

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 10, 2008
7:00 O'CLOCK

PRESENT: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Jones, Ashby, Lee, Prewett, Whittington, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Dave Cherry, David Yeates, Debra Smith, Town Clerk, and various citizens.

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

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None.

Motion by Jones to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2008, special meeting May 29, 2008, and special meeting June 4, 2008. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING—ORDINANCE 4 OF 2008 (TOWN CLERK RAISE):

The public hearing was opened at 7:04. There being no discussion, the public hearing was closed at 7:05.

ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2008 (TOWN CLERK RAISE)

ORDINANCE 4 OF 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, as follows:

Section 1. Section 3.8 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Section 3.8 Establishing Compensation for Elected and Appointed Officials

The monthly salaries of the elected and appointed officials are as follows:

Mayor	\$500.00
Aldersperson/Mayor Pro Tem	425.00
Aldersperson	400.00
Chief of Police	450.00
Town Clerk, Annually	38,000.00

Section 2. If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items of applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 3. All ordinances or resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town hereby ratifies any payments heretofore made to any

such public officials.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of the ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby replaced.

Motion made by Lee to adopt Ordinance 4 of 2008. Second by Ashby.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Lee, Jones, Whittington, Ashby, Prewett

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And Ordinance 4 of 2008 was adopted this 10th day of June, 2008.

WATER BILL INCREASE 2 % EFFECTIVE JULY 2008, THEN 7 % EFFECTIVE JULY 2009–2013.

Motion made by Prewett, second by Ashby. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

RACHEL FULTZ

Rachel Fultz requested an Ordinance be introduced to require fences around swimming pools. Jones made motion to have Arceneaux draw up Ordinance to include existing and future pools. Second by Lee.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL—SELECT NEWSPAPER

Motion made by Lee to stay with current newspaper, *The Inquisitor*. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

2008-09 BUDGET

RESOLUTION 12 of 2008

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN
OF BLANCHARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009,
APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AUTHORIZED THEREIN AND
AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard ("Town") is authorized to levy an Ad Valorem Tax to Six and 79/100 (6.79) mills for general purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town so authorizes to levy an Ad Valorem of Three & 21/100 (3.21) mills for maintenance and operation of the Town sewer system; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized to levy other fees and taxes for general purposed as set forth herein; and,

WHEREAS, sufficient receipts for general government operations are available for sources authorized by law; and,

WHEREAS, BY SPECIFIC ACTION, the Town has approved the incurrence of debt and the appropriation of expenditure for the construction of improvements to the Town's municipal water system; and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to adopt an annual operating budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 ("FY2009") as set forth herein;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen ("Board") of the Town of Blanchard, in due, legal session convened that:

ARTICLE I ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

SECTION ONE, GENERAL FUND

(a) ESTIMATED RECEIPTS - The estimated fund receipts and receipts derived the special levies described hereinabove for the General Fund FY 2009 are hereby established and adopted as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

GARBAGE	108,360
TAXES	84,900
INSURANCE LICENSE	17,640
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE	23,100
FRANCHISE FEES	105,000
INTEREST REVENUE	0
FINES	70,250
WITNESS FEES	200
OTHER REVENUE	13,650
BUILDING PERMITS	15,750
SALES TAX	126,000
MOWING	2,600
OIL & GAS ROYALTIES	0
TRANSFER IN/UTILITY	1,000
MONEY FROM STATE	0
COPS GRANT MONEY	0
FUNDS TRANSFER IN HOUSE	0
TRANSFER IN HOUSE	2,500
T.H. RENTAL	5,200
TOTAL	576,150

(b) APPROPRIATIONS - The funds set forth in the following classes of expenditures are hereby appropriated by department out of the General Fund Receipts, FY 2009:

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES:

ALDERMEN FEE-ADMIN	4,800
OFFICIALS SS BENEFITS	200
ELECTION EXPENSE	1,000
PRINT MINUTES	5,670
ATTORNEY FEES	15,750
CLERK SALARY	19,000
EMP. BENEFITS-SS	0
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	5,000
LIABILITY INSURANCE	7,565
AUDIT EXPENSE	3,375
SUPPLIES & POSTAGE	2,625
MISC. EXPENSE	0
DUES & SUBSCRIPTION	4,200
TOWN HALL CAPITAL OUTLAY	5,000
FINE EXPENSE	11,250
CONFERENCE EXP/CONTINUING EDU	4,725
EXPENSES PAID BY SALES TX	6,615
TOTAL	96,775

POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES:

SALARIES	178,500
POLICE CHIEF SALARY	44,600
ELECTED POLICE CHIEF PAY	5,400
POLICE BENEFITS-SS	8,900
EMP. BENEFITS-RETIREMENT	23,600
EMP. BENEFITS-HEALTH INS.	51,000
UNIFORMS	2,000
AUTO EXPENSE	26,700
UTILITIES	6,500
COMMUN. RADIO	1,800
EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	8,000
MISC. EXPENSE	1,000
CONFERENCE	2,000
EDUCATION	1,500
CAPITAL EXPENSE	35,000
GENERAL LIABILITY	5,500
W/C INSURANCE	4,400
TOTAL	406,400

STREETS & RIGHTS OF WAY EXPENSES:

ALDERMAN FEE	5,100
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GRANT MONEY	0
MISC. EXPENSE	0
EQUIP. MAINTENANCE	1,000
STREET LIGHTS	21,000
TOTAL	27,100
GARBAGE EXPENSE TOTAL:	105,000
BUILDING & GROUNDS EXPENSE:	
B & G ALDERMAN FEES	4,800
CAPITAL OUTLAY	21,840
MAINTENANCE	11,025
TOTAL	37,665
TOWN HALL EXPENSE:	
LIBRARY UTIL. & MAIN.	2,625
TENNIS COURTS	525
TOWN HALL UTILITIES	9,240
TOTAL	12,390
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,837,630</u>
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>(109,180)</u>

SECTION TWO, WATER DEPARTMENT

(a) ESTABLISHED RECEIPTS: The estimated receipts FY 2009 for the Water Dept Fund are hereby established and adopted as follows:

WATER REVENUES:

WATER SALES	1,669,500
RE-CONNECT FEES	33,600
OTHER WATER	1,100
INSTALLATION FEES	88,200
FIRE PLUG FEES	3,000
INTEREST REVENUE	35,500
MISCELLANEOUS	8,000
SALE OF ASSETS	400
SAFE DRINKING WTR FEE	12,000
TRANS IN FROM UTIL CD CAP	0
SECURITY FEE	23,000
PILOT STUDY	65,000
TOTAL	1,939,300

(b) APPROPRIATIONS, The funds set forth in the following classes of expenditures are hereby appropriated out of the Water Department Fund receipts FY 2009:

WATER EXPENSES:

ALDERMEN & MAYOR FEES	10,800
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OFFICE SUPPLIES	9,000
OFFICE RENT-WATER	10,000
LEGAL & AUDIT	16,000
COMPUTER COST & MAINT.	10,000
POSTAGE	13,000
SALARIES	530,000
OCCUP. LICENSE	5,250
MAINT. & SUPPLIES	136,000
CHEMICAL EXPENSE	144,900
AUTO EXPENSE	34,000
WATER BILL COST	1,100
UTILITIES	75,000
MISC. EXPENSE	1,000
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	6,000
DOTTIE SYSTEM	2,000
TRAINING & SAFETY	5,500
UNIFORMS	3,700
CONFERENCE	4,500
NOTE DEBT PRINCIPAL	235,000
NOTE DEBT INTEREST	233,000
BONDING FEES AND CHARGES	2,000
LEASE PMTS (GENERATOR)	38,000
INSURANCE-G/L	48,815
INSURANCE-W/C	17,000
TAXES-PAYROLL	35,000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-MED	115,000
NATIONWIDE RET.-TOWN EXP.	4,200
CAPITAL OUTLAY	35,000
SAFE DRINKING WATER FEE	11,500
OPER TRANSFER TO SEWER	0
OPERATING TRANFR TO G.F.	0
LAB FEE/WATER	30,000
PILOT STUDY	65,000
	TOTAL <u>1,887,265</u>
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>52,035</u>

SECTION THREE: SEWER DEPARTMENT

(a) ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: The estimated receipts FY 2009 for the Sewer Department Fund are hereby established and adopted as follows:

SEWER REVENUES:

SEWER SERVICES	180,000
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SEWER PERMITS	6,000
SECURITY FEE	6,800
INTEREST REVENUES	3,500
IN-HOUSE TRANSFER FROM B.U.	0
SEWER DEPREC. FROM TAXES	40,000
TRANSFER IN FROM UTIL IMP.	0
TOTAL	236,300

(b) APPROPRIATIONS, The funds set forth in the following classes of expenditures are hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Department Fund Receipts for the Sewer Department Fund FY 2009:

OFFICE SUPPLIES/POSTAGE	750
LEGAL/AUDIT	4,200
OFFICE RENT- SEWER	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS	100
ALDERMAN FEE	4,800
SALARIES	110,000
MAINTENANCE	23,000
CHEMICALS	8,000
AUTO EXPENSE	7,000
UTILITIES	18,000
LAB. FEES	3,000
INSURANCE-G/L	6,875
INSURANCE-W/C	6,000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-MEDICAL	10,000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-FICA	8,000
COPY MACHINE EXPENSE	3,800
UNIFORMS	1,200
CAPITAL OUTLAY-SEWER	0
TOTAL	219,725
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>16,575</u>
OVERALL FOR UTILITY DEPT	<u>68,610</u>

SECTION FOUR, ADOPTION AND RATIFICATIONS:

The annual operating budget described hereinabove presented to the Board by the Mayor on June 10, 2008.

SECTION FIVE, CONTRACTUAL AUTHORIZATIONS:

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all contracts, deeds, and other legal instruments necessary to expend and receive the funds herein authorized.

Motion was made by Jones to adopt Resolution 12 of 2008. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

And Resolution 12 of 2008 was adopted on this 10th. Day of June, 2008.

TWIN CITIES

Motion made by Jones to authorize Arceneaux to contact State Mineral Board. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and grounds: Whittington reported columns on Town Hall starting to rot near bottom. Council gave approval for repair estimates.

Streets and Rights of Way: Road repair should start in two weeks.

Water Department: Dave Cherry reported valve blew out in North Lakeshore area affecting 340-350 homes. Standard boil advisory was issued. Valve has been repaired and anticipate boil advisory to be lifted possible Thursday. On busiest day, the water plant produced 1.7 million gallons.

Sewer Department: David Yeates reported as of this date, no update regarding the wastewater system upgrades. Motion made by Jones to authorize Mayor to sign agreement to enter into dispute resolution with DEQ. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Police Department: Chief Presswood reported having garage painted and cleaned.

Treasurer Report: Lee reported budget passed, nothing else to report.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor Digilormo reported Mrs. Simolke annexation needs legal description for entire area to be annexed. Motion made by Jones to move authority to Arceneaux to review pending petition and report to council what it would take to move forward. Second by Ashby. All voted yea. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK