



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015 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 J. L. Richard led 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, J. L. Richard, and Alfred Sinegal

Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux asked to add under announcements Carencro Business Association President Charlie Burnt.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Lafayette Airport Commissioners Paul Guilbeau & John Hebert and Executive Director Steven Picou. Mr. Guilbeau spoke on behalf of the Airport Commission expressing their gratitude for the support of the sales tax that was passed for the future terminal. Plans have started and they will keep the public informed of the process. Mr. Hebert approached the Mayor and council to introduce the new Executive Director Mr. Steven Picou. Mr. Picou approached the Mayor and council and stated that he is excited and looking forward to working with the surrounding local governments to enhance the service at the airport. With an open door policy, Mr. Picou welcomes public input and comments. Mayor Brasseaux commended Mr. Picou on his appointment as the new Executive Director and wished him the best.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Lafayette Consolidated Government Chief Engineer Larry Broussard with an update on Coulee Mine. Mr. Broussard briefly went over the items discussed at the Public Briefing held on January 29, 2015. According the current official FEMA hydrologic/hydraulic model study, modification of the existing channel slope, bottom width and channel crossing had a modest improvement to the water surface elevation as opposed to re-grading the slope, widening and deepening the entire channel, adding storage ponds and modifying channel crossing (bridges, culvers, etc.). It has been

determined that by improving the existing cross drains from multi barrel within the subdivisions to single box culverts would improve flow capacity and reduce potential flow obstructions during storm events. Also clearing/removing existing vegetation/trees and siltation within the channel would increase channel efficiency or flow characteristics by 10-15%. Mr. Broussard stated current funding is available in the amount of \$650,000.00. Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and public that permits are required from the Corp of Engineers for this project. One issue is getting approval of a permit from the Corp of Engineers which could take anywhere from 6 months to a year. Mayor Brasseaux asked Mr. Broussard upon approval of all permits what is the time frame before the work will began and if they could clean out the sediment before the bridge work. Mr. Broussard stated yes they could clean out the sediment first while waiting on the bridge projects to start. The cost to make this a full fledge project is about \$25M and he said it is a good project. To start the process they would began getting the bid packages ready and asked the city to help in getting right-of-ways. This process takes the longest and the most expensive. If property owners donate their right-of-ways then this will reduce the time and cost of the project. Mr. Broussard informed the Mayor and the public that they are welcome to stop by his office so he can show a copy of the model which gives a clearer understanding about the work put into this project.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Ms. Kristi Leleux Fredieu, Marketing Director of the Therapy Center. Ms. Fredieu and one of the owners, Shane Castille extended an invitation to the Mayor, Council and the public to their Sneak Peek/Blood Drive on April 30, 2015 starting at 9:00 am. This event is to unveil the Outpatient Clinic Building Plans and to meet the Therapy Center owners. Ms. Margaret Rozas has partnered with Therapy Center to continue providing quality service within our community. United Blood Services will hold a blood drive from 8:00 am till noon. Everyone is invited.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Carencro Business Association President Charlie Brunt. Mr. Brunt spoke about the CBA's 1st Annual Spring Extravaganza to be held on May 2, 2015 from 8 am till 1 pm at the Carencro Community Center. This one day affair combines three big events: a CBA Trade Day with area businesses promoting their trade, with a CBA Health Fair with local health care professionals; and a Rumble in the Junkel which is an outdoor trunk sale/garage sale. Raffle tickets will be sold and you could win several awesome prizes. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guests:

- *Kevin Naquin-LCG District 2, Councilman
- *Brett Mellington-LEDA

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council about a proclamation for "Stop the Bullying".

Officer Adrian Willis, School Resource Officer at Carencro Middle School held a poster contest focused on Anti-Bullying program. Chief Stout and Officer Willis thanked the students for their participation on such a serious issue. The following winners were present:

Lillian Nguyen, 6th grader
Jayvian Prejean, 7th grader
Tyrus Prejean and Dalyn McCoy, 8th graders

Mayor Brasseaux commended the students for getting involved on a subject that is very serious in our schools.

Mayor Brasseaux announced that a proclamation proclaiming April as “Fair Housing Month” is displayed on our bulletin board in city hall.

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on March 16, 2015; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments’ concerning the departments’ monthly reports; there were none.

UPDATES:

City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public regarding:

New Sewer Treatment Plant: The city is still working on a loan with USDA. Phase I is the sludge de-watering at a cost of \$6.2M. The plant total cost is around \$24M. An issue regarding funding sources is still being reviewed. One option would be increasing the water/sewer rates by \$84.00 more per customer per month. Another option would be passing a one cent sales tax which would be dedicated to paying back the loan. The need to take action and decide what option is best for the community is very urgent at this time.

Richard Street Hazard Mitigation Project: The city is still waiting on FEMA to re-dedicate funds from Lafayette Consolidated Government to the City of Carencro to complete this project.

