



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 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 recognized Mr. Jeff Janette, the new principal at Carencro Middle School. Mr. Janette thanked the Mayor and council for meeting and supporting the ideas he wants to implement at Carencro Middle School. One program is called the "Leader in Me" which has been very successful in schools cross the country. Mr. Janette explained that this program provides opportunities for students to develop to their full potential by finding the leader in themselves. Mr. Janette seeks the support from the Mayor and city council to help improve the relationship between the community and Carencro Middle School. Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that Carencro Heights has implemented this program and he was very impressed with the students and their behavior. Mayor Brasseaux congratulated Mr. Janette on his new position and wished him much success.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Scott Police Chief Chad Leger, a candidate for Lafayette Parish Sheriff. Mr. Leger commented on his candidacy.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public that Entergy had partnered with Love, Inc., an organization in Lafayette that assists the low income elderly with basic home weatherization repairs. This year's recipient was Mrs. Ceclia Alfred residing at 103 Coffin Road. On June 30, 2015, volunteers installed weather stripping, caulk around doors and windows, blew insulation in the attic, installed a new stove and changed boards on the outside of the home as well as other repairs. Mayor Brasseaux commended Entergy and Love, Inc. for stepping up to the plate and helping our senior citizens.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guest:

*Kevin Naquin, LCG District 2, Councilman

*Brett Mellington-LEDA

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Brasseaux read a proclamation designating July as Parks and Recreation month.

Mayor Brasseaux commended PARC Chairman Murray Conque and all the board members for everything they do in regards to Pelican Park and the new recreation center. Mayor Brasseaux also thanked the Lafayette Parish School Board for allowing the city to use Carencro Middle School campus to host the Summer Program because without their help and Principal Janette this program would not exist as it has for over 30 years.

Councilmember Richard motioned to adopt the minutes of the audit briefing of the Carencro City Council on June 15, 2015; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on June 15, 2015; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

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

PARC Chairman Murray Conque stated that the Summer Program is in its 30th year. This year was the most successful with 276 children participating. Murray also commended Mr. Janette stating that it was a pleasure working with him through the Summer Program. An invitation for the awards program was extended to the Mayor and Council for this Friday, July 25, 2015 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

UPDATES:

City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public regarding:

New Sewer Treatment Plant: The USDA application has been completed and submitted to Washington for funding. 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 by \$84.00 per customer per month. A decision on what option is best for the community is being considered at this time.

Richard Street Hazard Mitigation Project: LCG has transferred \$525,000 of funds from GOSHEP to the city to for this project. Bids were accepted and the contract has been signed awarding Merrick, LLC the work. Construction should start in October of this year.

St. Anne Drainage Project: The Corp of Engineers permit has been approved and plans are being finalized. We have two rights of way issues that need to be cleared up before the project can be submitted for bids.

St. Anne/Walter Drive Project: The dryer weather has permitted this job to proceed and should be completed in August before school starts.

Gaston Coulee Project: The Corp of Engineers permit has been approved and the plans are completed. A Notice to Bidders has been advertised and a pre-bid opening will be held on August 5, 2015 with the bid opening on August 12, 2015.

Carencro Indoor Recreation Complex: Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that Architect Lynn Guidry was unable to attend the meeting. City Manager Jay Castille gave a brief update on the recreation complex. The design drawings are 75% revised to reflect the new concept in working with Pinnacle Indoor Sport. The plan is to advertise for bids by late August 2015.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2015-028: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2014/2015 Capital Project Fund revenues in the amount of \$525,000 from Lafayette Consolidated Government and increasing expenditures in said amount and appropriating the funds for the Richard Street Drainage Improvement Project.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-028; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-029: A resolution of the Carencro City Council granting the authority to Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to accept the bid from Merrick, LLC in the amount of \$1,096,528.50 for the Richard Street Drainage Improvement Project.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-029; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-030: A resolution of the Carencro City Council granting the authority to Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to accept the low bid from Cecil D. Gassiot, LLC in the amount of \$811,415 for the 2014 Lift Station Upgrades, Project #3, HMGP 4015-055-0002 FEMA-4015-DR-LA.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-030; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

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.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-010; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-008: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting a millage rate of 4.60 for the tax year of 2015 on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll of the City of Carencro.

The millage rate for 2015 is the same rate as last year; therefore the citizens should not see any changes.

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. 2015-008; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-009: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the City of Carencro to purchase immovable property for the location of a new fire station.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-009; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Final plat approval of Fairgrounds North Phase II, a single-family residential development, located in Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.

Planning Administrator Bonnie Anderson gave a brief overview of her report stating that a final walk thru of the subdivision has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Upon completion of the walk thru, a punch list will be given to the developer/engineer for completion. Once those items are complete and approved by the City Engineer and city personnel, the appropriate parties will then sign off on the final plat for recordation.

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

DISCUSSIONS:

A discussion was held regarding the Carencro Community Center deposit and rental fees. A survey comparing the surrounding rental halls that are comparable to the community center showed the deposit and rental fees for the community center are considerable lower than other's. Councilmember Guidry suggested reviewing the contract yearly to

insure we have comparable rates to surrounding halls. The following suggestions were made by City Manager Jay Castille regarding the deposit and rental fee:

Deposit fee: Increase from \$300 to \$500

Rental fee: Whole Hall: (4 hour rental) increase from \$1,200 to \$1,800

Half Hall: (4 hour rental) increase from \$700 to \$1,000

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to increase the deposit and rental fee for the community center based upon City Manager Jay Castille's recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that work has begun on the Carencro Veterans Memorial with removal of four of the soldiers and some of the bench parts. The committee met last week to discuss a possible "re-dedication" on Veterans Day to acknowledge the new sponsors for the soldiers, and of course, to once again thank our veterans.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that repairs to city hall (painting, floors, and ceilings) are 90% completed. Re-glazing of the windows is completed; awnings have been ordered and should be installed next week.

Mr. Hilton Langley, a sketch artist residing off of Gloria Switch, expressed his interest in getting involved in the Cultural District. Mayor Brasseaux asked Mr. Langley to contact city hall so we can get his information to the Cultural District committee.

Mayor Brasseaux reminded the council and the public that the Farmers Market will be held this Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro