



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 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 Kim Guidry lead 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 L. J. Boudreaux, Kim Guidry, J. L. Richard, and Alfred Sinegal

Absent: Councilmember Antoine Babineaux

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux announced that the council is considering levying a 4% hotel occupancy tax to generate revenues for the city. This tax would not impact the citizens of Carencro; only individuals staying at any hotels/motels within the city limits of Carencro. Mayor Brasseaux proceeded to read the following Notice of Public Meeting:

“Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to authorize the levy of a 4% hotel occupancy tax at its meeting on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 210 E. St. Peter Street, Carencro, Louisiana.”

Mayor Brasseaux announced that Ms. Valerie Gotch Garrett will be hosting a press announcement for Judgeship on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Fricassee Café located at 3823 N. University in Carencro. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mayor Brasseaux informed everyone that the city was approved for the 2014 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) in the amount of \$773,000.00. These funds will be used to rehabilitate the city’s existing wastewater treatment facility.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guests:

*Brett Mellington-LEDA

- *Joey Durel- LCG-Lafayette Parish President
- *Jay Castille-LCG District 2, Councilman
- *Kevin Naquin-LCG District 1, Councilman
- *Larry Broussard-LCG Public Works Engineer
- *Kevin Blanchard-LCG Chief Development Officer

PROCLAMATIONS: none

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on June 16, 2014; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux reviewed the departments' monthly reports and then asked for any questions or comments from the council.

Mayor Brasseaux asked Parc Commission Chairman Murray Conque to give an update on the renovations at Pelican Park. Murray informed everyone that the roof repairs began today, lights are being installed for the fields, electrical work has started to allow for fans to be installed in the dugouts, concrete drainage is being installed behind each field and plans are in the process to enhance the concession stand. Murray discusses the Summer Program held at Carencro Middle School which was a huge success with an attendance of an average of 175 young people. Murray invited the Mayor and Council to the closing ceremony which will be held on Friday, July 25, 2014 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

UPDATES: none

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2014-021: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2013/2014 Capital Projects Fund budget providing an additional \$81,000.00 for Walter Drive and St. Anne Drainage Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to accept the bid from Cecil Perry Improvements, LLC in the amount of \$337,609.00.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-021; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2014-022: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2013/2014 General Fund budget by increasing revenues in the amount of \$5,000.00 from an anonymous donation and amending the expenditures in the Fire Department Capital Outlay Equipment line item in said amount.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-022; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-008: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances regarding the retail sale of fireworks.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-008; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal. Motion passed as amended.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that the original wording stated “Fireworks may be sold at retail from noon June 30th through midnight on July 4th.” Due to the misunderstanding by several vendors, the amendment now states, “Fireworks may be sold at retail from noon June 30th through 11:59 p.m. on July 4th.” Mayor Brasseaux then asked City Manager Jay Castille if the wording for fireworks sales during the Christmas and New Year’s holidays should reflect the same. Mr. Castille stated that it should. This amendment would change from “noon December 20th through midnight January 1st” to “noon December 20th through 11:59 p.m. January 1st.”

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2014-008 with the amendment to clarifying the time for the sale of fireworks during the Christmas and New Year’s holidays; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-009: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the City of Carencro to purchase immovable property identified as the Fruge Property, the exact size of said property to be determined by survey.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-009; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-010: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the city to recover from a property owner its reasonable costs associated with criminal activity conducted on said owner’s property.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-010; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-006: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting a millage rate of 4.60 for the tax year of 2014 on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll of the City of Carencro.

Mayor Brasseaux stated that this millage rate is the same as last year; therefore the citizens should not see any changes. Mayor then called for questions or comments from the Council and the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2014-006; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-007: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council regulating/ prohibiting the use of glass containers on public property within the City of Carencro.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the Council and the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2014-007; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

DISCUSSIONS:

Residents of St. Pierre Blvd requesting to address their concerns about flooding issues in their neighborhood.

Mayor Brasseaux introduced Lafayette Parish President Joey Durel. President Durel addressed the council and audience stating he understands and feels for the residents living on St. Pierre Blvd. One of the major issues with drainage is obtaining money for these projects. Another issue is getting right-of-ways to improve drainage problems. And of course, dealing with the Corp of Engineers is a very long, red tape ordeal. President Durel then introduced Mr. Larry Broussard, LCG Public Works Engineer to explain the latest information regarding Coulee Mine.

Mr. Broussard approached the Mayor, council and residents of St. Pierre Blvd. stating that LCG has set aside \$675,000.00 for the cleaning of Coulee Mine from Ira Street to I-10. LCG is in the process of establishing a model of the coulee; the model will help to plan the project to relieve some of the flooding issues faced by property owners along the north end of the Coulee Mine from I-10 to Ira Street. Only approximately a quarter of a mile of the coulee is inside Carencro city limits but what happens between St. Pierre to I-10 has serious consequences for the Carencro residents on St. Pierre Blvd.

LCG has finished a study from I-10 to Dugas Road and should have the study from Dugas Road to Ira Street finished in the next 60-90 days. Once the study is finished, LCG will be able to build a model of the coulee to find the most cost effective solutions that will offer the most relief of some of the flooding problems that have occurred. Mr. Broussard informed the residents that they will start seeing the actual ground operations within the next 12 to 18 months.

LCG is conducting the Coulee Mine study with in-house employees. Other studies on coulees and drainage channels west of Carencro that drain into Bayou Carencro are also being conducted. This study would help elevate flooding in Oak Springs Subdivision and surrounding areas.

Residents of St. Pierre Blvd were present to ask questions as they are the homeowners that are inside of Carencro city limits that are most affected when Coulee Mine overflows it banks.

Mr. Andre Crevier and Mr. Andy Falls questioned Mr. Durel and Mr. Broussard about the long wait to finally have something done about Coulee Mine. Mr. Falls stated that he has been fighting this issue for over 30 years. President Durel pointed out that this is the first time in 30 plus years that any money has ever been allocated for Coulee Mine

because of the efforts of LCG Councilman Jay Castille, District 2 and LCG Councilman Kevin Naquin, District 1.

Ms. Charlene Bidstrup asked Mr. Broussard if the record for the study on Coulee Mine is available to the public. Mr. Broussard told Ms. Bidstrup that this information is available to the public and she may submit a Public Record Request to receive the information. Mr. Broussard advised Ms. Bidstrup to contact him and he would be happy to meet with her to answer any further questions she may have.

Mr. Broussard advised the public that LCG and the City of Carencro along with the other four (4) municipalities located within Lafayette Parish put up additional funds in 2007 for FEMA to perform additional studies on 22 streams for a total of \$1.2 million. FEMA has delivered a model of these streams and parish engineers are able to input data into these models to perform additional studies of the areas to be able to determine what action is necessary to help elevate flooding.

Lafayette Parish President Joey Durel informed the residents of St. Pierre that the money came from the parish and not the state. Due to the amount of flooding occurring in Carencro and because of the persistence of LCG Councilmen Jay Castille and Kevin Naquin and the reasonable lower cost of the project, LCG allocated the money for Coulee Mine.

Police Chief Carlos Stout commended the Mayor and Council for their commitment to the citizens of Carencro. Serving the public is not always an easy job but Carencro's elected officials try to do what is best for the City of Carencro. He also commended LCG Councilman Jay Castille and Kevin Naquin for the hard work they have put in in such a short period of time in office.

Mayor Brasseaux thanked Chief Stout and his department along with the crew in Carencro's public works department for their cooperation during the recent flood events. Chief Stout further commented on how well the utility department worked with the police department during these rain events.

Both President Durel and Mayor Brasseaux commended LCG Councilman Jay Castille, District 2 and LCG Councilman Kevin Naquin, District 1 for their hard work in securing the money for Coulee Mine.

President Durel suggested that LCG representatives return in six months to report on the progress of this project.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Architect Lynn Guidry who gave an update on the Veterans Memorial Project. Construction has begun on the project which has sparked more inquiries on purchases of bricks. Roof repairs have already started at Pelican Park and by the end of this week repairs on the roof at city hall will take place.

Mayor Brasseaux congratulated Parc Commission Chairman Murray Conque on his daughter Esther Conque winning First Place in the "Figure" category in the 2014 NPC (National Physique Championships) Mississippi Championships competition in Madison,

MS. The competition was a charity event which benefits the Mississippi School for the Deaf Athletic Fund. Ms. Conque is a native of Carencro and resides in Hattiesburg, MS. Way to go Esther!

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

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