



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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 Kim Guidry asked that PARC Board member David Anderson to 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. Mayor Brasseaux asked that everyone remember in their prayers the four Louisiana National Guardsmen and seven Marines who passed away in a tragic Blackhawk training accident. Mayor Brasseaux asked that we offer our thoughts and prayers to the family of Councilmember Antoine Babineaux who recently lost his wife and our dear friend, Mrs. Deannie Babineaux. Mayor Brasseaux also asked that we remember in our prayers Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson whose grandfather passed away.

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

Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Resolution 2015-017: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2014/2015 General Fund operating budget by providing \$24,000.00 for the purchase of a 2004 Peterbilt 330 Truck.

Resolution 2015-018: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to enter into an agreement between Parks and Recreation Commission of Carencro, Inc. (PARC) and the City of Carencro for the City Administration to oversee the recreation center project.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to amend the agenda adding Resolution 2015-017 and Resolution 2015-018; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public that due to conflicting meetings Lafayette Airport Commissioners Paul Guilbeau & John Hebert along with Executive Director Steven Picou were unable to attend tonight's meeting but will reschedule for April's council meeting.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Ms. Karmen Blanco-Hartfield with Cox Communications.

Ms. Blanco-Hartfield thanked the Mayor for allowing her to attend the meeting so that she could share what services are available for the citizens of Carencro. Cox is very excited to offer fiber services to citizens and local businesses. They started a Connect2Compete program that brings affordable Internet service to qualifying households as well as the Computers for Louisiana's Families Program which refurbishes used computers for qualified families at a discounted price. Cox is now offering Senior Assistance Plan for seniors 60 years of age or older on cable services. Brochures and applications are available at Carencro City Hall for the above mention products.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized State Representative Ledricka Thierry, a candidate for State Senator, District 24. State Representative Thierry commented on her candidacy.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Gerald Boudreaux, a candidate for State Senator, District 24. Mr. Boudreaux commented on his candidacy.

Mayor Brasseaux asked City Manager Jay Castille to brief everyone about the Lafayette Parish Health Millage Election to be held on March 28, 2015. The ballot proposition will be a rededication amendment to include animal control. Presently the citizens are paying the 3.56% millage which pays for mosquito control and Public Health Units. If the millage passes, tax payers will still pay 3.56% mills but it will include animal control and save the city \$52,000 a year.

Mayor Brasseaux asked Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson to brief the council and the public about the open house held on March 4, 2015 regarding the revised Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs). Ms. Anderson stated the meeting was held to answer citizens' questions and concerns and to provide additional information about the flood mapping process, the impact of the new flood maps for Lafayette Parish as well as flood insurance benefits and requirements. The new maps which would replace the current maps are in a digital format, providing greater detail and making it easier for citizens to view the information. Citizens will be able to appeal/protest these newly revised maps during the comment period. City of Carencro residents can contact Bonnie Anderson with questions on what flood map or elevations to use during the rebuilding process.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guests:

- *Kevin Naquin-LCG District 2, Councilman
- *Brett Mellington-LEDA

PROCLAMATION:

A proclamation for “Stop the Bullying” was on the agenda. Due to some of the students not being able to attend the meeting, the proclamation will be rescheduled for April’s council meeting.

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on February 16, 2015; 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 they met with USDA concerning the loan and grant money. The city’s engineers are doing some updates for the preliminary loan application. The Phase I is the sludge dewatering at a cost of \$6.2M. At this time we are approved for a LCDBG grant in the amount of \$773,000 for Phase I. The plant total cost is around \$24M. The issue is funding sources to pay back the loan. One option is increasing the water/sewer rates by \$65.00 per customer per month. Another option is passing a one cent sales tax. This one cent sales tax would be dedicated paying back the loan as well as funding the fire department current and future needs. Due to the growth of residential and commercial businesses in Carencro and to maintain our fire rating, the city needs to build a new fire station, purchase new trucks and recruit firefighters.

Richard Street Hazard Mitigation Project: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that this project is currently on hold until all additional funds are approved. The bids came in over budget by \$473,000. LCG is de-obligating \$525,000 of Hazard Mitigation funds and transferring those funds into the Richard Street Project to help the City of Carencro complete this project.

St. Anne Drainage Project: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that we are waiting on this year’s legislature session to move \$4.7 Million from Priority 5 to Priority 1 to fund the city’s force main project and the remainder of this project.

St. Anne/Walter Drive Project: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that construction will start the week of Easter. Walter Drive will be closed during construction time.

Gaston Coulee Project: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that the preliminary plans have been submitted to Facility, Planning & Control (FP&C). The plans are 95% complete. The city has applied for the required permit with the Corps of Engineers. Once the permit is received, then the bidding process will begin.

