



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021 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 Jordan Arceneaux led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge Mayor Brasseaux asked for a moment of silence for our military service personnel, along with our veterans and their families who have served and for those who continue to serve our country defending our freedoms.

Attendance: Councilmembers, Jordan Arceneaux, Antoine Babineaux, Danielle Capritto, Kim Guidry, and Alfred Sinegal

Absent:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Position effective July 1, 2021 for six months.

Councilmember Capritto made a motion to appoint Councilmember Arceneaux as Mayor Pro-Tem effective July 1, 2021 for six months; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Mr. Lee Verret with the Carencro Business Association Academic Backers honoring 4.0 (Principal's Honor Roll) students from Carencro High School.

Mr. Verret presented Dylan Smith, Madison Trahan, Layla Wilson, Emma Lemaire and Bryan Williams with a check from the CBA and a Proclamation from the City of Carencro for their outstanding accomplishments on Principal's Honor Roll. The following recipients were not able to attend the meeting; Madyson Angelle, Tony Leger, Jessica Lopez, Morgan Menard, Chole Benoit, Victoria Melvin, Dominique Salazar and Kaylin Theriot. The Mayor and Council congratulated all recipients on a job well done.

Mayor Brasseaux then introduced Mrs. Juanita Hall who is retiring from Lafayette Parish School Board. Mayor Brasseaux presented Mrs. Hall with an honorary citizen's

certificate, key to the city and Carencro pin for her career in teaching and contributing 31 years of outstanding service to Carencro Middle School and her students. Mayor Brasseaux thanked her for everything she has done for the children and our community. You have made all the difference!

LCG Transit Presentation- Acadiana Planning Commission Ms. Sara Gary (Transportation Director) and Mr. Mike Mitchell (LTS Director) presented the mayor and council with a slide show in reference to public transportation for Carencro. Many options were presented by Ms. Gary in reference to routes and pricing. The cost is \$100.00 per service hour and ranges from \$60,000.00 to \$180,000.00 per year depending on routes, service hours, and types of trips. Ms. Gary also informed the mayor and council that she is in search of grants to support the transit system.

Councilmember Capritto made a motion for Mayor Brasseaux to continue discussions on the LCG Transit System; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2021-020: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to enter into preliminary discussions with the Acadiana Planning Commission, Inc., Lafayette Transit System (LTS), and Lafayette Consolidated Government regarding the extension of a fixed- route transit route to the City of Carencro.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-020; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Police Department Discussion- Architect Mr. Lynn Guidry presented the mayor and council with a preliminary floor plan and cost associated with building a new police station to begin early in 2022 if approved by the council. The estimated cost is roughly 6 million to build and will be located behind the Carencro Community Center in which the city owns this property. Chief Anderson plans to transition the current police station into a detective's annex and evidence storage.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to grant Mayor Brasseaux the authority to proceed with the design stage of the new police station; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

GUESTS: Brittany Savant- Acadian Ambulance
Tommy Thibodeaux- Pelican Waste
Doyle Boudreaux- LCG Liaison

PROCLAMATION : None

Councilmember Sinegal motioned to adopt the minutes of the audit briefing meeting presented by city auditors Mr. Burton Kolder and Mr. Brad Kolder of the Carencro City Council on May 17, 2021; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on May 17, 2021; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Councilmember Sinegal motioned to approve the financial reports as presented; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

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

Mayor Brasseaux commended Carencro Fire Chief David Mouton on the May 2021 classroom training on Haz-Mat Awareness certifications. Congratulations to Fireman Andre Guilbeau, Austin Many and Jaron Royer for passing the certification class.

Mayor Brasseaux also congratulated Carencro Fire Chief David Mouton on his recent promotion to District Fire Chief in Lafayette, La. He was congratulated by all.

UPDATES: City Manager Don Chauvin gave the following updates:

Hector Connoly Water Plant – The water samples taken last month passed by Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). The valves are leaking and have been removed and readied for inspection and calibration.

Street Overlay Project- The 2019 Asphalt Overlay Project – The Sports Complex is completed with only the striping remains. The 2021 Asphalt Overlay Project- Construction began the week of May 17, 2021. The contractor is also working on the Sonnier Road turning lane so they will be moving between jobs at times. A vote on Resolution No. 2021-015 to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government in regards to Moss Street surface improvements. City of Carencro's project their portion \$241,000.00.

Fire Station on Gloria Switch- The contract was awarded to M.D. Descant and a vote will be taken on Resolution No. 2021-019 accepting the low bid of \$2,897,000.00.

New Water Meters- The installation is over 95% completed and on schedule for June 2021 completion. Once all the meters are installed, we will reveal a web portal and App for monitoring water usage and the capability to set alerts. The installation of the water meters has resulted in numerous brown water complaints and videos on social media. Most of the recent issues can be traced to the changing of the water meter which clears up quickly. Fire calls where a hydrant is used will also stir up the iron sediment in the system for many city blocks. In a residence, the collection point for these sediments is the water heater which most experts advise to flush at least annually. Please report any brown water issues to City Hall immediately so we can determine the cause.

Amazon – Infrastructure Projects:

Sonnier Road Turning lane- Our asphalt contractor has been hired to do the reconstruction starting next week weather permitting.

Lift Station- Most of the lift station construction is complete so the pumps and piping are being installed.

Gas System Upgrade- The gas meter for Amazon has been installed and is connected to our existing gas system for testing equipment in the building. The servitude agreement for the regulator station at Ranch Outlet is complete. The insurance requirements are being negotiated.

Caysi- The City of Carencro has now taken over the operation and maintenance of Carencro Park for 99 years. PARC has asked CAYSI President Bertha Hebert to sign an agreement for continued operations at Carencro Park. The agreement is similar to the agreement that was previously between CAYSI and Lafayette Recreation & Parks. It would allow CAYSI continued use of the park with absolutely no fees or costs but would require financial accountability. Ms. Hebert thus far has refused to sign the agreement.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2021-015: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government (LCG), in regards to the roadway surface improvements to Moss Street.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-015; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2021-016: A resolution of the City of Carencro adopting the Lafayette Parish-Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Capritto made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-016; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2021-017: A resolution of the Carencro City Council ratifying the motion made by Park and Recreation Commission of Carencro, Inc. a budget amendment for installation of sidewalk improvements to connect Pelican Park and Carencro Park.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-017; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2021-018: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2020-2021 general fund street department line-item repairs and maintenance by providing an additional \$20,000.00 for city-wide fence repairs and installation.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Capritto made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-018; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2021-019: A resolution of the Carencro City Council granting the authority to Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to accept the low bid from M.D. Descant, LLC. in the amount of \$2,897,000.00 for the Carencro Fire Station #33.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-019; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING:

FINAL ADOPTED ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Abbey Court Phase 2- preliminary plat review No. 1- a single family residential development (Developer Jeremy Breaux).

Planning Administrator Valerie Bosset gave a brief overview of her report and recommendations as well as the conditions included in the City Engineers report/letter. She recommended preliminary plat approval No. 1., for Abbey Court Phase 2.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to grant preliminary plat approval No. 1 for Abbey Court Phase 2 based on Planning Administrator, Valerie Bosset's recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Torres-Lopez and Ms. Gema Antoinia requesting a variance for the location at 3601 N. University Ave., Carencro, La. to establish a new business selling used and new tires.

Mayor Brasseaux explained to Mr. Lopez and Ms. Antoinia about the overlay district restrictions and the ordinance prohibiting used tire sales, tire repairs, and used tire storage.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. No motion to grant the variance was made by the Council, therefore the request was denied.

Brookwood Storage requesting a variance for the development of a storage facility to be located at 3500 NE Evangeline Thwy, Carencro, La.

Mr. Robby Piper came before the Mayor and Council presenting the layout for the Brookwood Storage Facility (Life Storage). This proposed 3 story development would consist of 135,000 total square feet. Through much discussion and questions about variances, building material restrictions, and other restrictions. Mayor Brasseaux made a recommendation for everyone to meet at city hall for further discussions. City Manager

Don Chauvin commented stating that as a citizen he is opposed to granting this variance stating that this location is also in the overlay district and the ordinance prohibits self-storage or warehousing units.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to grant the variance for Brookwood Storage contingent upon adding 40% in windows; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; Nay votes by Councilmember Babineaux, Councilmember Capritto, and Councilmember Sinegal; motion failed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Breaux who resides at 414 Estelle Drive, Carencro, La. asking for an update on the drainage improvements. City Manager Don Chauvin replied that the utilities had to be moved first. The contractor is allowed 120 working days and should be completed at year end.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Meche
Asst. City Clerk
City of Carencro

Glenn L. Brasseaux
Mayor
City of Carencro