



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 L. J. Boudreaux 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. Mayor Brasseaux also asked that we remember in our prayers, Mr. Daniel Verret, father of Carencro Veterans Memorial Committee member Mr. Lee Verret who recently passed away. Mr. Daniel Verret was a World War II veteran.

Attendance: Councilmembers L. J. Boudreaux, Kim Guidry, J. L. Richard, and Alfred Sinegal

Absent: Councilmember Antoine Babineaux

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that item I/J-1: Resolution 2015-032 needs to be corrected and therefore removed from tonight's agenda. This resolution will be included on the September's council meeting agenda.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to remove Resolution 2015-032 from the agenda; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for a motion to add Resolution 2015-033 listed as item I/J-2 to the agenda:

Resolution 2015-033: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the transfer of funds in the Capital Project Fund from Arceneaux Road Drainage Improvement Project to Gaston Coulee Cleaning Project.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to add Resolution 2015-033; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public that Saturday, August 15, 2015 marked the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. August 15, 1945 is known as

“Victory over Japan or V-J Day”, the day Japan surrendered effectively ending World War II.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the public that the City of Carencro submitted the Carencro Veterans Memorial project for the Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA) 2014 Community Achievement Award. Communities throughout Louisiana submit projects to be judged in three different categories. At the LMA convention held in Lafayette on August 1, 2015, the City of Carencro won 1st Place receiving the Community Achievement Award for the dedication to our veterans in the Community Development (3,000-10,000 population) category.

The Community Achievement Award Best Show recipient this year went to the City of Lafayette for their “Project Front Yard.”

Regarding the Carencro Veterans Memorial, Mayor Brasseaux stated that Mr. L. J. Melancon has removed several of the “Soldiers” for engraving as well as some of the bench parts and plans to have the memorial completed with all “Soldiers” and benches by mid-October. The veteran’s memorial committee has met to make plans for a small re-dedication ceremony on Veterans Day to acknowledge the new donors for the “Soldiers” and of course, to once again thank our veterans.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and public that Ms. Charlene Menard with the Registrar of Voters Office could not be present tonight because of complications her father is enduring due to surgery.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Mr. Dee Stanley, a candidate for Lafayette City Parish President. Mr. Stanley commented on his candidacy.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Mr. John Rogers, a candidate for Lafayette Parish Sheriff. Mr. Rogers commented on his candidacy.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guest:

*Kevin Naquin, LCG District 2, Councilman

*Brett Mellington-LEDA

PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Boudreaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on July 20, 2015; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Councilmember Boudreaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the special meeting of the Carencro City Council on August 10, 2015; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments concerning the departments’ monthly reports.

PARC Chairman Murray Conque shared with the council and the public that he was contacted by Band Director Keith Rogers from Carencro High School regarding their band camp. Due to the restriction set by the School Board caused by the extreme heat wave, all outside school activities were cancelled during the hours of 10 am till 7 pm. This restriction presented a problem for the two week band camp; therefore, Murray and Mayor Brasseaux allowed CHS band use of the recreation for their band camp. Band Director Rogers said that because they were allowed to use the recreation center they achieved more in those two weeks than they ever had practicing outside. A huge thank you card was presented to the Mayor, councilmembers, PARC Chairman Murray Conque and PARC's board members signed by all band members. Murray was awed by the sight of the band practicing inside of the recreation center. PARC board members had envisioned this type of activities for the new recreation center.

UPDATES:

City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public regarding:

New Sewer Treatment Plant: The application is now in at the USDA office in Washington D.C. This application is for a 40 year loan with some possibility of grant funds being available. Discussions on funding to repay the loan are continuing. The city is considering two options: 1) passing a sales tax or 2) increasing the water/sewer rates up to \$84.00 per customer per month. A decision on what option is best for the community is being considered at this time. A "Notice of a Finding of no Significant Impact" was published on August 12th, 13th, & 14th, 2015 in the Daily Advertiser. No significant impact to the area projected for the new sewer treatment plant was found. During this time, no comments from the public have been received.

Richard Street Hazard Mitigation Project: The contract has been awarded to Merrick, LLC in the amount of \$1.2M and is projected to start in September of this year.

St. Anne Drainage Project: The city is working on getting servitudes and temporary construction servitudes. Once this is completed the bid process will begin.

St. Anne/Walter Drive Project: This project is at 90% complete. Walter Drive is now open to the public.

Gaston Coulee Project: The bid opening was held on August 12, 2015 with the low bidder coming in at \$686,548 from Garden City Construction. This bid was over the projection amount by \$170,455. Funds will be transferred from Arceneaux Road Drainage Project to the Gaston Coulee Project for completion of this project.

Carencro Indoor Recreation Complex: Architect Lynn Guidry gave an update of the recreation center stating that the drawings are at 95% complete to reflect the new concept. There will be two bid packages, one for the General Construction and one for the Sports Equipment. Bid packages are expected to be advertised by the end of August or early September.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2015-033: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the transfer of funds in the Capital Project Fund from Arceneaux Road Drainage Project to Gaston Coulee Cleaning Project.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-033; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-010: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances regarding disposal of movable property in eviction proceedings.

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. 2015-010; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-011: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council designating the name of a street located within the corporate limits of the City of Carencro as Gregg Street.

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. 2015-011; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

DISCUSSIONS:

Ms. Janne C. Skipper requesting a waiver of the 50 ft. setback requirement to place a mobile home on her property at 160 Sosthene Road.

Ms. Skipper approached the council requesting a waiver of the 50 ft. setback as she is looking to purchase a large mobile home.

No motion was made by the Council, therefore the waiver was not granted.

The Carencro Fire and Police Civil Service Board will have two board members with expiring terms effective September 2015. Nominations are required from ULL and the following are seeking reappointments:

Mr. Walter Cain Smith

Mr. Todd A. Olivier

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to accept the nominations from ULL for reappointments of Walter Cain Smith and Todd A. Olivier; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Mr. Matthew Courville of Courville's Taxidermy Studio at 3829 NW Evangeline Thruway requesting a waiver of two parking spaces for his proposed business:

Planning Administrator Bonnie Anderson informed the council that upon research on this type of business seven parking spaces will be sufficient and allow him to keep the required green belt on the north property line.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to grant the waiver of two parking spaces based upon Planning Administrative Bonnie Anderson's recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked the public if they had any comments or concerns and there were no comments made.

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro