



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 6:00 PM
CARENCRO CITY HALL
210 E. ST. PETER ST.
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA

Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Sinegal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Danielle Capritto led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal 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. Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal also asked to pray for Mayor Brasseaux who is in the hospital.

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

Absent:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal asked for a motion to amend the agenda adding item I/J 2: Resolution No. 2020-031; removing discussion item discussion #2- Mardi Gras Float; adding discussion item #3- annexation.

Councilmember Capritto made a motion to amend the agenda to add item I/J 2: Resolution No. 2020-031; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Capritto made a motion to amend the agenda removing discussion item #2- Mardi Gras Float; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Councilmember Capritto made a motion to amend the agenda adding discussion item #3- Gerald Richard LLC Properties annexation; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; Councilmember Arceneaux abstained; motion approved.

Councilmember Capritto asked for a motion to amend the agenda adding discussion item N-4 air quality in the round-about area in the City of Carencro; Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to add N-4 discussion item; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Councilmember Capritto asked for a motion to amend the agenda adding discussion item N-5 Mayor Brasseaux's absence; Councilmember Guidry made a motion to amend the agenda adding N-5 Mayor Brasseaux's absence; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

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

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

Mr. Mark Hutchinson, President of Blue Line Solutions informed the council and public regarding the automated photo enforcement program. The program includes elements of public information and education and by assisting public safety agencies with press releases, press conferences. Blue Line Solutions immediate focus will be safety in school

zones. In closing Mr. Mark Hutchinson informed that there is no cost to the citizens to implement this program.

GUESTS: Mr. Doyle Boudreaux- LCG Liaison
Ms. Brittany Savant- Acadian Ambulance

PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Capritto motioned to adopt the minutes of the November 16, 2020 budget hearing; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on November 16, 2020; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal asked for questions or comments regarding the department's monthly reports. There were none.

UPDATES: City Manager Don Chauvin gave the following updates:

Hector Connolly Water Plant – The plant is not online and having problems with the manganese levels. The contractor and engineers are working on a solution.

Councilmember Capritto is concerned about the water quality and asked what is the response to our citizens about brown water. City Manager Don Chauvin replied that the brown water is caused by iron sediments that settle at the bottom of hydrants. Water Superintendent Buster Broussard did not want to proceed with flushing hydrants all at once to avoid overloading the system. The flushing of hydrants has begun but will take several weeks to finish the cycle.

Street Overlay Project- As of December 10, the contractor has used 101 of 160 days in the contract. The status report shows 83% complete having used only 63% of the contract time.

Fire Station on Gloria Switch- Preliminary design and engineering plans are complete. LDH plan is approved and the bonding company has several banks interested in the bonds.

Hurricane Debris Pickup – The debris contractor is finished having picked up 28,598 CY for Hurricane Delta. All vegetative debris has been burned, construction and demolition has also been picked up and brought to the landfill. Public Works crews continue to pick up remaining debris.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2020-030: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing the donation by the Carencro Fire Department of a publicly owned vehicle no longer needed for public purposes.

Fire Chief David Mouton informed the Council the vehicle was going to Grand Coteau.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-030; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2020-031: A resolution of the Carencro City Council granting the authority to Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to accept the low bid from Southern Constructors, LLC in the amount of \$813,596.00 for the Arceneaux Road Drainage Improvements project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-031; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2020-015: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances regarding the number and permitting procedures for fireworks stands operating within the City of Carencro.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-015; seconded by Councilmember Capritto.

Councilmember Arceneaux asked for a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2020-015 adding in section #9 that if a permit holder of a fireworks location fails to open in the current year then the following year that individual cannot renew their permit. Motion by Councilmember Capritto to accept the amendment as presented; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Councilmember Arceneaux asked for a second motion to amend Ordinance No. 2020-015 adding in section #6 that a permit holder shall be permissible to change locations during the course of the year and that the City of Carencro will not be able to sell the permit until January 1 of each year also requiring proof of receipts operating with each permit.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2020-015 as presented; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Arceneaux made to a motion to accept Ordinance No. 2020-015 as amended; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2020-016: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances to provide for the enforcement of certain traffic violations by automated means and provide for civil penalties for those certain traffic violations enforced by automated means.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2020-016; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

FINAL ADOPTED ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2020-013: An ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) of sales tax bonds, series 2021, of I-49 Corridor Economic Development District, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the payment of principal of and interest on such bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2020-013; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2020-014: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances establishing standards for small wireless facilities in the rights-of way in the City of Carencro, Louisiana.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2020-014; seconded by Councilmember Guidry; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

DISCUSSIONS:

Discuss Mardi Gras Parade: City Manager Don Chauvin informed the council and public that he received an email from The Carencro Mardi Gras Association informing that the 2021 Mardi Gras Parade has been cancelled based on all aspects of not being able to provide a safe environment for all party's involved.

Gerald Richard Properties, LLC. Requesting annexation of property located off Sonnier Road to develop a new subdivision- requesting to tie-in to sewer and water services from the city.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to annex the Gerald Richard Properties, LLC, seconded by Councilmember Capritto. Councilmember Arceneaux abstain vote and Councilmember Guidry nay vote; motion failed.

Discuss air quality around the roundabout: Councilmember Capritto voiced her concerns about the air quality in the Hector Connoly roundabout stating that the odor is overwhelming and has concerns with safety and harmful to one's health. The odor presents itself when the wind is north, northeast.

City Engineer Luke Hebert came forward and informed the council and public that Mayor Brasseaux had contacted DEQ in the past to investigate the odor. The result was that the odor had at that point ceased. City Engineer Luke Hebert informed that a video inspection of the Hector Connoly Lift Station pipes was performed and resulting that the pipes were not full and he does not think that it's a City of Carencro sewer issue.

Councilmember Capritto requested an official investigation by DEQ for the air quality for Hector Connoly Round-About.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion for an official investigation by DEQ for the air quality for Hector Connoly Round-About going a quarter mile east; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Discuss Mayor's absent: Councilmember Capritto stated her disappointment with the lack of communication with the Mayor's condition and asked who was running city hall.

City Manager Don Chauvin informed the council and public that Mayor Glenn Brasseaux is making decisions and executing all documents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Breaux who resides at 414 Estelle Drive asking about the Arceneaux Rd drainage project and how soon will it begin.

City Manager Don Chauvin informed that the project will begin very quickly but nothing is holding it back. City Engineer Luke Hebert state by at least February.

City Manager Don Chauvin announced that Mayor Brasseaux thanked everyone who inquired about him and for his well wishes of recovery.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sinegal wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of the Carencro City Council and staff.

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Meche
Asst. City Clerk
City of Carencro

Alfred Sinegal
Mayor Pro Tem
City of Carencro