St. Anne Drainage Project: The city is waiting on this year’s legislative session to move \$4.7 Million from Priority 5 to Priority 1 to fund the city’s force main project and the remainder of this project.

St. Anne/Walter Drive Project: Construction has started for this project and Walter Drive will be closed for approximately three months until construction work is completed.

Gaston Coulee Project: The plans are 95% complete. We are also waiting on the Corp of Engineers permit. There are a couple of utility lines that cross the coulee that we need to address before we can bid the project.

Carencro Indoor Recreation Complex: Mayor Brasseaux recognized Architect Lynn Guidry. Mr. Guidry stated that this project consists of Phase I and Phase II. Phase I

project is the existing building. Phase II plans are to add a new addition to the existing building. Mr. Guidry stated that all items from big to small are being looked at to ensure this project is getting the best quality items for the community to enjoy.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2015-019: A resolution by the Carencro City Council approving the completion of the Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire for the year 2014 with the stated answers and authorizing forwarding of same to the city auditor.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-019; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-020: A resolution of the Carencro City Council approving the designation of a representative from the City of Carencro to act on behalf of the City of Carencro in all matters pertaining to the Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvement Project, Planning and Improvements FP&C Project No. 50-M39-14-02.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-020; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-021: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2014/2015 Capital Project Fund budget providing an additional \$100,000.00 for Walter Drive and St Anne Drainage Improvements to include road repairs and maintenance.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-021; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES: none

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-005: An ordinance providing for a Non-Exclusive Franchise agreement between the City of Carencro and Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation (Slemco), granting unto Slemco, the right and privilege to distribute, deliver, sell and/or supply electricity and/or electric energy and/or service to any and all residential and/or commercial customers in the city.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that this is a ten year contract.

Mayor Brasseaux called for other questions or comments from the council or the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Richard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-005; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Final plat approval of the Estates at Moss Bluff subdivision Phase I, a Single-Family residential development by Sothern Lifestyle Development Company, located in Sections 100, 130 and 115, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.

Planning Administrator Bonnie Anderson gave a brief overview of her report and recommended final plat approval based on completion of the punch list that was submitted to the developer.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion granting final plat approval based upon Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson's recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Benjamin Broussard of 307 St. Pierre Blvd. requesting a variance of the rear setback requirement to replace an existing 10'x16' workshop with a new 20'x30' workshop. The new building would not be any closer than the existing building.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion granting the variance of the rear setback requirement; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

D. R. Horton, Inc. requesting a 3'6" rear build line variance on 115 Northpointe Drive (Lot 31 of Northpointe subdivision). Due to the state statute requirement of the thirty foot site triangle for corner lots, this house could not be located further to the front property line.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion granting the variance of a 3'6" rear build line for 115 Northpointe Drive; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Ms. Lashyra Arceneaux on behalf of the Crossing Salon, requesting a waiver of the 50 ft. greenbelt requirement on the north and west property lines at 201 Railroad Street.

Planning Administrator Bonnie Anderson reviewed the waiver for the north and west property line and stated that the south and east property lines are in compliance. Ms. Arceneaux is agreeing to install a 6' site proof fence on the north and west property lines.

Ms. Nina Bourgeois approached the council stating that she had no objections to the establishment reopening but wanted to know why she received a letter from the city advising that the property owner was requesting permission to reopen. Mayor Brasseaux informed Ms. Bourgeois that the city's ordinance states that when a business has been vacant for more than 12 months the grandfather status is lost. Therefore to re-open, the business must appear before the Carencro City Council to remedy any issues with Carencro's Performance Lane Use Ordinance. Mayor Brasseaux informed Ms. Bourgeois that the city notifies all residents/businesses within 300 feet of the proposed development which is why she received the letter.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion granting the waiver of the 50 ft. greenbelt requirement for the north and west property line provided the 6' site proof fence is installed; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mr. Matthew Courville requesting a variance of 10 ft. of the required 20 ft. greenbelt on the north property line and a variance of the site proof fence requirement on the west property line of the Carencro Performance Land Use Ordinance at 3829 NW Evangeline Thruway.

Planning Administrator Bonnie Anderson reviewed the variance for the north and west property lines. Ms. Anderson stated that the west property line is connected to family and Mr. Courville's neighbors on the north property line are in agreement with the 10 ft. variance which would not interfere with their property and privacy.

Mr. Courville approach the council and stated he was requesting a variance of the west property line fence requirement so he could install a driveway from the back of his property connecting to Greg Street as opposed to a driveway on the I-49 Frontage road. This driveway would allow traffic to flow freely from his shop to Greg Street then safety turn on the frontage road.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion granting the variance of the 10 ft. of the required 20 ft. greenbelt on the north property line and the variance of the site proof fence requirement on the west property line; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro