



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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. Councilwoman Kim Guidry asked that Mr. Lynn Guidry, Architect and Chairman for the Carencro Veterans Memorial, 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 Antoine Babineaux, L. J. Boudreaux, Kim Guidry, J. L. Richard, and Alfred Sinegal

Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Mr. Pat Credeur with Louisiana Rural Water Association (LRWA). Mr. Credeur presented Mayor Brasseaux with the LRWA "Service Award" for his tenure as a Board Member. Mayor Brasseaux served 7 years from 2006 till 2013 representing District IV. Mayor Brasseaux was surprised and honored by this presentation.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the Carencro Veterans Memorial committee members. Those present were: Lynn Guidry, Wilbert Lacombe, Kevin Prejean, Candy Baque and Gwen Martin. Committee members that were not able to attend the meeting were Lisa Prejean, L. J. and Annette Melancon and Link Savoie. Mayor Brasseaux stated that he was overwhelmed with the success of the dedication which showed in the number of attendants and the positive comments made after the event.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that Acadiana Ambulance has moved out of the sub-station located in Carencro. No notification was given to the city that they would be leaving. Mayor Brasseaux indicated that he was very upset considering that Carencro was the first city to allow them to put a sub-station when they were first branching out. A courtesy call from a well-respected company such as Acadiana Ambulance could have been placed to the city.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guests:

- *Brett Mellington-LEDA
- *State Representative Stephen Ortego
- *Kevin Naquin-LCG Councilman, District 1

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Ms. Stacey Judice and Ms. Kathy Higginbotham, and Donna Latiolais authors of Images of America Carencro. Mrs. Latiolais was unable to attend the meeting. Stacey and Kathy addressed the council thanking everyone involved in making it all possible. They are very pleased with the community's support of their book. All monies received from the book will be dedicated to a future museum that will preserve the history of The City of Carencro. Mayor Brasseaux commended the authors for all their hard work and for representing the citizens and the City of Carencro in an honorable manner.

Mayor Brasseaux reminded the council and the public that a special election will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 authorizing a levy of a 4% hotel occupancy tax. This tax is only charged to the occupants staying at hotels/motels in Carencro and will not affect individuals living or shopping Carencro. Mayor Brasseaux encouraged everyone to go vote on December 6, 2014.

PROCLAMATION: none

Councilmember Boudreaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on October 20, 2014; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Councilmember Richard motioned to adopt the minutes of the Public Budget Hearing meeting of the Carencro City Council on October 27, 2014; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the special meeting of the Carencro City Council on November 3, 2014; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments' concerning the departments' monthly reports and the following was added:

Mayor Brasseaux commended Police Chief Carlos Stout for his appointment by Governor Jindal to the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.). The Council is responsible for developing and evaluating the curriculum of mandatory basic training courses for municipal officers, deputy sheriffs, state police, wildlife agents and all other peace officers defined by state law. Mayor Brasseaux and the Councilmembers congratulated Chief Stout on his new appointment by the Governor and they appreciate his dedication to public service which reflects in a positive way on the Carencro community.

UPDATES:

Public Notice: Richard Street Channel Improvements Project: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that the City of Carencro proposes to provide concrete lining to the existing channel located near Richard Street. Erosion of the existing channel is occurring due to the high velocity flows through the channel. The channel will be lined with concrete to prevent future erosion and insure stability of the high banks for nearby residences and commercial properties. The project will lined 625 feet of the channel. The city anticipates beginning construction by January 2015 and completing construction by July 2015.

New Sewer Treatment Plant: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public that discussion about different options for a new sewer treatment plant has taken place over the last three years and within the last six months the city has been working with the city engineers on design plans. The growth and flooding damages within the city limits has prompted this urgent issue. Funding and timing issues are very crucial at this time. The cost for a new sewer treatment plant is estimated at \$20 million dollars. DEQ is offering the city a loan in the amount of \$5 million. The issue with repaying the loan is the city would have to increase the sewer an additional \$10.00 per household just for the \$5 million dollars and at a much higher rate to repay the other \$15 million dollars. The city needs to look at other funding sources to help defray this cost.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2014-041: A resolution of the Carencro City Council supporting and endorsing the Contractor Fraud Prevention Alliance.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-041; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2014-042: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Lafayette-City Parish Consolidated Government and the Carencro Fire Department for Firefighting Services.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-042; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2014-043: A resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the fiscal year 2014-2015 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-043; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-023: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Code of Ordinances with regard to subdivisions to provide for Street Lighting.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-023; seconded by Councilmember Guidry. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-024: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council prohibiting the placement and/or use of portable basketball goals upon the public streets and/or rights-of-way within Carencro's corporate limits.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-024; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-025: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council prohibiting eighteen wheelers from traveling or parking in residential neighborhoods located within Carencro's corporate limits.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-025; seconded by Councilmember Guidry.

Councilmember Richard asked that in Section 2 of this ordinance the last sentence removing the following words: "Vehicles which are owned and/or operated by a resident of such a neighborhood". The remaining "Vehicles making deliveries or pick-ups in such neighborhoods, are not subject to this restriction" will stay in place.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2014-025 with the correction above; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Richard made the motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-025 as amended; seconded by Councilmember Guidry. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-026: An ordinance levying within the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana, effective January 1, 2015, a tax of four percent (4%) (the "tax") upon the rent or fee charged for the occupancy of hotel rooms within the city, levying and providing for the assessment, collection, payment and said dedication of the proceeds of such tax and the purposes for which the proceeds of the tax may be expended.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2014-026; seconded by Councilmember Guidry. Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-018: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting an operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2014 and ending November 30, 2015 and adopting an amended operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2013 and ending November 30, 2014.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Guidry made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-018; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-019: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 2014-010 with an ordinance which further authorizes the city to recover from a property owner its reasonable costs associated with criminal activity conducted on said owner's property.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or public. With no further comments, Councilmember Guidry made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-019; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-020: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the donation to qualifying agencies of automobiles no longer needed for public purposes by the Carencro Police Department.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or public. With no further comments, Councilmember Richard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-020; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-021: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Burn Control Code to prohibit the outside burning of combustible materials on property located within Carencro's corporate limits.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2014-021; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux.

City Manager Jay Castille informed the Mayor and council that Ordinance No. 2014-021 had been amended per the request and recommendations of the Fire Chief.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to accept the amendments per the recommendations of the Fire Chief; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Guidry made the motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2014-021 as amended; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Preliminary plat approval for Envie Subdivision Phase 2, a Single-Family residential development, located in Section 34 & 35, Township 8 South, Range 4 East, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana by L'Envie, LLC.

Bonnie Anderson, Planning Administrator, 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. Chris Guilbeau of Dubroc Engineering stated that he does not have any objections to the conditions as stated in the report.

Ms. Michele Wright, a resident residing at 313 Rue Ciel questioned Mr. Guilbeau about the retention pond. The location of the retention pond is directly behind her house and she is concern about the upkeep and maintenance of the retention pond. Mr. Guilbeau informed Ms. Wright that the subdivision will have a Home Owners Association and the organization will be responsible for the maintenance of the pond.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to grant preliminary plat approval based on recommendations of the City Planner and City Engineer; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Final Plat approval for re-subdivision of Lot 3 of Carencro Village “A Commercial Development” into Lots 3 & 4.

Bonnie Anderson, Planning Administrator, gave a brief overview of her report and recommend final plat approval with conditions as stated in the report as well as conditions that were included in the City Engineers report.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to grant final plat approval based on recommendations of the City Planner and City Engineer; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Stephen Ortego and Charles Chatelain requesting a waiver of the East property line setback at 203 East St. Peter St. to allow an addition to the existing building as well as a waiver of the site proof fence and 15 ft. greenbelt requirement of the Carencro Performance Land Use ordinance. If approved, the new building setback would be 2 ft. 11 inches.

Mr. Ortego and Mr. Chatelain approached the Mayor and council stating that at this time they do not have a signed tenant but in trying to market the building, they needed to know what options they had. They were approached about a coffee shop/café business. Their main concern is getting the waiver so that they may start restoring the building since it is a landmark of Carencro’s history.

Planning/Code Bonnie Anderson gave the requirements of both the neighborhood business as well as general business. The intention of the coffee shop/café would fall under neighborhood business which would require a 10 ft. greenbelt on the north, east and west property lines. A general business would require a 15 ft. greenbelt on the same lines as well as a site proof fence.

Mayor Brasseaux informed Mr. Ortego and Mr. Chatelain that in order for the council to grant a waiver all information such as the type of business and any other requirements needed by the planning/code department should be given ahead of time so that the council can make a decision based on the information given.

After further discussion, Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to grant the waiver for a Neighborhood Business; seconded by Councilmember Richard; Councilmembers Babineaux and Sinegal voted nay; motion approved.

Mr. Jesse Conques requesting an additional one year extension to the Mossrose Gardens residential development on Kate Road.

Mr. Conques approached the council requesting a year extension on his development. Mayor Brasseaux informed the council that they had granted this extension before because Mr. Conques agrees to meet all new requirements that have been and may be implemented.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to grant a year extension to Mossrose Gardens development based upon Mr. Conques agreement to meet all new requirements that have been and may be implemented; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Discuss the amended 2013-2014 and proposed 2014-2015 budget for PARC and Pelican Park.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve Pelican Park and PARC's 2013-2014 amended budget and the 2014-2015 proposed budget based upon the review by the City's Auditor, Mr. Burton Kolder; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Discuss the option to abandon Angelle Road. Mayor Brasseaux briefed the council on the reason for this option. Angelle Road is off Hector Connolly Road across from Super One by the roundabout and also exits onto the frontage road. The residents are interested in selling the property for future commercial developments. The city would need to abandon this road to benefit those residents as well as the city for future business growth.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to start the process of abandonment; seconded by Councilmember Richard; Councilmember Sinegal abstained; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux called for any additional public comments. With no additional public comments Councilmember Guidry made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro