



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022 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.

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

Absent:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 Cameron Andrus, Treasure Cole, Taylor Sherrod, Dylan Sensat, Lillian Theriot, Je'Nae Johnson, Shelcie LeBlanc and Brooklyn Romero 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: Emma Lemaire, Kaylin Theriot and Alaina Thomas. Special recognition was given to Emma Lemaire for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average for all 4 years of high school. The Mayor and Council congratulated all recipients on a job well done.

Mayor Brasseaux announced that the City of Carencro was incorporated on July 6, 1905. In 2005 a centennial celebration was held for the city's 100th birthday. A time capsule was done at that time with the suggestion of opening it 100 years later. It was decided that the capsule will be open after 50 years which will occur on July 6, 2055.

Mayor Brasseaux informed everyone that United Way of Acadiana and Parish Proud teamed up for a “Day of Action” at Carencro High School which was held on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Over 75 volunteers showed up to clean up and give Carencro High School a new face lift. Mayor Brasseaux voiced a special thank you to Mr. Tommy Thibodeaux and his staff at Pelican Waste for donating their services in picking up the debris from the cleanup.

GUESTS: Tommy Thibodeaux- Pelican Waste
Brittany Deal- LEDA

PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Babineaux motioned to adopt the minutes of the May 16, 2022 audit briefing; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Councilmember Capritto motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on May 16, 2022; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Councilmember Babineaux 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 thanked Carencro Police Department and Carencro Fire Department Fire Department for their continued interaction with the community.

Andy Sellers, CH Fenstermaker Engineering introduced Nick Simon, ULL Sophomore intern.

UPDATES: City Manager Don Chauvin gave the following updates.

Fire Station on Gloria Switch- Architect Lynn Guidry updated the Mayor and Council on progress stating the overhead doors have been ordered however not sure of the delivery date of doors. The storm drain system is in place, the masonry is complete on the building however the brick fence and sign have not started and the sprinkler piping is almost complete.

Police Station- Architect Lynn Guidry informed the Mayor and Council that they are in the final stages of the contract documentation and coordinating the bid package to go out for bid in late July. The engineer has also drafted a preliminary utility plan. Mr. Guidry stating the construction to begin in late August.

Street Overlay Project and Striping- 2021 Asphalt Overlay – Moss Street overlay project is complete, signage was installed, walkthrough scheduled.

Arceneaux Road Drainage Improvements- The ditches on Estelle will be final graded. During the last few rain events there are no accumulations or blockages, seeing the improvements are working well.

2021 Drainage Improvements- \$184,870.00 -This project is complete with all phases working well during the recent rainfall.

Hector Connoly & Veterans Dr. Improvements- This is a DOTD project. Veterans Dr.- A new signal light is being installed on the southbound I-49 exit ramp. This intersection will closely resemble the southbound exit at Pont des Mouton. Acadiana Planning Commission notified us that Phase II will receive funding. Phase II includes an additional lane on roundabout which will increase capacity and facilitate a signal for traffic crossing from NE Frontage Rd to the Super One side.

Cast Iron Water Line Replacement- This project will consist of 2 phases; Phase 1 will be the capital outlay project 7.1 million requested (outside the downtown area). Phase 2 will be the Water Sector Funds; the City of Carencro has been awarded the maximum \$5 million of a \$7,052,943.00 estimate (downtown and will be constructed first).

Andy Sellers with CH Fenstermaker engineering group is working with the Acadiana Planning Commission (APC) to combine the remaining 1.2 million from the APC overlay project with the Saint Peter St. sidewalk and N. Church St sidewalk projects to coordinate the sidewalk replacement with the cast iron water line replacement which will be located under the sidewalks. Round 2 of the Water Sector Program has been announced and we're developing another application seeking funding ahead of the Capital Outlay process. Winning applications are removed from Capital Outlay contention. City Manager Don Chauvin commended Andy Sellers on a job well done for coordinating all of the moving parts with the APC.

Gas System Grant Application- Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act will invest \$1 billion over 5 years or \$200 million each year. Through (PHMSA) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration funds are available for municipal or community owned utilities (not including for-profit entities) to repair, rehabilitate, or replace their natural gas distribution pipeline system or portions thereof, or to acquire equipment to (1) reduce incidents and fatalities and (2) avoid economic losses. The (LMGA) Louisiana Municipal Gas Association hosted a presentation on the grant process given by Cadre Management Resources. Cadre Management is a leader in the field of grant writing for gas systems. Since we attended the presentation, we are their first municipal client. The City of Carencro is working on the grant to meet the July 15, 2022 deadline.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2022-010: A resolution of the Carencro City Council ratifying the motion made by Park and Recreation Commission of Carencro, Inc. a budget revision to extend the Mercredi Stage.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public.

Councilmember Arceneaux motioned to approve Resolution No. 2022-010; a budget revision to extend the Mercredi Stage; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2022-006: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending Chapter 74, "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 11, "Operation of Vehicles", of the Carencro Code of Ordinances to amend Section 74-40, "Driving Through Standing Water".

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-006; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

FINAL ADOPTED ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2022-005: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council amending the Carencro Code of Ordinances regarding the retail sale of fireworks.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public.

Councilmember Capritto made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2022-005; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Preliminary and final plat approval for Shawkat Commercial property re-platting- 3918 N. University Ave. located in Section 34, Township 8 South, Range 6 East, City of Carencro, Lafayette Parish.

Valerie Bosset, Planning Administrator gave a brief overview of her report and recommended that the City of Carencro grant preliminary and final re-platting of the commercial development contingent upon the conditions listed in the City Engineer's review.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public.

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to grant preliminary and final replatting of the commercial development; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

DISCUSSIONS:

Recognize Dr. Hesham Mohd, PHD with D & S Quick Stop, Inc. requesting a waiver in order to continue selling alcohol upon his purchase of Karen's Grocery located at 4419 N. University Ave.

Mr. Muhammed Dubashi came before the Mayor and Council representing D & S Quick Stop, Inc. requesting to extend the close of business until midnight versus the 9:00 pm closing.

Mayor Brasseaux explained to Mr. Dubashi that it is a state law and no alcohol permit will be granted for any business located within 300 feet of a church, synagogue, public library, school or playground. The City of Carencro's Ordinance reflects and follows the state law. But business owners are allowed to request a waiver from the council granting them the opportunity to sell alcohol. Mayor Brasseaux informed Mr. Dubashi that the previous owners were granted a waiver based on the following stipulations:

1. The store would be licensed for the same purposes as it was previously licensed.
2. Sale of alcoholic beverages will be for off-premises consumption.
3. No drive-up window for sale will be allowed.
4. No daiquiri machine will be used for sale of daiquiris.
5. No drinking on premises will be allowed.
6. Business hours will commence no earlier than 6 am and will close no later than 9pm.

The previous owners also had to contact the planning department to implement the Overlay District requirements and get a liquor license and approval from the state alcohol board.

Mr. L.J. Boudreaux residing at 101 St. Pierre Blvd. and Mr. Lynn Boudreaux residing at 105 St. Pierre Blvd. voiced their concerns about the extended closing time and stated that the 9:00 pm closing was fair and opposed extending the closing time.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council or the public.

No motion was made therefore the waiver was denied.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Charlotte Clavier residing at 115 Bechet Rd. Carencro, La. commended the Mayor and Council about the exciting news on the cast iron water line replacement in downtown Carencro stating that this is a big deal for Carencro residents.

Mrs. Sandy Taylor residing at 313 N. Church St., Carencro, La. thanking the Mayor and Council about the revisions made to the fireworks ordinance. Mrs. Taylor also thanked the Carencro Police Department for their policing the issues.

Ms. Yuling Khorsandi residing at 335 Gourmet Rd. Carencro, La. asking the Mayor and Council what business will be locating to 3918 N. University Ave., (Shawkat Development) Don Chauvin City Manager responded to her question stating that at this time the city did not receive plans for the property and the approval is to correct the boundary lines.

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Meche
Asst. City Clerk
City of Carencro

Glenn L. Brasseaux
Mayor
City of Carencro