

# MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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 informed the council that he was going to ask for a motion to amend the agenda to add item IJ-8 but instead he would like to remove item K-2 from the agenda and add Discussion Item 1- Andre Street Mobile Home Park Property.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to amend the agenda to remove item K-2 and add Discussion Item 1- Andre St. Mobile Home Park Property; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux informed everyone that Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing on November 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm City of Carencro Council Room in reference to a solid waste permit and technically complete permit application and the associated environmental assessment statement (EAS), Acadiana Landfill, LLC. Permit #P-0305-R2 for the purpose of receiving public comments. Mayor Brasseaux informed everyone that this is NOT a city meeting but a meeting that is being hosted by DEQ.

Mayor Brasseaux encouraged citizens to attend this public hearing by DEQ.

Mayor Brasseaux invited Mrs. Taylor James candidate for Carencro City Council to come forward. Mrs. James introduced herself and spoke about her candidacy.

Mayor Brasseaux announced several events for the month of October and November:

October is Fire Prevention Month.

October 19, 2022- Carencro Business Association to hold a public forum at Carencro Community Center from 6-9pm.

October 29, 2022- Salon Rouge Scavenger Hunt beginning at South Michaud St. from 3:30-5:30 ending at the Patriots Pavilion.

October 29, 2022- Crow Fest 2022 will be held at the Patriots Pavilion from 6-8pm sponsored by Carencro Cultural District.

October 30, 2022- Fall Fest- Scare -N-Crow to be held at 4010 N. University Ave. from 4-6pm drive by trick or treat.

October 31, 2022- Halloween from 6-8pm.

November 5, 2022- Veteran's Memorial Ceremony to be held from 10-12pm downtown Carencro, 210 E. St. Peter St.

Mayor Brasseaux sent out a special thank you to Haili and Dylan Schott for dedicating their time on setting up the fall photo spot and the Crow Fest decorations.

Mayor Brasseaux thanked Police Chief David Anderson and Fire Chief David Mouton for an outstanding job on the National Night Out Event.

Guests: Tommy Thibodeaux- Pelican Waste

Don Landry- District Attorney

Doyle Boudreaux- LCG Liaison- Mayor President Josh Guillory

Brittany Deal- LEDA

Danny Uriegas- Cankton Council Member

### PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Capritto motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on September 19, 2022: seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

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

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

Police Chief David Anderson thanked everyone for coming out to support National Night Out stating this was the largest crowd ever.

Fire Chief David Mouton informing everyone the Fire Department is currently visiting all schools educating on Fire Safety and Prevention. Smoke detectors will be available soon. Please call the Carencro Fire Station to get on the list.

UPDATES: City Manager Don Chauvin gave the following updates.

Fire Station on Gloria Switch- The concrete drives, parking, and sidewalks have been poured. The retention pond has been shaped, and the subsurface drainage is in place. Once the storefront is installed, the finish work on the interior will begin: install ceiling grid, the lights, and the interior doors, finish the floors, install the millwork. The brickwork on the sign on the north side of the building is complete, and the letters have been installed but not connected to electrical power yet. Revised schedule showing completion of the project by December 1, 2022 with 3 exceptions: the overhead doors, the main electrical distribution panels, and the generator.

Police Station- The project is scheduled to bid the week of October 27, 2022. There are 8 general contractors interested in this project.

Sewer Force Main Improvements- The 2020 West Gloria Switch project is substantially complete with only some minor punch list items remaining. The 2015 Wastewater Forcemain Phase II is bringing a large force main from the Jack St lift station to our sewer plant on Manola Drive. The contactor is not on site while waiting for the fusible pipe to arrive this month. A second crew will begin work on the lift station.

Arceneaux Road Drainage Improvements- the contractor is working on the punch list which will include a broken driveway culvert.

Condemnation & Demolition- City Manager Don Chauvin has confirmed the house at 501 N. Michaud has been purchased. The bids were opened on October 12, 2022 at 4:05pm. On October 13, Mid First Bank called as the owner of 224 Bradford Dr., they intend to restore the home and will send their plan in response to the notice. City Attorney Jerry Mallet advised that we leave the condemnation order in place so that if they fail to comply with their plan we could proceed with the demolition. Since the bids were itemized for each structure for lien purposes, 224 Bradford Dr. was removed from the list. The low and high bidders were disqualified for lack of bid security in the sealed bids. A legal opinion was obtained from City Attorney Jerry Mallet stating Article 1 clearly states in ALL CAPS and bold type that bid security is required on sealed bids. The contract was signed today for the next lowest bidder Champagne Companies \$30,000.00.

Hector Connoly & Veterans Dr. Improvements- This is a DOTD project. DOTD has repaired the curb in the roundabout.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution No. 2022-021: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2021/2022 general fund budget, utility fund budget and the hotel/motel sales tax fund budget due to unforeseen circumstances and rising cost of materials to operate those funds.

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

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-021; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2022-022: A resolution of the Carencro City Council authorizing Mayor Glenn L. Brasseaux to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement by and between the Lafayette-City Parish Consolidated Government and the Carencro Fire Department for Firefighting Services.

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

Councilmember Capritto made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-022; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2022-023: A resolution in support of the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory District Capital Outlay request for funds to construct and equip a new Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory; committing to provide matching funds in the amount of \$37,055.00 should said capital outlay request be funded by the State of Louisiana and local matching funds be required; providing for the effective date thereof; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

District Attorney Don Landry and Acadiana Lab Director Kevin Ardoin explained the need for a new Acadiana Criminalistics Lab stating that they serve 8 parishes collecting and storing evidence, DNA, testing drugs, violent crimes which is valuable when a case goes to trial. Currently the building is very old and limited space. This project has been approved for \$18 million and is expected to begin early in 2023.

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

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-023; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2022-024: A resolution making application to the State Bond Commission for authority to issue Utilities Revenue Bonds of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana, in an amount not to exceed \$22,920,000 for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing and acquiring additions and improvements to the wastewater system of said city (The "Project"), and to issue bond anticipation notes of the city in an amount not exceeding \$22,920,000 to provide interim financing for the project; providing for a notice of intention to issue said utilities revenue bonds; and providing for other related matters in connection therewith.

Mayor Brasseaux called upon Mr. Brennan Black with Foley and Judell and Mr. Lee Bressler to explain the process application to the state bond commission.

Several councilmembers presented questions about the utility revenue bonds, interest rates and loan amounts, etc., all questions were answered by both gentlemen.

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

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-024; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2022-025: A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding thirty million dollars (30,000,000) of sales tax bonds of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-025; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2022-026: A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding eight million dollars (8,000,000) of sales tax bonds of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-026; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2022-027: A resolution of the Carencro City Council ratifying the motion made by Park and Recreation Commission of Carencro, Inc. a budget revision to build a new maintenance building.

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

Councilmember Sinegal made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-027; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

# INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2022-020: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council establishing an annualized subsidization of group health insurance and Medicare coverage costs for retired employees and elected officials participating in the City of Carencro group insurance plan.

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

Mayor Brasseaux informed everyone that a committee was formed consisting of Councilmember Kim Guidry and Councilmember Jordan Arceneaux, Police Chief David Anderson, Assistant Police Chief Ronnie Richard, city employee, Glenda Senegal and City Clerk Gwen Martin. Also Mr. Matt Scoggins, Medicare Benefits Advisor.

Councilmember Arceneaux explained the changes that were made.

Councilmember Guidry made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-020; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2022-022: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council adopting an operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2022 and ending November 30, 2023 and adopting an amended operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 2021 and ending November 30, 2022.

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

Councilmember Capritto made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-022; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2022-023: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of [Eight Million Dollars (8,000,000)] of sales tax bonds, Series 2022, of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms, and conditions of said bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-023; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2022-024: An ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) of sales tax bonds of the City of Carencro, State of Louisiana; providing for the sale of such bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

Councilmember Capritto made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-024; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

# **PUBLIC HEARING:**

### FINAL ADOPTED ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2022-018: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council authorizing the mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafayette City Parish Consolidated Government (LCG) for Transit Services.

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

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2022-018; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

Ordinance No. 2022-019: An ordinance of the Carencro City Council abandoning utility easement.

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

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to final adopt Ordinance No. 2022-019; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

Annexation of property 730 Hector Connoly Rd., Carencro, Louisiana, located at Section 97, Township 8-South, Range 4-East Lafayette Parish Louisiana.

Planning Administrator Valerie Bosset gave a summary of the annexation request for the purpose of this review is to verify that the plat is in general conformance with the City of Carencro Ordinances. The property owners are Mr. Brian and Cheryl David.

Mayor Brasseaux asked Mayor Pro Tem Guidry to take over the meeting as he excused himself on another matter.

Mr. Brian David informed the council that the property consists of 1.7 acres and would like to be annexed into the city limits. Currently the city provides water and gas services in which they would be interested in getting those services.

Mayor Pro Tem Guidry asked for questions or comments from the council or the public.

Councilmember Babineaux made a motion to grant annexation of property at 730 Hector Connoly Rd., Carencro, La., seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

# **DISCUSSIONS:**

Mayor Brasseaux returned to the meeting.

Discuss Andre St. Mobile Home Park property purchase:

Several councilmembers stated their concerns about this mobile home park property. Mayor Brasseaux then asked that a committee be formed consisting of two councilmembers and requesting the committee meet before the November meeting. Councilmember Danielle Capritto and Councilmember Alfred Sinegal volunteered to serve on this committee.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Meche Asst. City Clerk City of Carencro Glenn L. Brasseaux Mayor City of Carencro