



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 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

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

Under resolutions, add Resolution 2015-006 regarding accepting the low bid for the Post Road Utility Improvements Phase II.

Under Discussion, add Item #5 regarding a discussion to grant the Mayor authority to move forward with digging a test waterwell.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to amend the agenda adding Resolution 2015-006 and Discussion Item #5; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux reminded the council and the public that LCG Parish President Joey Durel, LCG Public Works Director Kevin Blanchard and Chief Engineer Larry Broussard were to attend this month's council meeting to give a six month update on Coulee Mine. Due to other conflicting meetings this month as well as February and March, a Public Briefing will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2015 starting at 6:00 pm at Carencro's city hall.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public that appointments for certain positions must be made at the first meeting of each newly elected term per the Lawrason Act. The following appointments were recommended by Mayor Brasseaux:

City Attorney: Mr. Jerry Mallet

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to accept Mayor Brasseaux's recommendation; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

City Auditor: Kolder, Champagne & Slaven Co.—Mr. Burton Kolder

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to accept Mayor Brasseaux's recommendation; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that City Engineer Stefan Bourgeois was stepping down as our engineer because he is going to medical school. Mayor Brasseaux thanked Stefan for all his hard work on behalf of the city and presented him with his name plate.

City Engineer: C. H. Fenstermaker & Associates---Mr. Luke Hebert

Councilmember Richard made a motion to accept Mayor Brasseaux's recommendation; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

City Clerk: Gwen Martin

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to accept Mayor Brasseaux's recommendation; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that a Mayor Pro Temp needs to be elected by the councilmembers at the first meeting of the new term according to the Lawrason Act.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to have each of the following councilmembers serve one year based on seniority as Mayor Pro Temp throughout this term: seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

J. L. Richard---serves as Mayor Pro Temp for 2015

Antoine Babineaux—serves as Mayor Pro Temp in 2016

Kim Guidry---serves as Mayor Pro Temp in 2017

Alfred Sinegal---serves as Mayor Pro Temp in 2018

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guests:

*Brett Mellington-LEDA

PROCLAMATION: none

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on December 15, 2014; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Councilmember Richard motioned to adopt the minutes of the special meeting of the Carencro City Council on December 22, 2014; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; 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 loan application has been submitted to USDA for preliminary review. The total cost is projected to be over \$23 Million Dollars. The city received a grant in the amount of \$773,000.00 from LCDBG but more funds are needed to help defray the cost of the new plant. Funding and timing are very crucial issues for this project. Another issue to be addressed is the collapsing of the coulee banks adjacent to the sewer pond on the north side of the coulee.

Richard Street Hazard Mitigation Project: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that bids were opened this afternoon for this project. The low bidder came in at \$1.1 Million Dollars which is \$474,000.00 over estimated budget. At this time the city will be seeking more funds from GOHSEP to help pay the difference.

St. Anne Drainage Project: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that this project is funded 100% by FP&C (Facility, Planning & Control). The cost is \$1.2 Million Dollars for drainage from St. Anne to Guilbeau Road. The 96" existing drainage pipe is in great shape which will allow cost to be spent to extend even further. The plans have been submitted for this project.

St. Anne/Walter Drive Project: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that AT&T completed all right of ways negotiations with property owners and have moved all utility lines. This project is scheduled to start in February and will last 3 months weather permitting. The road will be closed during construction.

Gaston Coulee Project: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that the preliminary plans have been submitted to FP&C. Upon response from FP&C, the city will move forward with this project. A required permit with the Corp of Engineers has been applied for.

Hockeyplex/Indoor Recreation Project: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that the purchase of the Hockeyplex is finalized. A walk thru was done on the building and it is in very good shape. Minor maintenance will be needed to upgrade the building per discussions held on possible ways to utilize the facility.

Recreation Department: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that the city is looking into starting its own recreation department. The city is growing and with the Hockeyplex purchase we will need to hire more employees to run the day to day operation of this facility. Along with Pelican Park Mayor Brasseaux feels that these employees should be offered the same benefits as all city employees. The Parc

commission would stay in place as an advisory board and continue all its projects. The transition of such a project will take some time to process.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2015-001: A resolution by the Carencro City Council accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit Report and setting actions to maintain permit requirements (LA0020150)

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-001; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-002: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2014/2015 Tif District Sales Tax budget by providing \$48,120.00 for a fence around the retention pond in connection with the cleaning of the Beau Basin Coulee project by the US Corp of Engineers.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-002; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-003: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafayette City Parish Consolidated Government to provide assistance with various minor maintenance items.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-003; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-004: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2014/2015 General Fund operating budget by providing an additional \$6,800.00 for the fence between the Utility yard and St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that the fence is required to comply with Homeland Security regulations.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-004; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-005: A resolution of the Carencro City Council of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana, supporting the display of the National Motto "In God We Trust" in the City of Carencro Council Chambers in a prominent location at City Hall.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-005; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-006: A resolution of the Carencro City Council granting the authority to Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to accept the low bid from MJL Construction, LLC in the amount of \$35,065.15 for the 2014 Utility Improvements along Post Road Phase II.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-006; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-001: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the City of Carencro to purchase property from Jason Guidry for the construction of a sewer lift station.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that this property is located at the corner of North St. John and Jack Street.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-001; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux. Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

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.

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. 2014-027; 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.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or public. With no further comments, Councilmember Richard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-029; 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.

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. 2014-031; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; Councilmember Sinegal abstain; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

DISCUSSIONS:

Anthony & Gary Guidry requesting the council to rescind the final plat approval with conditions of Guidry Acres Phase I that was granted on May 19, 2014.

Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson informed the council that the Guidry's are requesting that the council rescind the final plat approval of Guidry Acres Phase I that was granted on May 19, 2014. The Guidry's are unable to proceed with the development due to unresolvable issues.

After further discussion, Councilmember Richard made a motion to rescind the final plat approval with conditions of Guidry Acres Phase I that was granted on May 19, 2014 based upon recommendations made by Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

Mr. Jim Ortego is requesting a waiver of 100 ft. Greenbelt and 600 ft. Buffer requirement of the Carencro Performance Land Use Regulations and a waiver of the Carencro Overlay District Ordinance for a reduction of 25% of the windows facing the I-49 Frontage Road of a proposed Industrial Office/Warehouse to be located at 3455 NW Evangeline Thruway.

Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson reviewed the waivers and stated that the North, South and East property lines are in compliance. Only the West property line is in conflict. Bonnie stated that this land use is the highest use for an industrial land use type and takes in consideration of a 24 hour work production. Should any proposed land use with a lower conflict lease the building then that particular land use will also be in compliance. The only higher land use is the obnoxious land use which is not allowed in the overlay district.

Contractor Greg Gachassin with Park Group Construction for Mr. Ortego approached the Mayor and Council stating that he as well as Councilmember Sinegal spoke with Mr. Sidney Castille whose property adjacent the west property line of the proposed Industrial Office/Warehouse and he has no issues with this development. At this time they do not know who the tenants will be until the building is completed.

Mr. Randy Gauthreaux, husband of Ms. Cecile Gauthreaux, who has property adjacent to the north side of this development, voiced his concerns. Bonnie informed Mr. Gauthreaux that the development is in compliance along his property line. Mr. Gachassin offered to meet with Mr. Gauthreaux to answer any questions he may have.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to grant the waiver of the 100 ft. Greenbelt and 600 ft. buffer requirement as well as the waiver of the Overlay District for a 25% reduction of the windows facing I-49; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

Park and Recreation has three commission board members position that expired in December 2014. The following are nominations for reappointment:

Greg Brown Mayor's Appointee

Councilmember Richard made a motion to accept the Mayor's nomination; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Eric White Council's Appointee

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to accept the nomination; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

David Anderson Council's Appointee

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to accept the nomination; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

D. R. Horton, Inc. requesting a front build line variance of 5 ft. and a rear build line variance of 2 ft. 9 7/8 inches for Lot 2, 102 Northpointe Drive.

Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson informed the council that this lot is different from the other lots. The variance will not affect the utilities running under or above ground in the encroachment area nor the sidewalks as designed.

After further discussion, Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to grant the variance based upon the recommendations of Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux reminded the council of the update given last month of the water wells East of I-49. The repair cost has been very expensive for the last 4 years therefore he is asking that the council give him authority for costs up to \$50,000.00 to move forward with digging a test well before digging two deep wells to see what type of treatment plant will would be needed or if there is good water there.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion granting the Mayor authority to move forward with the above project; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux reminded the council that the Carencro Business Association Breakfast will be held on Friday, January 30, 2015 starting at 7:30 am at Prejean's Restaurant.

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro