



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 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 L. J. Boudreaux led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge Mayor Brasseaux 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 introduced the following guest:

*Brett Mellington, LEDA

*Marcus Bruno-LCG Assistant to Mayor-President Joel Robideaux

*Glenn McCall-Engineer with Fenstermaker & Associates

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Judge Jimmy Genovese. Judge Genovese is a candidate for the Louisiana Supreme Court 3rd District seat. Judge Genovese commented on his candidacy.

PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Boudreaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on August 15, 2016; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments regarding the monthly reports.

Police Chief Anderson took a moment to introduce Officer Kenneth Quillens who was promoted from Sergeant to Captain. Officer Quillens has been employed with the city

for 12 years and brings a wealth of knowledge to his promotion as he is also actively involved with the Louisiana National Guard.

Police Chief Anderson informed the Mayor, Council and the public that on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 the Carencro Police department and the Carencro Fire department will host the "Carencro's First National Night Out." This event is an excellent opportunity for the public to meet and interact with the members of the police and fire departments. There will be free food and drinks along with entertainment and children's activities. Police Chief Anderson and Fire Chief Chauvin encouraged and invited everyone to attend which will be held in the parking lot at the Police Station located off Centennial Drive from 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

Consultant Nick Gautreaux informed the Mayor and Council that the City of Carencro's Capital Outlay projects in Priority 1 listed as Wastewater and City Infrastructure Flood Damages in the amount of \$2,872,400 and Gaston Coulee Cleaning, Planning and Improvements for \$190,000 were approved at the State Commission Bond meeting held on July 21, 2016. Mr. Gautreaux commended the Mayor and Council stating that the projects they have submitted for Capital Outlay are not only crucial but enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Carencro. This is why the Governor did not remove those projects from the state's capital outlay budget.

Mayor Brasseaux again commended both the police and fire department for the great response to rescue calls and for a great working relationship during this crucial time.

UPDATES: City Manager Jay Castille informed the council and public regarding:

New Sewer Treatment Plant- The city is still waiting for the Legislature to fund our Capital Outlay projects which needs \$4.7 million dollars for the new Sewer Treatment Plant. The \$2,872,400 in the Capital Outlay Budget for the city's sewer infrastructure has been approved by the state. The \$2,770,000 which is in propriety 5 for the city needs to get in propriety one during the next legislative session. Also the election of the sales tax needs to pass by the voters. Once the city receives all monies and the sales tax is approved by the voters then the design phase can start for this project.

One Cent Sales Tax: The City of Carencro will be proposing a one cent sales tax on the December 10, 2016 ballot. The city will be working on different avenues of communicating to the citizens the importance of passing this one cent sales tax. This sales tax will generate revenues to repay the 40 year \$25 million loan to build the new sewer treatment facility. It would be beneficial for the citizens to vote and pass the tax as opposed to increasing the minimum sewer rates an additional \$65.00 per month on top of the current rate of \$20.25 per customer for a minimum total rate of \$85.25 just for sewer usage. Residents living outside the city limits that will be shopping in Carencro will help pay for the facility by increasing revenues through the sales tax. Approximately two thirds of the sales tax will be dedicated to the Sewer Treatment Facility with a portion dedicated to the Fire and Police department.

Richard Street Hazard Mitigation Project: Work on the cement walls in the coulee has been completed. The next step is backfilling the walls. Still have some matting downstream that needs to be completed.

St. Anne Drainage Project: This project is complete with the exception of a punch list with minor items that need to be done.

Gaston Coulee Project: The channel is finished and now the contractor is dressing up the banks while cleaning and hauling off material and debris. Arceneaux Road will be closed next week for repair work to replace culverts where Gaston Coulee crosses Arceneaux Road.

Water Wells and Water Plant on East Side of I-49: The design plans are complete and the application has been submitted to DHH for a Revolving loan to build a new plant which will cost around \$5 million dollars.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and the public that the city has been working for over 8 years with GOHSEP and FEMA on Hazard Mitigation projects. One of the Hazard Mitigation project is to remove, relocate and elevate the lift station on Church Street along with a new sewer force main. Also included in this project is the coulee channel improvement from Jack Street to the old railroad crossing near the water plant. That project is now in jeopardy because of a few property owners refusing to sign the servitudes to allow the work to be done. These are the same people that have demanded improvements for years now.

Carencro Indoor Recreation Complex: Architect Lynn Guidry gave a brief overview of his report. The sports complex is completed 2 months ahead of schedule. At this time, the punch list is the only items that need to be completed and then the complex will be turned over to Pelican Park to open for business.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2016-018: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2015/2016 General Fund operating budget by providing \$25,189.20 for pavement markings for the St. Peter and Church Street intersection.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-018; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Resolution 2016-019: A resolution of the Carencro City Council adopting the "The City of Carencro Emergency Plan" to provide key officials and departments within the City of Carencro with general guidelines for the initial response to an emergency and an overview of their responsibilities during an emergency.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-019; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Resolution 2016-020: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the donation by the Carencro Police Department of publically owned vehicles no longer needed for public purposes.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-020; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Resolution 2016-021: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the transferring of funds between line items in the Carencro Police department.

Councilmember Boudreaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-021; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

Resolution 2016-022: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2015/2016 General Fund operating budget by providing an additional \$12,386.44 to purchase a new 2016 Tahoe under state contract for the police department.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-022; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Resolution 2016-023: A resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the fiscal year 2017-2018 Local Government Assistance Program and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-023; seconded by Councilmember Richard; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

Ordinance No. 2016-011: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting an adjusted millage rate of 4.22 mills to be levied upon the dollar amount of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the City of Carencro, Parish of Lafayette for the year 2016 for the purpose of raising revenue.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-011; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2016-012: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council increasing the millage rate, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2016, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-012; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2016-013: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Ordinance No. 2010-018 in regards to prohibiting the use of any equipment for device on the premises of any customer which would result in the theft of city utilities and assessing fees and penalties associated with the theft of utilities.

Mayor Brasseaux called for questions or comments from the council or the public. With no further comments, Councilmember Richard made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-013; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

DISCUSSIONS:

The Carencro Lions Club requesting permission to host the Carencro Children's Christmas parade to be held on December 3, 2016.

Ms. JoAnn Lee and Ms. Kathy Harrison were present representing the Carencro Lions Club.

Councilmember Richard made a motion granting the Carencro Lions Club permission to host the Carencro Children's Christmas parade on December 3, 2016; seconded by Councilmember Boudreaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief Chauvin informed the Mayor and Council that the boat the fire department used during the flooding was not suitable for rescuing handicap victims with wheelchairs. In Carencro alone they had over 80 rescues and countless rescues in the City of Youngsville. Because of the need to accommodate everyone, Chief Chauvin has inquired through Facebook if anyone has a bigger boat that they would like to donate to the fire department that would be more suitable during these crucial times. Chief Chauvin stated that he may have someone who is willing to donate funds to purchase a boat for the fire department.

Ms. Kathy Harrison with the Carencro Lions Club approached the Mayor and Council stating that Carencro Lions Club has been assisting flood victims since day one delivering cleaning supplies and plate lunches in Lafayette, St. Martin and St. Landry parishes. Currently she is working with the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) for grant monies to assist with recovery. Ms. Harrison informed Chief Chauvin that his need for a bigger boat could be requested under this grant. She would keep him posted with the outcome of this request.

Mayor Brasseaux commended the Carencro Lions Club for all their donations that they provide to the community. Such as the donation of the "Jaws of Life" to the Carencro

Fire department, copy paper to teachers at schools in our city limits, eye glasses for children as well as the Thanksgiving Food Baskets that are donated to the needed families.

As Ms. Kathy says, our motto states...”We Serve”. And yes they do! So please buy a raffle ticket or Po-Boy sandwich during their sale to help them raise money that goes right back into our community.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Sinegal seconded; motion approved.

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Martin, LMMC
City Clerk
City of Carencro