



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 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 J. L. Richard 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 also asked that we offer our thoughts and prayers to Maureen Guidry and her family, an employee with the city, whose father, Wilray LeJeune recently passed away.

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

Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux announced that on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 a special 25th Anniversary ceremony of the twinning of Dieppe, Canada and the City of Carencro will be held during the Mercredi Show. Ms. Dominique Dupuis of New Brunswick and Carencro native Ms. Sheryl Cormier will be performing that night. Everyone is invited.

Mayor Brasseaux thanked everyone involved in the Carencro Mardi Gras Parade. The Carencro Mardi Gras Association did a great job organizing the parade. Chief Stout and his officers did an outstanding job with security along with police officers from the surrounding areas. Mayor Brasseaux also thanked the city's Public Works Department and the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Dept. inmate crews for an awesome job putting out barricades and cleaning up on Sunday. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

Mayor Brasseaux extended congratulations to Captain Travis LeBlanc with the Carencro Fire Dept. on obtaining the 40-hour Rope Rescue Technician certification from LSU. Travis is also an adjunct instructor with the Lafayette Fire Dept. Rescue Team and will be sharing his new skills with Carencro's Fire Department. Also Firefighter Andrew Herban has obtained his Firefighter II Certification from LSU.

Mayor Brasseaux announced that the full time Firefighter position has been filled by Ms. Tracy Taylor. This is the first time in Carencro's history that a female has been employed as a firefighter. Tracy has been a volunteer firefighter in Carencro for many years. The Mayor and Council extended a warm welcome and wish Tracy the best of luck.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that a special meeting will be held on March 31, 2014 at 12:05 pm to approve the contract for the Carencro Veterans Memorial Project. Opening bids will take place on March 26, 2014.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guests:

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

PROCLAMATIONS: none

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on February 17, 2014; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for any questions or comments concerning the departments' monthly reports; there were none.

UPDATES: none

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2014-009: A resolution of the Carencro City Council supporting legislation that would authorize the City of Carencro to levy a hotel occupancy tax up to four (4%) contingent on voter approval with the proceeds of the tax to be used to fund the construction and maintenance of Water and Sewer Infrastructure, Economic Development and Tourism within the city.

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the above resolution; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2014-010: A resolution of the Carencro City Council urging the Legislative Delegations of Lafayette and other parishes to oppose House Bill 593 and any other bill such as House Bill 980 that would change the governance of an legislative bodies in Lafayette and surrounding parishes.

Ms. Patricia Sonnier, a retired employee with the Lafayette Parish School Board with 40 years of service approached the Mayor and Council requesting support for this resolution opposing House Bill 593 to protect the school board, governing bodies and the people's right to vote.

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the above resolution; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2014-011: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2013/2014 Utility Fund budget by providing \$263,887.00 for the city's match and increasing revenues in the amount of \$791,661.00 from the State of Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and appropriating the funds for all Lift Stations Elevation.

Councilmember Guidry motioned to adopt the above resolution; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-002: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances, Section 26-71, "Adoption of International Fire Code."

Council member Boudreaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-002; seconded by Council member Babineaux; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-003: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58, "Solid Waste", to provide for regulation, storage and collection of solid waste for commercial establishments.

Council member Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-003; seconded by Council member Sinegal; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION: none

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DISCUSSIONS:

Preliminary plat approval for Guidry Acres Subdivision Phase I, a Single-Family Residential Development by Anthony & Gary Guidry, located on Ira Street, Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Chris Guilbeau, the Engineer for the Guidry's approached the council stating that the subdivision developers are in agreement and will comply with the recommendations made by Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson.

Mr. George Guidry, Mr. Ronald Tate, Mr. Kert Fusilier and Mr. Oren Thibodeaux, residents of St. Pierre Blvd. expressed their concerns regarding drainage and the possibility of this new subdivision causing flooding issues.

Mayor Brasseaux explained to the residents that this was just a preliminary plat approval and the development must be in compliance with all flood standards. A drainage analysis study is required and must be approved by the City's Engineer. Many of the drainage and other questions raised by the residents can only be answered after the developer has preliminary plat approval.

City Manager Jay Castille informed the audience that Lafayette Consolidated Government had secured \$675,000.00 to clean Coulee Mine. This project will also help with the drainage issues in that area. Mayor Brasseaux stated that when this project begins, the city will clean the coulee that is within the city limits which is less than a 1/2 of a mile.

After further discussion, Council member Sinegal made a motion to approve preliminary plat approval based upon Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson's recommendations; seconded by Council member Richard; motion approved.

O'Reilly Auto Parts requesting a variance on signage at 4201 N. University Ave.

Mr. Wade Choate, District Manager with O'Reilly approached the council requesting a variance of an additional 51.73 square feet for the wall sign on the proposed building and a variance of an additional 13 feet in height for the pole sign.

After further discussion, Council member Guidry made a motion to grant the variance on the wall sign but denied the variance on the pole sign; seconded by Council member Sinegal; Nay vote by Council member Boudreaux; motion approved.

Ms. Patricia Sonnier thanked the Mayor and council for their support in approving the resolution regarding House Bill 593.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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