



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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 Antoine Babineaux 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. Mayor Brasseaux also asked that everyone remember in their prayers and thoughts Shaun Brynner Laureles who passed away last week. Shaun was employed with the Louisiana Municipal Association as an IT Technician.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public that Gulf South Pipeline is increasing their gas rates. Gulf South Pipeline recently filed a new tariff with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) which includes drastic changes to the rate design and cost of service. The Louisiana Municipal Gas Authority (LMGA) has been fighting this proposed rate increase on behalf of the city. This increase affects the transportation of the gas through the pipelines and not the actually gas rate. Natural gas rates for Carencro's citizen will still be far cheaper than propane or electricity for the average residential/commercial customers. This rate increase will be effective on June 2015 bills for Carencro's customers. The City of Carencro and LMGA are presently reviewing other options for the betterment of Carencro's gas customers.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and public that May 15, 2015 was recognized as "National Police Officers Memorial Day" honoring and paying special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

Mayor Brasseaux asked that everyone remember in their thoughts and prayers especially this Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2015, all veterans and police officers who have died serving for our freedom and protection.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Brasseaux read a proclamation honoring the 2015 Mrs. Louisiana America, Carencro native, Mrs. Juanita Prejean. Mrs. Prejean will be competing for the title of Mrs. America on September 26, 2015. Mrs. Prejean along with her husband, Joseph Prejean own Big Poppa's Gym in Carencro. Mayor Brasseaux and the council expressed their support and best wishes as she represents Louisiana and Carencro in her quest to be crowned Mrs. America.

Mayor Brasseaux read a proclamation honoring Megan Lavergne, winner of the 2015 Kiwanis Regional Spelling Bee Completion. Megan is a 7th grader at Carencro Catholic School and will be competing in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. to be held the last week of May. Mayor Brasseaux and the council expressed best wishes for Megan's continued success at the National Spelling Bee as well as her future endeavors.

Councilmember Sinegal motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on April 20, 2015; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

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

UPDATES:

City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public regarding:

New Sewer Treatment Plant: The city has stopped the process of the design phase temporarily. The city's engineers are finalizing the engineering report for USDA approval and this report should be completed by the end of May to forward to Washington, D.C. for final loan approval. Discussions on funding to repay the loan for the sewer plant are still continuing. The city is considering two options: 1) passing a one cent 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 very urgent at this time.

Richard Street Hazard Mitigation Project: To complete this project the city received a verbal approval from GOSHEP to transfer \$525,000.00 that was dedicated to Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG). LCG is waiting on the approval letter from GOSHEP to start the process of transferring the funds to the City of Carencro.

St. Anne Drainage Project: Final plans will be completed this month. This project will be divided into two Phases. Phase I will be funded with monies already budgeted to correct the worst section from Tee Ma to Gaston Coulee allowing the water to flow better. Phase II is pending on the outcome of the current legislative session. If approved,

\$4.7 Million can be moved from Priority 5 to Priority 1 status. These monies will fund the city's force main project and the remainder of this project.

St. Anne/Walter Drive Project: We are at 10% completion. Rain showers have delayed this project almost every day. Gas lines were found that were not on our as built; therefore, we have to relocate those gas lines. This expense is an additional expense of approximately \$42,000.00.

Gaston Coulee Project: The plans are 95% complete. We are waiting on the Corps of Engineers permit. Before we can bid the project, issues with a couple of utility lines that cross the coulee, need to be addressed.

Occupational License: In 2013 the council voted and passed an ordinance to implement charging businesses within the city limits an occupational license fee. Due to the growth and current economy the city is experiencing, this will help maintain infrastructure within the city. Letters have been mailed out this week to business owners informing them of the upcoming changes that will take effect in January 2016. The city has partnered with RDS to assist with the implementation and collection of the occupational license fee. The City of Carencro and RDS is committed to making this transition as easy and successful for all business owners.

Carencro Indoor Recreation Complex: Mayor Brasseaux recognized Architect Lynn Guidry. Mr. Guidry stated that bids will be submitted next week for advertisement for Phase I. A drainage issue is still being resolved.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2015-022: A resolution by the Carencro City Council granting the authority to Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to accept the low bid from Ducharme Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$54,956.00 for repairs to city hall and re-allocating \$44,178.05 in the Sidewalk Fund for said project.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-022; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2015-023: A resolution of the Carencro City Council relating to the re-designation of the Lafayette Metropolitan Planning Organization as the Acadiana Metropolitan Planning Organization and its governance.

Architect Lynn Guidry approached the mayor and council expressing his concerns with the City of Carencro joining in an Intergovernmental Agreement designating A-MPO to serve as the technical staff. This organization also offers code enforcement services and his concern is the possibility of A-MPO coming in to redesign Carencro's Land Use Performance Ordinance. Mayor Brasseaux assured Mr. Guidry that the A-MPO will help only with the services stated within the intergovernmental agreement which deals with transportation planning.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-023; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-006: An ordinance of the City of Carencro authorizing sale by the city of immovable property no longer needed for public purposes in order to cure an encroachment by a mobile home onto public property.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that during the installation of the fence around the retention pond located off Andre Street, it was noted that a portion of a mobile home and its porch was on city property. Mayor Brasseaux stated that he is dealing with the mobile home park owner to resolve the issue.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduced Ordinance No. 2015-006; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-007: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances with regard to public notice provided prior to development of a proposed subdivision.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that the cost of the sign would be paid by the developer.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduced Ordinance No. 2015-007; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Liaqat Hussain with Ayann, Investment, LLC requesting a waiver in order to continue selling alcohol upon his purchase of Karen's Grocery located at 4419 N. University Ave.

Mr. Hussain approached the Mayor and council requesting a waiver in order to continue selling alcohol upon his purchase of Karen's Grocery which is the same waiver granted to the current owners of Karen's Grocery. The waiver includes the same stipulations stated as:

1. The store would be licensed for the same purposes as it was previously licensed.
2. Sale of alcoholic beverages will be for off-premises consumption.
3. No drive up window for sale will be allowed.
4. No daiquiri machine will be used for sale of daiquiris.
5. No drinking on premises will be allowed.

6. Business hours will commence no earlier than 6 am and will close no later than 9 pm.

Mayor Brasseaux informed Mr. Hussain that if the waiver is granted he would still need to contact the City's Planning Administrator, Bonnie Anderson, to implement the Overlay District requirement. Mr. Hussain stated that he is willing to follow all guidelines in order to open this business. Mayor Brasseaux informed Mr. Hussain that he will also have to get approval from the state alcohol board to continue to sell alcohol.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion granting the waiver based on the stipulations stated and meeting the requirements of the Overlay District; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro