



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 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 Alfred Sinegal 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.

Attendance: Council Members Antoine Babineaux, L. J. Boudreaux, Kim Guidry, J. L. Richard, and Alfred Sinegal
Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guests:

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

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and audience that the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office is looking at increasing the cost of dispatching services and inmate bookings by approximately \$100,000.00 more per year. This increase will have a tremendous effective on the City of Carencro.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that the Louisiana Municipal Association has been diligently working with key stakeholders representing the interest of local governments on Governor Jindal's proposed tax reform. LMA has no position at the present time until the proposed Tax Reform bill has been filed. LMA will keep everyone informed as information becomes available.

PROCLAMATION: None

Council member Guidry made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on February 18, 2013; seconded by Council member Babineaux; motion approved.

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

UPDATES: none

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 2013-009: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2012/2013 General Fund operating budget providing \$5,080.00 for a Welcome sign.

Council member Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-009; seconded by Council member Sinegal; motion approved.

Resolution 2013-010: A resolution of the Carencro City Council granting the authority to Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to accept the low bid from E. B. Feucht & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$198,726.00 for Francois Street and I-49 Frontage Road Sewer Improvements and to amend the 2012/2013 Utility Fund budget in said amount.

Council member Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-010; seconded by Council member Guidry; motion approved.

Resolution 2013-011: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2012-2013 General Fund operating budget providing \$5,000.00 for the Civil Service Board Attorney fees.

Council member Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-011; seconded by Council member Sinegal; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2013-004: An ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) of Sale Tax Bonds, Series 2013, of the I-49 Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; authorizing an agreement with the paying agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Council member Guidry made the motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-004; seconded by Council member Boudreaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2013-005: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances, to add Chapter 65, hereinafter to be designated as Traditional Neighborhood Development.

Council member Babineaux made the motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-005; seconded by Council member Richard; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2013-002: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Ordinance No. 2009-008 in order to expand the boundaries and area of the existing I-49 Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana.

There being no comments from the public, Council member Boudreaux made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2013-002; seconded by Council member Sinegal; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2013-003: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council annexing property owned by Douglas Mark Yentzen, Tanya Meyers Yentzen and Tarland, Inc. (The Coastal Pipe Annexation) into the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana.

Council member Kim Guidry abstained. There being no comments from the public, Council member Richard made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2013-003; seconded by Council member Sinegal; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Preliminary & Final Plat approval for Division of property from Cenac, Inc. to Southeastern Freight Lines for a Commercial Development located in Section 94, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, with an address of 4230 NE Evangeline Thruway, Carencro, Louisiana. (16.72 acres)

Council member Sinegal made a motion granting preliminary and final plat approval based upon recommendations made by Planning/Code Administrator Bonnie Anderson; seconded by Council member Guidry; motion approved.

Preliminary Plat approval for lot line adjustments for Fairgrounds North Subdivision Phase 2 & 3, located in Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana. (Original Preliminary Plat approval was granted on September 17, 2012)

Mrs. Connie Theriot and Mr. Dan Panagiotis approached the council with some concerns regarding the drainage easement and how this development would impact the flooding which occurs on Walter Drive whenever it rains. Mr. Gary Brandon had a concern about traffic increasing on Breaux Road. Planning/Code Administrator Bonnie Anderson stated that this was just a preliminary plat approval and until the final plat is presented to city hall, the concerns of the citizens could not be properly answered. Mr. Travis Laurent, the engineer with Paul Miers Engineering did volunteer to meet with the citizens to answer their questions after the meeting.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Danny Cooper requesting a waiver of the 20 ft. and 50 ft. Green Belt and Fence requirements of the Carencro Performance Land Use Regulations to locate a “Snack Shop” at 400 Tee Ma Road, Carencro, La.

Mr. Cooper approached the council stating that he did not understand the requirements. Planning/Code Administrator Bonnie Anderson informed the council she explained the requirements needed for Mr. Cooper to open a “Snack Shop” and gave him a package with all details outlining the requirements. The business was a barber shop which was grandfathered in at the time the Carencro Performance Land Use Ordinance was adopted. Mr. Cooper wants to close the barber shop and open a new “Snack Shop” business. Because this will be a new business it loses the grandfather status and therefore must comply with the Performance Land Use Ordinance. Mrs. Celeste Livings had some questions regarding the food menu and the hours of operation. The location of this business in a residential area and the hours of operation require stricter buffer zones to protect the citizens residing in that neighborhood. After further discussion, no motion was made to grant a waiver, therefore it died.

Ms. Abbie Odom of Dance Dynamics requesting a waiver of the 5 ft. Greenbelt requirement for a new dance studio to be built at 101 Fourpark Road. Dance Dynamics hours of operation is 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm and will be able to provide the original 10 ft. Greenbelt requirement, but not the additional 5 ft. as required due to the operating hours.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that the location of the new business is in a Mayor Thoroughfare District surrounding other businesses. It has no effect on the citizens of Carencro.

Council member Guidry made a motion to grant the above waiver; seconded by Council member Richard; motion approved.

State Representative Stephen Ortego informed the council about the upcoming 2013 Legislative session. State Rep. Ortego stated that the State of Louisiana budget has a deficit due to the increase in expenditures and decrease in revenues. The Governor’s plan is eliminate personal income and corporate taxes by raising state sales tax from 4% to 5.88%. The Governor also plans to reduce state funding made to educational programs, non-profit programs, and the capital outlay projects as well as many other areas. This is a concern for many legislators. State Rep. Ortego will keep the city informed. Mayor Brasseaux publicly thanked State Rep. Ortego for all the votes in last year’s session that benefited the City of Carencro.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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