



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 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.

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

Absent: None

Mayor Brasseaux asked for a motion to amend the agenda with the following:

Under resolutions, add Resolution 2014-046 regarding the hotel tax.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to amend the agenda adding Resolution 2014-046; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that on Monday, December 22, 2014 a special meeting will be held at 6:00 pm. Thereafter Mr. Louis Perret with the Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court Office will proceed with Oath of Office for all elected officials.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guests:

*Brett Mellington-LEDA

*Kevin Naquin-LCG Councilman, District 1

*Ms. Lindsey Halley-Team Leader for the transition committee of newly elected incoming Mayor Russell Stelly for the Town of Church Point.

PROCLAMATION: none

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on November 17, 2014; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Councilmember Boudreaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the Public Budget Hearing meeting of the Carencro City Council on November 17, 2014; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

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

UPDATES:

New Sewer Treatment Plant: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that the project is still in the design stage. This urgent issue prompted by the growth and flood damages sustained within the city limits has compelled the city to take action. Funding and timing issues are very crucial to this project. The cost for a new sewer

treatment plant is estimated at \$20 million dollars. A loan application with USDA in the amount of \$20 million dollars is expected to be completed by the end of this December and hopefully the city will receive a response within two to three months. A new funding source will be needed to help pay for this plant.

Water wells East of I-49: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that Water wells #1, 2 and 3 repair expenses have increased dramatically over the years. From 2003 till 2011, repair costs were \$132,986.00. From 2012 till today the city has spent over \$160,000. Another \$60,000 will be spent in the beginning of 2015. Water/Wastewater Supervisor Buster Broussard informed the council that iron buildup is the main problem. Iron build ups continue after the wells are cleaned so repairs are not solving the issue. The wells were built in 1999 and are only 100 feet deep. Mayor Brasseaux stated that there are three options the city can look into: 1) do nothing and continue paying the increasing cost of repairs; 2) we will have to run a 12" trunk line to connect to the new plant which is expensive. The issue with this option would be if the plant should shut down then there is no back up and therefore no water service. Currently water wells 1, 2, and 3 are the backups for the water plant; 3) abandoned all three wells and dig two new deeper wells which are also very expensive. Councilmember Babineaux voiced his opinion that the Mayor should look into option #3.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2014-044: A resolution of the Carencro City Council requiring that Smoke-n-Go comply with specified conditions in exchange for the grant of a variance by the Carencro City Council.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-044; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2014-045: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the donation by the Carencro Police Department of publically owned vehicles no longer needed for public purposes.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-045; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2014-046: A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held on the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 6, 2014 to authorize the levy of a 4% hotel occupancy tax.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-046; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-027: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council declaring the building or structure located at 100 Crouchet Street, Carencro, Louisiana to be dilapidated and dangerous to the public welfare and ordering the condemnation and demolition of same.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-027; seconded by Councilmember Guidry. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-028: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the purchase by the City of Carencro immovable property identified as the Louisiana Ice Arena

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-028; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-029: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the City of Carencro to alienate a portion of Belizaire Street no longer needed for public purposes in connection with construction of a sewer lift station.

Councilmember Richard made the motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-029; seconded by Councilmember Guidry. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-030: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the expenditure of funds to resolve the lawsuit identified as Melancon et al v. City of Carencro and filed under Docket No. 20135938 of the Fifteenth JDC, Lafayette Parish.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-030; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-031: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the alienation of East Angelle Street which is no longer needed for public purposes.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-031; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; Councilmember Sinegal abstain. Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-023: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Code of Ordinances with regard to subdivisions to provide for Street Lighting.

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. 2014-023; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-024: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council prohibiting the placement and/or use of portable basketball goals upon the public streets and/or rights-of-way within Carencro's corporate limits.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or public. With no further comments, Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-024; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-025: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council prohibiting eighteen wheelers from traveling or parking in residential neighborhoods located within Carencro's corporate limits.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or public. With no further comments, Councilmember Guidry made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-025; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-026: An ordinance levying within the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana, effective January 1, 2015, a tax of four percent (4%) (the "tax") upon the rent or fee charged for the occupancy of hotel rooms within the city, levying and providing for the assessment, collection, payment and said dedication of the proceeds of such tax and the purposes for which the proceeds of the tax may be expended.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or public. With no further comments, Councilmember Guidry made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2014-026; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Preliminary plat approval for Belle Vie Estates, a residential development by Loubreaux Properties, LLC located in Section 37, Township 9 South, Range 4 East, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana (located on Louis Arceneaux Road).

Bonnie Anderson, Planning Administrator, gave a brief overview of her 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.

Mr. Brett Breaux, Developer and Mr. Andre Montagnet, Engineer stated that they do not have any objections to the conditions as stated in the report.

Mr. Tom Ashy, a resident residing off of Louis Arceneaux Road expressed his concerns with this new development regarding the increase of traffic and the road condition.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to grant preliminary plat approval based on recommendations of the City Planner and City Engineer; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Final Plat approval North Pointe Phase IV being the replat of Tract 1 into Tract 1A & A-1B and Tract 5, a Commercial development, located in Section 34 & 35, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana by Robin's Investment Group, LLC.

Bonnie Anderson, Planning Administrator, gave a brief overview of her report and recommend final plat approval with conditions as stated in the report as well as conditions that were included in the City Engineers report.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to grant final plat approval based on recommendations of the City Planner and City Engineer; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Recognized Mr. Keno Arnaud, President of the Carencro Mardi Gras Association requesting permission to host the Carencro Mardi Gras Parade on February 7, 2015.

Mr. Arnaud and Mr. Bobby Badon approached the Mayor and Council stating that this will be the 31st annual parade by the Carencro Mardi Gras Association. Both gentlemen thanked the Mayor and Council for their support over the years.

Councilmember Richard made a motion granting the Carencro Mardi Gras Association permission to host the Carencro Mardi Gras Parade on February 7, 2015; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mr. Kenny Champagne requesting a building set back waiver of 4 ft. on the east property lien to construct a new canine boarding facility at 3824 North University Avenue; as well as a waiver of the 9 ft. greenbelt requirement on the east and south property lines.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to grant the waivers as stated above; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

Ms. Charlotte Stemmans Clavier requesting a waiver of the 6 ft. site proof fence on the north property line and 20 ft. green belt on the east property and 15 ft. greenbelt on the north and west property requirement for the proposed Outdoor Power Sports Repair Service business to be located at 1107 West Gloria Switch Road.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to grant the waivers as stated above; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

LCG Councilman Mr. Kevin Naquin wished everyone a blessed holiday and is looking forward to working with the Mayor and Council in 2015.

Mr. James Faul thanked the Fire Department for their help when a fire started at his place of business. Mr. Faul greatly appreciated the quick response and professionalism shown that day.

Ms. Bertha Hebert, President of CAYSI approached the Mayor and Council asking for help in finding a location for the basketball teams to practice. The surrounding schools have cut back on the time allocated for the teams to practice and want to charge an additional fee per hour pass the granted time.

Mayor Brasseaux advised Ms. Hebert that PARC is working on something that may benefit her in about 8 to 10 months but in the mean time she could get with Parc Commissioner Murray Conque to see if he can assist her.

Chief Stout informed the Mayor and Council that one of the reasons the schools have cut back on the time allowed is because in the past Coaches were given the school's gym keys which were pass down to some of the players who took advantage and practiced after hours without supervision which also lead to some vandalism in the schools.

Mayor Brasseaux on behalf of the Council and himself wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's.

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro