



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013, 6:00PM
CARENCRO CITY HALL
210 E. ST. PETER STREET
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA

Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Kim Guidry lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge was followed by a moment of silent prayer with prayers for our military service personnel and their families who have served our country defending our freedoms. Mayor Brasseaux also asked everyone to remember in their prayers Mayor Pro Temp L. J. Boudreaux's wife, Cel Boudreaux who recently lost a close cousin.

Attendance: Council Members 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 discussion, some changes regarding the Community Rating System (CRS) and updated information about the Veterans Memorial Project.

Council member Babineaux made a motion to amend the agenda to add the above discussion items; seconded by Council member Richard; motion approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guests:

- Mr. Kevin Naquin, LCG Councilman, District 1
- Mr. Brett Mellington, LEDA

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that they are invited to the Lafayette Parish Fire Association meeting hosted by the Carencro Fire Department which will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 starting at 6:30 pm at the Carencro Community Center.

Mayor Brasseaux announced that the city had several guests from our twin city Dieppe, Canada. Council members L. J. Boudreaux and J. L. Richard with the help of Murray Conque led the group, Ron and Joanne Arsenault and Louis and Andrea Daigle on a tour of Carencro. Due to his absence, Mayor Brasseaux thanked everyone involved for extending a warm hospitality to our guests.

Mayor Brasseaux announced that exceptionally native citizens from Carencro are making the news. Two weeks ago Ms. Chanda Rubin and Mr. Ronald Ardoin were inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame. This year's induction ceremony was the first year that the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame held the Grand Opening of their new building in Natchitoches. Carencro was spotlighted in the fact that two of this year's inductees came from Carencro. We are very proud of Ms. Rubin and Mr. Ardoin and also honored for the recognition that they have brought to the City of Carencro.

Ms. Rubin grew up in Carencro and is a Pro Tennis player who is one of eleven athletes to be inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, La. She learned to play tennis at Red Lerrille's and at age 16 she won the 1992 Wimbledon Junior Singles

Championship. Chanda has won 7 titles on the Women's Tennis Association Tour and 2 more titles at the International Tennis Federation Events.

Ronald Ardoin was born in Carencro and resides in Haughton for 40 years. He is the 7th thoroughbred jockey to be inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame. Of 5,226 career wins in 30 years more than 90% have been at 5 Louisiana race tracks. Ronald has won 6 riding titles at Louisiana Downs and 6 more titles at Fair Grounds and became the 16th jockey in North America to reach the 5,000 win mark in 2000 at Louisiana Downs. Ronald is one of only five Louisiana natives to win 5,000 races. Ronald estimated that he won another 500 races at bush tracks like the one in Carencro years ago.

Mr. Richard Fredette, a Carencro resident recently participated in the Great Race. This race began on June 22 from St. Paul, MN and ended June 30th in Mobile, AL traveling through 19 cities and 10 states. Richard's car, a 1932 Ford Boat-tailed Speedster which he built himself was sponsored by Tony Chachere's in the Grand Champion Division of the Great Race. He has competed 15 times beginning in 1998, and won the race in 2009.

Mayor Brasseaux and the council wanted to let the public know how much they appreciate Ms. Rubin, Mr. Ardoin and Mr. Fredette because their success reflects in a positive way towards the Carencro community.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and audience that Cox Communication will be increasing their fees for some of the services effective on or after July 21, 2013.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Brasseaux read a proclamation to promote awareness of "No Texting While Driving".

Mayor Brasseaux stated that 49% of commuters' text while behind the wheel and drivers who text while driving are more likely to crash. The Mayor and council holds the health and safety of the citizens as Carencro as a chief concern, so therefore they support to commit and promote safe driving across Louisiana and to educate the general public about the danger of texting while driving.

Council member Babineaux made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on June 17, 2013; seconded by Council member Richard; motion approved.

Council member Sinegal made a motion to adopt the minutes of the audit briefing of the Carencro City Council on June 17, 2013; seconded by Council member Richard; motion approved.

The Mayor then asked for any questions or comments concerning the departments' monthly reports.

Direct Solutions Consultant Nick Gautreaux advised the council that he has contacted several agencies to help with funding concerning the sewer issues in Carencro. Nick will keep the Mayor and council updated on any new information once received.

UPDATES: none

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 2013-023: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2012/2013 General Fund operating budget providing \$8,025.00 for the striping of Prejean Road from N. University Ave to Gourmet Road and Arceneaux Road from N. University Ave to G. Pothier Road.

Council member Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-023; seconded by Council member Babineaux; motion approved.

Resolution 2013-024: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the transferring of funds between line items in the Carencro Fire Department in the amount of \$29,256.00 to provide for a generator at the Carencro Fire Department located on N. University.

Council member Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-024; seconded by Council member Babineaux; motion approved.

Resolution 2013-025: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the FY 2012/2013 operating budget of the City of Carencro by increasing revenues in the amount of \$390,851.00 from the State of Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and appropriating the funds for Phase Two of the Richard Street Drainage Project.

Council member Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-05; seconded by Council member Richard; motion approved.

Resolution 2013-026: A resolution authorizing the City of Carencro to prepare and submit a Pre-Application to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and other funding agencies for assistance in wastewater projects and authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents for any projects that may result from the submission of the pre-application.

Council member Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-026; seconded by Council member Sinegal; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2013-011: An Ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Ordinance No. 2011-008 providing for the adjustment of water and sewer rates by use of Five Year Plan.

Council member Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-011; seconded by Council member Boudreaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2013-008: An Ordinance of the Carencro City Council providing for the annexation of property owned by Carlos James Stout and Angela K. Stout into the City of Carencro, Louisiana.

There being no comments from the public, Council member Babineaux made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2013-008; seconded by Council member Sinegal; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2013-009: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting a millage rate of 4.60 for the tax year of 2013 on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll of the City of Carencro.

There being no comments from the public, Council member Boudreaux made a motion final adopt Ordinance No. 2013-009; seconded by Council member Babineaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2013-010: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council annexing the St. Pierre Boulevard area property into the corporate limits of the City of Carencro.

There being no comments from the public, Council member Richard made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2013-010; seconded by Council member Boudreaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Final plat approval for North Pint Subdivision Phase III, a mixed-use development, located in Section 26, 34, & 35, Township 8 South Range 4 East, Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana by Southern Life Development Company, LLC.

Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson stated that a walk thru is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2013 to insure all items required have been installed and a punch list will be submitted to the developer of any items that may need to be corrected. She is requesting approval of the final plat with the condition that all items of the punch list as well as the review of the final plat are addressed and completed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer Glenn McCall and her.

Council member Richard made a motion granting final plat approval based upon recommendations made by Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson; seconded by council member Guidry; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mayor Brasseaux held a discussion about the city participating with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO is an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Louisiana, Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG), City of Carencro and other municipalities that wish to join. In order to receive any grant monies for roads, sidewalks or transportation enhancement the city must agree to participate in the Lafayette MPO Reorganization. The cost to the city will be between \$7,526.00 up to \$11,440.00 depending on the number of municipalities that agree to join by July 31, 2013. The Mayor has informed LCG that the City of Carencro will participate upon the consent of the council. Mayor Brasseaux then asked the council for a motion if the council wishes to participate.

Council member Sinegal made a motion to participate in the MPO so that the city will be eligible to receive grant monies; seconded by Council member Guidry; motion approved.

A discussion was held regarding the Assessor's Office new software program. Assessor Conrad Comeaux informed the Mayor that he had requested funding from LCG for acquisition of new network hardware and software for maps of properties with possible homestead exemption violations. The cost of each project is approximately \$410,000.00 and will be shared by all tax recipient bodies based on populations. The approximately cost to the city will be \$900.00.

A discussion was held regarding the Community Rating System (CRS) regarding insurance.

Bonnie Anderson of the Planning Department has been working on the cities recertification with the CRS for the past few months, and in order for the Carencro citizens to receive the Class 7 benefits the City of Carencro needs to receive the Building Code Effective Grading System (BCEGS) approval of a minimum of 6 over 6. (The lower the number, the better). Bonnie submitted to each councilmember a copy of the review letter that was received for the City of Carencro's BCEGS application. Bonnie stated that when reviewing the letter, you will see that the City of Carencro received a class 4 rating for commercial and industrial property. However for residential property the City of Carencro received a class 99. The reason for this classification was due to the policy on residential plan review on homes that are being constructed by licensed contractors. Currently, all municipalities in Lafayette Parish as well as Lafayette Consolidate Government only review residential plans that are sub-contracted by the homeowner. Bonnie stated that after speaking to Cooney Richard, Chief Building Inspector, about the possibility of reviewing all new residential structures; he informed her that when the Carencro City Council adopted the new building codes, Act 12, back in 2006, it is included in those codes that all new residential structures are required to be reviewed. Bonnie stated there would be a couple of changes that will occur if the city began reviewing every residential plan. The first will be an additional plan review fee of \$70.00 per house review, and the second would be building contractors would no longer receive the building permit the same day as submittal. The estimated time would be approximately 1-2 days after submittal.

After a brief discussion from councilmembers, Council member Guidry made a motion to review every residential plan as recommended by Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson; seconded by Council member Richard; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux updated the council and audience about the Veterans Memorial Project. Architect Lynn Guidry has designed a plan featuring granite benches and a 3 to 4 foot granite walls/slabs which will be etched with names of local veterans. Annette and L. J. Melancon, owners of Melancon's Marble and Granite have donated two benches for the project. The public may purchase a memorial brick, engraved with the name of the veteran they wish to honor. The bricks will be incorporated into the memorial plaza. Community and Corporate support will be needed to make the memorial a reality. Brick orders will be available through December 31, 2013 and the public may contact city hall for more information at 337-896-8481. Preliminary artist renderings of the project may be viewed online at www.carencro.org.

Mr. Ernest Domingue, a resident residing at 102 Kentwood thanked the Mayor and council for addressing some problems on Kentwood Drive.

Mr. Barry Dufour, residing at 4610 Moss Street had a complaint about the road having potholes and breaking up. Several times he has called city hall and asphalt has been applied to help with the deterioration. Due to the heavy traffic and trucks, the asphalt is no longer working and the road is getting worse. Mayor Brasseaux informed Mr. Dufour that he will call Mr. Tom Carroll with LCG for some help in resolving this issue.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen B. Martin, MMC
Master Municipal Clerk
City of Carencro