Recreation Department: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that due to other pressing issues very little work has been done on this process. He plans to start back as soon as possible.

Carencro Indoor Recreation Complex: Mayor Brasseaux recognized Architect Lynn Guidry. Mr. Guidry had a slide show running on the TV screens throughout the meeting showing drawings of proposed designs for the outside of the building. Mr. Guidry briefed the council of probable costs for the complex upon suggestions by the PARC board and the city administration. The project will be in two Phases. Phase I probable cost is \$830,000 with Phase II coming in at \$1.76M totaling \$2.59M. This leaves a shortage of \$640,000 of bonded money. The issue would be to find more funds or reduce the project. Mr. Guidry stated upon completion of Phase I, the complex could be open in Mid-August of this year. Depending on funding Phase II it could open by the end of late summer of 2016.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2015-015: A resolution by the Carencro City Council accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention audit report and setting actions to maintain permit requirements (LA0065706) Manola

Councilmember Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-015; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-016: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2014/2015 General Fund operating budget by providing \$13,803.00 to upgrade the phone system.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-016; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-017: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2014/2015 General Fund operating budget by providing \$24,000.00 for the purchase of a 2004 PeterBilt 330 Truck.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-017; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-018: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to enter into an agreement between the Parks and Recreation Commission of Carencro, Inc. (PARC) and the City of Carencro for the City Administration to oversee the recreation center project.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-018; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-005: An ordinance providing for a Non-Exclusive Franchise agreement between the City of Carencro and Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation (Slemco), granting unto Slemco, the right and privilege to distribute, deliver, sell and/or supply electricity and/or electric energy and/or service to any and all residential and/or commercial customers in the city.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that this agreement is for ten (10) years effective June 2015 thru May 2025. City Attorney Jerry Mallet has reviewed the agreement.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-005; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal. Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-002: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances, Section 54-217, "Existing Developments and Temporary Exemption."

Ms. Faye Talbot residing at 310 N. Church Street voiced her concerns stating that she felt this ordinance was unfair to owners of unoccupied buildings. City Manager Jay Castille informed Ms. Talbot that this is a state law in which the city currently follows but does not have in the city's Code of Ordinances.

Mayor Brasseaux called for other questions or comments from the council or the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-002; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-003: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Ordinance No. 2014-017 and the Carencro Code of Ordinances, Section 54, Article IV, to eliminate "Agricultural District."

Ms. Faye Talbot residing at 310 N. Church Street voiced her concerns stating that she felt this ordinance would not allow current farming and have cattle to continue. City Manager Jay Castille informed Ms. Talbot that all would continue.

Mayor Brasseaux called for other questions or comments from the council or the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Guidry made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-003; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-004: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the abandonment of a right of way located on property known as the Melancon Property in exchange for servitudes, the size configuration and location of same to be determined by the city engineers.

Ms. Faye Talbot residing at 310 N. Church Street voiced her concerns that she understood it to be Jack Street which is east of Church Street.

Mayor Brasseaux called for other questions or comments from the council or the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-004; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Preliminary plat approval of Settler's Cove, a Single-Family Residential Development, located in Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana. Owner Gary & Anthony Guidry, Developer J. Breaux Enterprises, LLC, located on Ira Street.

Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson 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. Paul Miers, Engineer, stated that they do not have any objections to the conditions as stated in the report.

Ms. Cindy Bethel residing at 106 Pelican Ridge Cove expressed her concerns about the notification procedure. She felt that more residents of Pelican Ridge should have been notified. The City of Carencro follows local and parish regulations in which notifications must be given to residents and/or businesses within 300 feet of any new development. Ms. Bethel also expressed her concerns regarding only one enter/exit into and out of the new development. The development is proposing nineteen homes that will be facing Ira Street and Ms. Bethel feels the traffic on Ira is congested enough without the new development.

Mr. Andre and Lorna Crevier residing at 400 St. Pierre both expressed their concerns regarding flooding issues that may occur due to the new development.

City Engineer Luke Hebert informed the Crevier that the developer must comply with the city's subdivision regulations which include a drainage impact analysis of the development and surrounding affected areas.

City Manager Jay Castille explained that LCG is still in the designing stage of Coulee Mine. He estimates the project to start within a year. At this time he is looking at possible mucking out the coulee to relieve some of the issues with flooding. Coulee Mine runs through the parish with approximately half a mile through the city limits of Carencro. To benefit the citizens of Carencro all of Coulee Mine needs to be done at the same time.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion granting preliminary plat approval based upon Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson's recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

At this time Mayor Brasseaux open the floor for public comments.

Ms. Faye Talbot approached the Mayor and Council inquiring about the abandonment of Jack Street.

Mayor Brasseaux asked Ms. Talbot to submit in writing her questions so that the city may reply to her concerns appropriately.

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro