



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019 6:00 PM
CARENCRO CITY HALL
210 E. ST. PETER ST.
CARENCRO, LOUISIANA

Mayor Brasseaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Antoine Babineaux 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: None

Mayor Brasseaux asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Teche-Vermilion, Fresh Water District Proposition.

Councilmember Arceneaux made a motion to amend the agenda adding Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District Proposition; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Brasseaux introduced Mr. Donald Segura and Mr. Ed Sonnier with Teche Vermilion Fresh Water District. Mr. Segura informed the council and public that on Saturday, May 4, 2019 voters will be asked to renew the 1.5 mills tax for the purpose of constructing, establishing, extending, maintaining, operating and protecting a fresh water supply and abating pollution in Bayou Teche and the Vermilion River within the parishes of Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin and Vermilion. The project was designed to help restore water quality and quantity, protect the regional groundwater supply and provide additional water for irrigation.

The millage has been in effect since 1970 and renewed by voters four times over the last 45 years. Mayor Brasseaux and City Manager Don Chauvin attended the annual meeting, toured the Vermilion facility and were very impressed.

Mayor Brasseaux recognized Ms. Skyra Rideaux with Project Front Yard. The project is an initiative that brings businesses, residents, and government together to address what our community looks like. It's about more than litter on the side of the road. It's about visual pollution, non-existent or unattractive gateways into the community. It's about integrating green infrastructure as the community grows. It's about encouraging and supporting public art projects, and most important community pride! The project is to get the community's effort to tackle everything from beautification to revitalization.

Mayor Brasseaux informed the council and public that on Monday, April 22, 2019 beginning at 5:30 p.m. an audit briefing meeting will be held at city hall to review the audit reports. A special meeting will be held right after to approve the audit report as presented by the city's auditing firm.

GUESTS: Mayor Brasseaux recognized the following guests:

**Tommy Thibodeaux, Pelican Waste

PROCLAMATION: None

Councilmember Sinegal motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Carencro City Council on March 18, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Babineaux; motion approved.

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

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

Police Chief Anderson introduced two new police officers, Andrew Broussard and Taylor Randazzo with both having several years of experience. Both officers were congratulated and welcomed by the Mayor, Council and the public.

Mayor Brasseaux updated the council and public on Fire Chief David Mouton's report due to his absence. The Lafayette Fire Department was recently awarded a grant funding a smoke alarm program for the deaf and hard of hearing. These devices are free to citizens in Lafayette Parish, as well as citizens of the municipalities, such as those residing in the City of Carencro. If you are, or know someone who is hearing impaired and interested in having firefighters install this system in your home, you can go to lafayettela.gov/firedepartment to submit online or complete the form and mail it to: Lafayette Fire Department Fire Prevention Division 2100 Jefferson St. Bldg. B, Lafayette, La. 70501 or fax to 337-291-5531

UPDATES: City Manager Don Chauvin gave the following updates:

Andre Street Bridge –

A. 102 Wilda St. – Last month Jerry Mallet informed us Ms. Vallot has provided the necessary signatures. This could be resolved in about 1 month depending on the heirs.

Andre Street Drainage – Approximately 63% of construction is complete up from last month at 59%. Contractor has begun work on gravity sewer lines across N. Church Street which will cause traffic to be detoured until May 3, so emergency responders and the school bus transportation system have been notified.

Hector Connolly Water Plant – With only 58% of the working days used the project is approximately 78% complete up from 72% from last month. The latest L.D.H. payment of \$411,995.00 brings the project total to \$3,137,413.02.

Historic House/ Welcome Center- City Manager Don Chauvin updated the council and public on budget monies spent.

Council authorized: \$70,000.00

Amount spent: \$61,244.45

Amount obligated w/move \$68,744.45

Some protective measures needed to secure the house will require additional funding.

Total time for design & approvals = 17-21 weeks.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 2019-007: A resolution of the Carencro City Council amending the 2018/2019 Tif District sales tax operating budget providing \$665,764.00 for the 2018 City of Carencro sewer improvements.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council and public. Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-007; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Resolution No. 2019-008: A resolution of the Carencro City Council in opposition of all proposed legislation that permits the legislature to remove the authority of local governments to administer and collect local sales & use tax.

Mayor Brasseaux asked for questions or comments from the council and public. Councilmember Guidry made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-008; seconded by Councilmember Arceneaux; motion approved.

INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

DISCUSSIONS:

Welcome Center Budget: City Manager, Don Chauvin presented a visual spreadsheet in reference to the breakdown of council approved budget of \$70,000.00 has been utilized.

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

Councilmember Arceneaux motioned to amend the budget by \$150,000.00 for the Welcome Center; seconded by Councilmember Sinegal; motion approved.

Mayor Brasseaux called upon Lisa Prejean with Prejean Creative to discuss the FAM Tour and the cultural districts meeting. The FAM tour is scheduled to take place on May 7, 2019 which includes local travel counselors, hoteliers, restaurateurs and other local LCVC members. These FAM tours help them become knowledgeable of what the area has to offer to tourists and visitors. The number of guests on these tours averages around 40-50 individuals.

Mayor Brasseaux and several cultural district volunteers attended a meeting with CREATE- Kate Durio to get ideas on planning events for the City of Carencro. In summary Kate expanded on street-scaping: potted trees, flag alley for July 4th, banners or decoration over the street, block parties, Acadian Day Festival, safe space for teens, runaway dish with local chefs, etc. The meeting was productive and has narrowed our focus for specific next steps.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Gotch residing at 127 Bradford Drive inquired about the progress of the sidewalk repairs.

City Manager, Don Chauvin replied that he will be composing a list for area sidewalks for repairs and will be putting the bids out.

Glenn Faul came before the council and public with a history of the property located at 3830 N. University Ave. (formerly Faul's Wrecker Service) and his father's negligence to maintain the property in accordance with the City of Carencro's ordinances. Mr. Faul reassured Mayor Brasseaux and the council that he has begun cleaning and clearing the site for a new business.

Mayor Brasseaux informed Mr. Faul that he appreciates his efforts made on the property and he can come by the city for a temporary water connection, meet with City Manager Don Chauvin and the planning department to move forward with the proper procedures.

Mayor Brasseaux wished everyone a Happy Easter!

With no further comments, Councilmember Guidry made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Capritto; motion approved.

With no further comments the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Meche
Assistant City Clerk
City of Carencro

Glenn L. Brasseaux
Mayor
City of Carencro