



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 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 Jordan Arceneaux 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. Mayor Brasseaux asked that everyone continue to pray for those who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus.

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

Absent:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux announced that the millage ordinance will be introduced at tonight's meeting and will be up for final adoption at the regular meeting to be held Monday, September 21, 2020. There has been a change in the millage rate to 4.66 from last year which was 4.60 due to the decrease in property value. The change in rate will allow the city to continue collecting the same amount of revenues as last year.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Mr. Kip Judice, a candidate for Lafayette City Marshall. Mr. Judice commented on his candidacy.

Mayor Brasseaux also recognized Mr. Donald Landry, a candidate for the position of District Attorney for the 15th JDC. Mr. Landry commented on his candidacy.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for a motion to amend the agenda adding under Discussion Item N-1 to discuss the Carencro Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board appointment and a second Discussion Item N-2 to discuss Evangeline Downs Lift Station (No. 13) Improvements.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to amend the agenda adding discussion item N-1 to discuss Carencro Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board appointment and N-2 Evangeline Downs Lift Station (No. 13) Improvements; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

GUESTS: Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guest:

**Brittany Deal- LEDA

PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on July 20, 2020; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

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

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

Mayor Brasseaux thanked the Carencro Police Department and Fire Department for their support during the Covid-19 virus.

Parc Commissioner Tom Meyers came before the council and public to introduce the newly selected Park Director Mr. Frank Wittenberg. Mr. Wittenberg was congratulated and welcomed by all stating he was excited to work for Carencro Park and Recreation.

Councilmember Arceneaux asked Fire Chief David Mouton about the letter in his package from Bordelonville Volunteer Fire Department asking if the city would be willing to donate our Scott air packs that are being replaced with new MSA air packs. Chief Mouton informed Councilmember Arceneaux that he would like city Attorney Jerry Mallet to prepare an agreement that will be signed by Bordelonville Volunteer Fire Department releasing our department, members and the city of any responsibilities regarding the use, care and operation of donated equipment.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to amend the agenda adding under Resolutions IJ-2 donating Scott air packs from Carencro Fire Department to Bordelonville Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

UPDATES: City Manager Don Chauvin gave the following updates:

Historic House/ Welcome Center- City Manager Don Chauvin gave an update on the welcome center. He advised that the AC is installed, electrical outlets are complete and the lighting is in. Stephen Ortego would like to have a Council walkthrough next week at 6 pm on any night that would accommodate the council's schedule.

Hector Connolly Water Plant – The gas supply for the generator is nearly resolved. A test was performed on the generator and it ran at 80% which may sustain basic operations. The backup generator is in place. Plans are underway to change a regulator to increase gas volume and pressure going to east side of I-49.

Councilmember Capritto inquired about the issue with brown water asking if it was in certain locations or were all issues stemming from Hector Connolly water plant. City Manager, Don Chauvin replied that it was due to the Hector Connolly water plant and not being able to flush the hydrants. Councilmember Arceneaux asked City Attorney, Jerry Mallet if a rate reduction or credit could be considered. City Attorney, Jerry Mallet responded that he will review legal options. Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and public that rate reductions or credits cannot be issued on city services per the auditors. Mayor Brasseaux informed everyone that DHH is aware of the water issue and that the city is working full force to get the new plant in operation.

Street Overlay Project-. Work is about day 30/100 days complete and is on schedule. Pelican Park was completed on Friday and will be striped.

Sosthene Road Drainage Project—Complete and DOTD has been contacted to dig the ditches on West Gloria Switch Road.

Prejean Road Overlay: Project is complete. Contractor added additional shoulder at N. University and graded roadside.

Fire Station on Gloria Switch- Preliminary plans are developing. All documents for utility servitudes have been presented to the property owners to create a servitude around Walgreens then towards Walter Drive on the north side of Gloria Switch.

Census 2020: Deadline moved up from October 31, 2020 to September 30, 2020. Door to door has begun but they are understaffed to reach everyone. Urgent that we appeal to everyone to complete the Census online at www.my2020census.gov.

House for sale- 202 N. Church Street- The house appraised for \$25,000.00 which exceeded the \$5000.00 threshold it must be authorized for sale by ordinance which will be introduced later.

Prejean Subdivision Drainage- A pre-construction meeting was held and the Notice to Proceed began one week early. The plan is to begin early and quickly before school starts.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2020-019: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2019/2020 general fund operating budget by providing an additional \$65,000.00 for the Street department, Fire Department, and Community Center budget.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no questions or comments Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-019; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Resolution 2020-020: A resolution of the Carencro City Council declaring Scott air packs, air bottles and air masks as no longer needed for public purposes and donating same to the Bordelonville Volunteer Fire Department.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no questions or comments Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-020 once approved by City Attorney Jerry Mallet; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2020-006: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council providing for the annexation of property of the Estate of Eva Delle Comeaux owned by Karl Anthony Comeaux and Barry Francis Comeaux into the City of Carencro, Louisiana.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no questions or comments Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-006; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2020-009: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the sale by the city of a house to be moved located at 202 N. Church Street which is no longer needed for public purposes.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no questions or comments Councilmember Guidry made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-009; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2020-010: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting a millage rate for the tax year of 2020 on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll of the City of Carencro.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no questions or comments Councilmember Guidry made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-010; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2020-011: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances regarding nuisance abatement.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no questions or comments Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-011; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

FINAL ADOPTED ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2020-007: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances with regard to smoking in public places and adding penalty provisions for violations of same.

Councilmember Capritto asked Parc Commissioner Tom Meyers and Park Director Frank Wittenberg if chewing tobacco would be an issue at Park. Parc Commissioner Tom Meyers replied that tobacco free is not included in the smoke ordinance. He also stated that during registration the leagues are required to sign the paperwork informing them that they are not allowed to chew tobacco on the fields. City Manager Don Chauvin advised that Parc can adopt a tobacco free policy.

Police Chief David Anderson asked about legal medical marijuana and how this would be handled. Upon further legal investigation by City Attorney Jerry Mallet this ordinance can be amended to prohibit legal medical marijuana in public areas.

Mayor Brasseaux asked Parc Commissioner Tom Meyers to seek further information in regards to overnight campers on Parc property.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no questions or comments Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2020-007; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2020-008: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro code of ordinances with regard to performance land use regulations and overlay district regulations.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2020:008; seconded by Councilmember Capritto.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2020-008; Section 54-215(h) adding. “This requirement shall not become effective until one year after the effective date of the ordinance or (8/18/2021)”;

seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no questions or comments Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2020-008 as amended; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2020-008; Section 54-214(4) business types by adding “ distribution centers, fulfillment centers”; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no questions or comments Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to final adopt

Ordinance No. 2020-008 as amended; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Replatting of residential property located in Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, Lafayette Parish, and Carencro, Louisiana, located at 312 St. Pierre Blvd. Carencro, La. owner Terry Castille.

Planning Administrator, Valerie Bosset gave a brief overview of her report and recommended replatting approval of residential property located at 312 St. Pierre Blvd. Carencro, La.

Mr. Lance Cormier who resides at 316 St. Pierre Blvd came before the Mayor and Council and asked if he could lot divide his property also. City Manager replied yes if the residential dimensions are the same.

Councilmember Capritto made a motion to approve replatting of residential property located at 312 St. Pierre Blvd. based upon Planning Administrator's Valerie Bosset's recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Carencro Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board:

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that he received a letter from the Louisiana Office of State Examiner Fire and Police Civil Service that the term for board member Brian Viator will expire on September 11, 2020. Mayor Brasseaux contacted Mr. Viator to seek his interest in serving another term and he has accepted the board position. Mayor Brasseaux wishes to nominate Brian Viator to serve another term on the Civil Service Board effective September 12, 2020.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion accepting Mayor Brasseaux's appointment to Brian Viator to the Civil Service Board; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Evangeline Downs Lift Station No.13 Improvements:

Mayor Brasseaux asked for a motion granting authority to proceed with the Evangeline Downs Lift Station No. 13 Improvements. Mayor Brasseaux informed the Council and public that Carol Castille donated property to the City of Carencro to build a larger lift station. The project had been placed on hold due to Covid-19 however the funds are in the current budget.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion granting Mayor Brasseaux to proceed with the Evangeline Downs Lift Station No.13 Improvements; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Norman Barashick residing at 127 Luxford Way handed out Parc drainage analysis comments to the Mayor and Council for their review.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Meche
Assistant City Clerk
City of Carencro

Glenn L. Brasseaux
Mayor
City of Carencro