

MINUTES OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 26, 2009  
6:00 O'CLOCK

PRESENT: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Lee, and Prewett, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Police Chief Presswood, David Yeates, DEQ representative Otis Randle, DHH representative Clay Bowers, Town Clerk Debra Smith, and various citizens.

Absent: Alderpersons Jones and Whittington, D. Cherry.

Meeting called to order 6:05.

Pledge of Allegiance led Ashby.  
Invocation given by Arceneaux.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Citizens Mr. Georgepoulos and Mr. Thomas who reside on Soda Point Drive voiced their concerns to the Council concerning the raw sewerage, the lack of speed limit signs on the street, and the heavy traffic flow because of the open gate which were his understanding were to remain closed. The citizens were advised that this special meeting concerns some of these matters and that the Council would address them along with the other issues.

NEW BUSINESS

New Territory Dispute

Regarding lift station—

Mr. Randle (DEQ) stated that Public Health Hazard letters were issued to residents of New Territory subdivision. Any citizens with concerns regarding health issues may contact Mr. Randle at the Shreveport DEQ office or the Health Department. Mr. Randle also stated that since the records show Mr. Ken Lawler as the current owner of the New Territory lift station, Mr. Lawler would be held responsible for clean-up as soon as practicable with the DEQ to oversee the clean-up.

Mr. Bowers stated DHH will investigate the situation regarding the lift station.

The Council asked that a letter of dedication for water lines, sewer lines, and lift stations along with access to those items be issued by the developer to the Town along with the Northwood Trace area. The Council also stated that from this point forward regarding any future developments, a dedication letter needs to be issued by the **developer** for water lines, sewer lines, and lift stations. Mr. Lawler stated anything the Town needs, he will provide.

At 6:30, motion by Prewett for a ten minute recess, Ashby second. All yea.

At 6:40, motion by Prewett to reconvene, second by Ashby. All yea.

The following motion was made by Lee and seconded by Prewett. All voted yea.

1. Town will undertake repairs to lift station to protect citizens.
2. Town will accept dedication from developer on the following conditions:
  - a. Construction of all weather road meeting Office of Public Health specifications within 30 (thirty) days.

- b. Grant of servitude to Town for road access to lift station.
3. Town denies liability for any violations or damages prior to repair and dedication.
4. Town will maintain system prior to dedication, including providing power to lift station.

Regarding speeding—

Chief Presswood asked Mr. Lawler for a letter giving permission to enforce traffic safety regulations in the New Territory area. Mr. Lawler responded that he would be glad to help with whatever the Town needed including a letter giving such permission.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR—None

Motion by Prewett to adjourn, second by Ashby. All yea. Adjourned 6:50 p.m.

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JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

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DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK