after the parade went very smoothly and quickly.

PARC Commissioner Tom Meyers informed the council and public that Mayor Brasseaux was presented the Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association (LRPA) 2019 Advocate Award for outstanding efforts to forward public parks and recreation in the State of Louisiana. Mr. Meyers also stated that they are looking at postponing the Balloon Festival due to the timing of the drainage work and Prejean Road construction. Fenstermaker has been granted to conduct the drainage analysis and per Engineer Luke Hebert he should have this information by next month's council meeting.

UPDATES: City Manager Don Chauvin gave the following updates:

Historic House/ Welcome Center- Steven Ortego did not attend the meeting. City Manager Don Chauvin reported that the contractor is onsite and working on the restoration and is approximately 60% complete.

Hector Connolly Water Plant – Project is 93% in which the water pipe system has passed the pressure testing. Currently installing the access platforms, concrete drives and sidewalks are being poured.

Andre Street Bridge- All bridge sections have been installed. Due to weather delays the project completion date has been moved to the end of February with road opening expected in early March.

Rampart St. Drainage – All ditch restoration has been completed and driveways repaired. The culverts at the intersection of Rampart Street and Guilbeau Road have been replaced.

Wisteria Bend Drainage—a pre-construction meeting was held on January 14, 2020. This project is underway.

Street Overlay Project- The public advertising for bids begins February 19 thru March 4, 2020. The pre-bid meeting will be held on March 11, 2020 with the bid opening on March 18, 2020.

Sosthene Road Drainage Project—the bids were opened on January 30, 2020 and awarded to the low bidder SIEMA Construction at \$100,375.00. This project had no objections from the surrounding residents.

Prejean Road Overlay: The project is currently slated for the March 11, 2020 letting. Chief Engineer received a LONO from Enlink with no other utility conflicts. The millage spoils will be used at Pelican Park and also offered to Carencro High School.

State Pension- The city's different retirement system will be incurring an increase on the employer's contributions. This is determined by the Public Retirement System's Actuarial Committee (PRSAC) per LA. R.S. 11:104. The Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) will have an increase of 1.50% and effective July 1, 2020 will be 15.50%. The Municipal Police Employees Retirement System (MPERS) will have an increase of 1.25% and effective July 1, 2020 will be 33.75%. The Firefighters Retirement System (FRS) will have an increase of 4.50% and effective July 1, 2020 will be 32.25%.

Census 2020—a short video was shown to express the importance of filling out the census report. Citizens may fill out the report via mail, online or phone. By everyone participating this will benefit the city with a true count of residents which allows the city to receive federal grant monies.

Jack-Payment Kiosk machine—Councilmember Guidry inquired on the status of implementing the Kiosk machine. City Manager Don Chauvin informed the council that due to all the services we are switching over to Adcomp such as the utility billing, accounting, permits and occupational licenses it is taking some time as they are revising the software to each departments requests. We are currently remodeling the utility payment area for the kiosk machine.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2020-006: A resolution of the Carencro City Council of the City of Carencro, Louisiana requesting Legislation to amend the Fire and Police Civil Service Law for municipalities as it applies to promotional vacancies.

Councilmember Babineaux approved Resolution 2020-006; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Resolution 2020-007: A resolution regarding a lease purchase agreement for the purpose of financing “SCBA’S”

Councilmember Arceneaux approved Resolution 2020-007; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

FINAL ADOPTED ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2020-001: An ordinance amending the code to provide for the grandfather status of successor commercial entities.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for comments or questions from the council or the public.

Attorney Arthur Schafer representing Glenn Faul asked for an explanation of potential impact on Mr. Faul’s property located at 3830 N. University Ave.

Councilmember Arceneaux informed Mr. Schafer that this ordinance does not grant Mr. Faul the grandfather status.

After no further comments or questions, Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-001; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Brian Breaux—Preliminary & Final Plat review at 114 Ovide Road.

Planning Administrator Valerie Bosset gave a brief overview of her report and recommended preliminary and final plat approval contingent upon completion of the items identified in Fenstermaker’s report dated February 14, 2020.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to grant preliminary and final plat approval based on Planning Administrator Valerie Bosset’s recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

The Cove-Final plat review

Planning Administrator Valerie Bosset gave a brief overview of her report and recommended final plat approval contingent upon completion of the items identified in Fenstermaker’s report dated February 11, 2020.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to grant final plat approval based on Planning Administrator Valerie Bosset’s recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Discuss vacant seat on the Park and Recreation Commission Board.

Appointed by the Council-term expired December 1, 2020.

Councilmember Arceneaux asked PARC Commissioner Tom Meyers if he had received any applications. Commissioner Meyers stated that he had received one resume but this is a council appointment and he will be happy to work with the council on their selection. Councilmember Capritto inquired about putting the open board member position on their Facebook page and Mr. Tom stated that he will add the open position to their Facebook page.

Mr. Donahue Lavergne, General Manager with Freedom Homes requesting a variance in regards to the Overlay District Regulations.

Due to the passage of Ordinance No. 2020-001, Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to table this item until next month; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Recognize Mr. Glenn Faul giving an update on the property located at 3830 N. University Ave (formerly Faul's Wrecker Service)

Attorney Mr. Arthur Schafer representing Mr. Glenn Faul presented the Mayor and council photos of before and after pictures of his improvements. Mr. Schafer stated that he passed his building inspection along with Fire Marshall Approval. He feels that Mr. Faul should be granted grandfather status because of the business being passed down from father to son.

City Manager Don Chauvin informed Mr. Schafer the building inspection and Fire Marshall approval was given to the city's planning department but the front of the building is not in compliance with the city's ordinances because of the location being within the Overlay District. Mr. Faul has yet to present his plans for the location but did receive via certified mail all the requirements/information needed for a new business. The grandfather status has been repealed because of the Overlay District regulations.

Councilmember Arceneaux informed Mr. Schafer that in April 2019 Mr. Faul approached the Council apologizing for his father's negligence to maintain the property in accordance with the city's ordinances and assured everyone that he has begun cleaning and clearing the site for a new business. At that time he was granted temporary water services to continue cleaning the site with the intention to come to city hall to meet with the planning department to move forward with the proper procedures. Ten months later Mr. Faul has not met with the planning department but instead has moved a family into the building that he said would be demolished.

Mr. Schafer stated he did not have the information sent to Mr. Faul and would like to get copies. City Manager Don Chauvin assured Mr. Schafer that he will send him the information along with the recording of the council meeting with Mr. Faul's comments.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to terminate water/sewer services on March 17, 2020 if at the March 16, 2020 council meeting Mr. Faul is not in compliance with the city's ordinances for the new business or request a variance; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Norman Barashick residing at 127 Luxford Way presented a drainage impact analysis report that he composed in which he would like to meet with City Engineer Luke Hebert to discuss.

Mayor Brasseaux asked Mr. Barashick to meet with Luke after the council meeting so they could set a date to meet.

Mr. Nathan Broussard, LCG Chief of Governmental Affairs informed the Mayor and Council that they are welcome to contact him at any time if needed. City Manager Don Chauvin has Mr. Broussard contact information and will send out to the councilmembers.

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro

Glenn L. Brasseaux
Mayor
City of Carencro