



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 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 Alfred Sinegal 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. Mayor Brasseaux asked that we continue to pray for all those who have covid and their families.

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

Absent:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Recognize Ms. Sara Dake with U.S. Senator John Kennedy's office. Ms. Dake informed the Mayor and Council that she is the Acadiana Regional Director for our area. She can assist with areas on the federal level such as grants, stimulus checks not received, veteran benefits, etc.

Take 10 Pledge - Mayor Brasseaux announced that he received a letter from Dr. Shawn Wilson with DOTD implementing a new policy for field crews to pick up litter in the footprint where they're working for the day. In joint efforts he is issuing a "Take 10 Campaign" to our local cities and parishes to implement the same policy to keep Louisiana beautiful!

Recognize Fenstermaker and Associates- American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACEC) Award- Mayor Brasseaux announced that Fenstermaker was recently awarded for the City of Carencro's Andre Street Drainage and Utility Improvements project along with other prestigious awards. Mayor Brasseaux and the Council congratulated Fenstermaker and Associates.

GUESTS : Doyle Boudreaux- LCG Liaison

PROCLAMATION :

A proclamation declaring September 7, 2021 as French Language and Heritage Day.

Councilmember Danielle Capritto read the proclamation. Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to declare September 7, 2021 as French Language and Heritage Day; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Capritto motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on March 15, 2021; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

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

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

Police Chief David Anderson introduced Cody Ellyson as a new police officer. Officer Ellyson joins the force as a graduate from the Police Academy along with a Criminal Justice degree from ULL. He was welcomed by all.

Chief Anderson then recognized Officer Mike Gervais for 32 years of service as a reserve officer to Carencro Police and Carencro Fire Department. Mike has dedicated over 15,000 volunteer hours of service for our citizens and the community. Chief David Anderson presented him with an award of dedicated service. Mayor Brasseaux and the council thanked him for his dedication and years of service to the City of Carencro.

Mayor Brasseaux commended Fire Chief David Mouton for continuing education for his fire fighters. Fire Fighter Andrew Herban attended a week-long Fire Officer 1 class at LSU Fire & Emergency Training Institute in Baton Rouge and passed the certification. Chief Mouton's goal is to acquire all certifications and state requirements needed to do annual fire inspections which will help our PIAL rating.

UPDATES: City Manager Don Chauvin gave the following updates:

Hector Connolly Water Plant – Three of the four filters have been filled with rocks and the remaining rocks were scheduled to arrive today. Filter media is on site and will be installed following the rocks. Testing will begin after the tanks are ready.

Street Overlay Project- The 2019 Asphalt Overlay Project is underway at Derek Plaza and the Sports complex is next in line to be paved. The pre-construction meeting was held for the 2021 Asphalt Overlay Project and the notice to proceed was issued for May 10, 2021.

Fire Station on Gloria Switch- The advertisement for bids will be published April 21, April 28 and May 5, 2021. The bid opening will be May 27, 2021 at 2pm. Architect Lynn Guidry presented a final drawing of the new fire station to the Mayor and Council and thanked them for allowing him the opportunity to work on this project. Fire Chief David Mouton and his staff are preparing to order the trucks which will take about a year to build.

New Water Meters- The installation is over 50% completed and on schedule for June 2021 completion. Some of the aging meters have recently been tested and show an 84% accuracy which accounts for a large part of our overall water loss. Once all the meters are installed, we will reveal a web portal and App for monitoring water usage and the capability to set alerts.

Amazon – Infrastructure Projects:

Sonnier Road- Milling and overlay plans were approved by Fenstermaker today. All DOTD permits have been obtained and the utilities must be moved to allow for a wider intersection for the turning lane.

Lift Station- Construction is approximately 60% complete.

Gas System Upgrade- Installation of a new 4” gas line from Ranch Outlet to FedEx. This new system will introduce EnLink as a new gas supplier to the east side of I-49. The new system will be isolated from the older west side so that higher pressures can be safely utilized. The first phase of the gas system installation is bringing a new 4” line from the front of FedEx past Thoroughbred Road. After the regulator station is installed behind Ranch Outlet the new 4” line will be connected.

