

MINUTES OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 14, 2009  
7:00 O’CLOCK

PRESENT: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Jones, Lee and Prewett, Candy Foshee, Lonnie Smith. Paul Savage and Carter McCoy, citizens. Absent: Whittington and Chief Presswood.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Prewett.  
Invocation given by Digilormo.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Carter McCoy addressed the council.

Motion made by Lee to accept the minutes of the special meeting of June 4, 2009. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

Motion made by Lee to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2009 and the special meeting of June 26, 2009. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING OF FY 2010/2011 LCDBG APPLICATION:

The public hearing was opened at 7:11. There being no questions, the public hearing was closed at 7:12.

FY 2010/2011 LCDBG APPLICATION:

Motion made by Ashby that a Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure be adopted and Debra Smith be appointed as Citizen Complaint Officer for compliance with the LCDBG program. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

Motion made by Ashby that the LCDGB application be submitted for a public facilities project, Sewer Treatment, with a \$1,000,000.00 ceiling amount, with deadline being November 23, 2009. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

Motion made by Ashby authorizing the Chief Elected official to proceed with the procurement and selection of professional services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the LCDGB application and implementation of the project. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

PAUL SAVAGE, SR.:

Mr. Savage purchased the house at the corner of Warriner and N. Cleveland. He informed the council that his house was built in 1896 and is the oldest remaining home in Blanchard, along with the house at the corner of N. Cleveland and Alexander. After further discussion, Jones made motion to declare Mr. Savage’s home and property as “historical property”, and that the Town of Blanchard would purchase a marker, not to exceed \$1,000.00, declaring the East side of N. Cleveland Street as a “historical block”, and to place said marker on N. Cleveland Street. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF KCS PROPERTY:

Ashby made motion to purchase the approximately .52 acres of property from KCS where the maintenance shop presently sits, at a price of \$1.25 per square foot, subject to a survey to determine the final square footage. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITY OF BAKER IN RE: RESOLUTION:

After discussion, Jones made motion to defer this matter at this time. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and grounds: Mayor Digilormo advised he would get quote for flooring in Town Hall.

Streets and Rights of Way: Mayor Digilormo advised he would contact Todd Hopkins with reference to the sign for N. Cleveland.

Water Department: David Yeates and Dave Cherry are at a conference in Alexandria. Lonnie Smith reported everything is going well at the water plant.

Sewer Department: Ashby reported everything is going well with the sewer department.

Police Department: Chief Presswood is at a conference in Monroe.

Treasurer Report: Nothing to report.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

A representative from the Blanchard Athletic Club was invited to attend the council meeting but no one attended. The property purchase from Curtis Davis is on hold until title is checked by attorney.

Jones made motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

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JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

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CANDY FOSHEE