



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 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 Kim Guidry asked David Anderson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge the Mayor 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,
and J. L. Richard

Absent: Councilmember Alfred Sinegal

Mayor Brasseaux requested that Discussion Item #2 in regards to the Mayor's nomination for the vacancy of the PARC Commissioner position for the Park and Recreation Board be removed from the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux announced that Councilmember Sinegal was not able to attend the council meeting due to illness.

Mayor Brasseaux introduced the following guest:

*Abby Judice, LEDA

PROCLAMATION: A proclamation declaring the month of April as "Fair Housing" month.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion approving the proclamation; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on March 21, 2016; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

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

Mayor Brasseaux asked Fire Chief Chauvin about the parish truck in his report. Fire Chief Chauvin informed the Mayor and Council that the city also provides parish fire protection outside of the city limits of Carencro. Due to our parish truck approaching the end of its life cycle and new trucks costing over \$500,000 budget discussion with Lafayette Consolidated Government have begun for long and short term funding for parish fire protection. Chief Chauvin will keep the Mayor and Council informed as details become available.

UPDATES: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public regarding:

New Sewer Treatment Plant- Allowing the voters to vote on a one cent sales tax to pay for the needed sewer treatment facility along with Capital Outlay funding of \$2M is still pending in legislation. Mayor Brasseaux reminded the council and the public that the need for this new sewer treatment plant is very urgent. We have to repay the loan from USDA which consists of two options: 1) increase sewer rates per customer between \$60.00 up to \$80.00 or 2) encourage the citizens to approve and vote for a one cent sales tax which we hope to have on the ballot this fall.

Richard Street Hazard Mitigation Project: The project is about 42% completed; rain has caused delays.

St. Anne Drainage Project: This project has begun with clearing out trees and digging in areas to install subsurface drainage.

Gaston Coulee Project: The total footage to clean is 6,158 feet. The contractor is at 2,000 feet. At this time they are working on the North side of Arceneaux Road. Work will proceed as weather permits. A change order may be added to this project to allow replacing the culverts on Arceneaux Road.

Railroad Street Bridge: The Bridge has reopened and will remain open for about 3 to 4 weeks until work will began on the lift stations. At that time the bridge will be closed for about six months and will reopen upon completion of the lift stations.

Tournament Drive & Water Line Connections: The developer is working on this project and will keep the city updated with the progress.

Carencro Indoor Recreation Complex: Architect, Lynn Guidry, presented an update on the Carencro Sports Complex. Mr. Guidry stated that he had figured an occupancy date of October 2016 but the contractor is predicting July 2016. With the construction process preceding in a timely manner without delays the contractor may be correct in his calculations.

Mayor Brasseaux asked City Manager Jay Castille to give an update on several new projects going on.

City Manager Jay Castille informed the council that Walmart has begun on their project. The project has been laid out and the contractor has started.

Fed-Ex is preparing their drainage analysis for review. Water/Wastewater Supervisor Buster Broussard has marked the utility lines in preparation for this project.

Work will soon start on the Wallace Broussard/Sonnier Road project. This is our project in connection with Walmart.

Mr. Doug Trahan, owner of Lot #2 of Evangeline Court Market Place has cleared the property. He will be submitting his drainage analysis for review before proceeding with his project.

The Northeast Frontage Road is buzzing with new vendors.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2016-008: A resolution adopting the Parish-Wide Mitigation Plan.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-008; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2016-009: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the transfer of funds in the TIF District Sales Tax Fund to the Capital Outlay Fund for the Andre Street Utilities Project.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-009; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2016-010: A resolution of the Carencro City Council ratifying the motion made by Park and Recreation Commission of Carencro, Inc. for the purpose of transferring funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the Recreation Center.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-010; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-008: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Section 50-8 of the Code of Ordinances regarding court costs charged by Carencro Mayor's Court for various offenses as mandated by Act No. 305 of the Louisiana State Legislature.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Guidry made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-008; Councilmember Richard seconded; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-009: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the sale of immovable property no longer needed for public purposes to cure encroachment by a building onto the public way.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-009; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Preliminary Plat approval for the Estate at Moss Bluffs Phase II, A Single-Family Residential Development located in Section 100 & 130, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana. Developer: Southern Lifestyle Development Company C/O Robert Daigle

City Manager Jay Castille gave a brief overview of the report and recommended preliminary plat approval with conditions as stated in the report as well as conditions that were included in the City Engineers report.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion granting preliminary plat approval based upon City Manager Jay Castille's recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Arthur C. LeBlanc, Jr., Owner/ President of Sterling Automotive Group, Inc. requesting a variance of the Carencro Performance Land Use Ordinance for a proposed vehicle Wholesale Auction Facility.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public that Sterling Automotive Group is proposing to lease the buildings and land comprising of approximately 6.54 acres owned by Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center located at 3737 Evangeline Thruway.

Mr. LeBlanc approached the Mayor and Council reviewing the information that was presented in their packages. He explained the process of the auction stating that the vehicles would not be on the lot but a few days until picked up by the consumers. On an average he has about 140 cars per auction. He also stated that he will be spending about \$100,000 to fix up the buildings bringing it to a presentable state.

A representative with Our Lady of Lourdes, Ms. Patty Duchame, approached the Mayor and Council seeking their request for the variance. Ms. Duchame stated that in the future Lourdes is proposing to build a hospital. At this time they are leasing out the property to vendors. She is hoping that the council will allow Sterling Automotive the opportunity to lease the land and renovate the buildings.

After further discussion, no motion was made to grant the variance, therefore this item failed due to a lack of motion.

Mayor Brasseaux introduced Ms. Kathy Higginbotham, a committee member of the Carencro Cultural District. Ms. Higginbotham informed everyone that several changes have been made for the upcoming Farmers Market events. Starting this year the Farmers Market will be held on the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. till 11 a.m. A garage sale will also be included with this event. The first Farmers Market will be held on May 7, 2016. Everyone is invited to attend.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Guidry seconded; motion approved.

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City clerk
City of Carencro