New Utility Bills & Text Messages- The new utility billing has been an integration challenge for the utility staff. Currently we are in the middle of the new water meter installation and working in two systems. City hall staff has worked many extra hours and weekends inputting data and should be commended. The text messaging reminder feature was inadvertently activated at the same time the bills were scheduled to go out. In the future the reminder text will go out much later in the month and you may ignore if your payment was submitted. City Hall will be closed on May 26, 2021 from 1-5pm for new software training.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2021-006: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the capital outlay project fund in revenues and expenditures by \$500,000.00 for the 2021 Asphalt Overlay Project funded by Act 45 of the 2020 second extraordinary legislative session.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-006; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2021-007: A resolution adopting the parish-wide mitigation plan.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Capritto made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-007; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2021-008: A resolution of the Carencro City Council directing the city clerk/finance director to prepay the outstanding balance of the sales tax bond, Series 2011 of the I-49 Corridor Economic Development District and amend the 2020/2021 debt fund budget.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-008; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2021-009: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2020/2021 general fund police department capital outlay operating budget by providing as additional \$36,914.00 to replace outdated city band radios and replace 4 computers.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-009; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2021-003: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances overlay district requirements regarding the display and sale of recreational vehicles.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Capritto made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2021-003; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

FINAL ADOPTED ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2021-002: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Ordinance No. 2000-012 and the Carencro Code of Ordinances in regards to the substance abuse policy.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public. Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2021-002; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Preliminary plat approval for Center Square Shopping Center a commercial subdivision located in Section 101- T8S-R4E, 3500 NE Evangeline Thruway, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana. (owner Carroll Castille).

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 for the subdivision.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to grant preliminary plat approval based upon Planning Administrators recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Preliminary and final plat approval for subdivision of property at 5237 Moss Street, a residential subdivision located in Section 114, T-8S, R-4E, SWD, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana. (owner Melissa Guidry Begnaud).

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 and final plat approval for the residential subdivision.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to grant preliminary and final plat approval based upon Planning Administrators recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Preliminary plat review for lot line adjustment for Cenac Commercial Park phase 1, 126 Rue De Cotton, City of Carencro.

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.

Councilmember Capritto made a motion to grant preliminary plat approval based upon Planning Administrators recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Preliminary plat review No. 1 for Guidry Land Development, LLC. Proposing to construct a residential subdivision located in Section 98 & 99, T8S, R4E, Lafayette Parish, 200 & 201 Block Sonnier Road.

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 review No. 1 contingent on the “Gerald Richard Properties, LLC and Monty P. Richard” properties being annexed into the City of Carencro.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to grant preliminary plat approval based upon Planning Administrators recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; Councilmember Arceneaux, abstain; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Discuss Marc Mary house auction results- City Manager Don Chauvin informed the Mayor and Council about the online bidding results. He stated that the highest bid was \$13,000.00 although lower than the appraised value of \$25,000.00. Through further discussion the council had the option to accept or reject the bid.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to accept the bid for \$13,000.00; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Discuss the Welcome Center- City Manager Don Chauvin gave an update on the Welcome Center informing that Phase 1 is complete. The low bid for Phase 2 came in at \$196,500.00 to include; 2 stall air-conditioned restrooms, parking lot, a storage closet, dirt work, drainage work and brick pavers.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to table the Welcome Center Phase 2 bids for construction until the May council meeting; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux recognized City Clerk Gwen Martin, past President of the LMCA for continuing her education through the Clerks Association. He then recognized Assistant City Clerk Lisa Meche on receiving her LMCA entry level award. Congratulations to both of you for your outstanding work for our city.

Mr. Doyle Boudreaux LCG representative informed everyone that there will be a parade for all High School Parish Championship teams in Lafayette on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 2:00 pm to be held in downtown Lafayette.

Mayor Brasseaux attended the Carencro High School Football ring ceremony in the CroDome where he presented a proclamation and a key to the City of Carencro to Coach Tony Courville.

Mayor Brasseaux gave an update on the mural to be painted by artist Keith Estilette for Carencro High School Football Team State Championship Title. Coach Courville has chosen a logo therefore the project will soon be underway.

Pat Caso a resident who lives on Sonnier Road near a planned annexation into Carencro asked if her home would be annexed into the City of Carencro. City Manager Don Chauvin responded only if she chose to be annexed in.

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Meche
Asst. City Clerk
City of Carencro

Glenn L. Brasseaux
Mayor
City of Carencro