Carencro looks at Sunday liquor

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CARENCRO — The Carencro City Council will consider amending its current liquor ordinance to allow grocery stores to sell alcohol on Sunday.

An amendment to the city’s current liquor ordinance was introduced at Monday’s regular meeting.

The amendment, in effect, adds “grocery stores” to the list of establishments which will be allowed to sell liquor between the hours of 6 a.m. Sunday and 2 a.m. Monday, said City Attorney Dean Guidry.

In introducing the amendment, Mayor Tommy Angelle told the council that several grocery store operators have contacted him recently, asking that the Carencro ordinance be amended to more closely track the recently changed Lafayette liquor law.

While the amendment would allow for Sunday liquor sales by grocery stores, it would not allow lounges and bars to begin operations on Sunday.

The amendment will be up for adoption at the council’s Oct. 16 meeting.

Also Monday, the council accepted the bid of Archie Thibodeaux Construction for work on Walter Drive. The project, which will cost the city about $48,000, calls for the hardsurfacing of about a mile of what is now a gravel road, Angelle said.

The project was originally planned about 2 years ago, Angelle said. However it was delayed when the city was told that it would cost about $20,000 to move a telephone cable located near the road. That cable is no longer in use, Angelle said, clearing the way for the project.

Through an intergovernmental agreement, work crews from Lafayette Parish are also expected to help out on the project, Angelle said. When the project was proposed, the parish agreed to shape the foundation of the roadway, he said, a move which will save the city about $12,000.

Work on the project is expected to begin around mid-October, said Engineer Jerry Grooms.

On another project, the council voted to advertise for bids to run a sewer line along a 1,200 foot section of Hector Connolly Road.

The city was considering using its own crews for the job, Angelle said, but there are a number of cables, gas lines and waterlines in the path and the city crews would be tied up in the project for too long a period.

The line would run along one side of Hector Connolly Road, from the Pet Corporation to W. Broussard Road.

Also Monday, the council agreed to hire Lloyd Rochon, clerk of the Lafayette Parish Council, to be the administrator for a recently received community block grant. The grant will provide funds to install a sewer lift station near St. Anne Street.

The funding for the position is set up by the grant.