

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 12, 2010
7:00 O'CLOCK

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Lee, Prewett, and Whittington, Police Chief Presswood, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, David Yeates, Billy Boles, Caddo Deputy Corp. Warner, Caddo Fire District #1 Chief Cotton, Caddo Fire District #2 Chief Lowery, Town Clerk Debra Smith, and various citizens.

Absent: Alderperson Jones.

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Digilormo.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Presswood.
Invocation given by Mayor.

Motion by Ashby to amend agenda to add Line Item #5 re: temporary trailers for the fire department. Second by Lee.

Roll call vote:

YEAS: Ashby, Lee, Prewett, and Whittington.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jones

ABSTAIN: None

Public Hearing opened 7:03 p.m. for comments regarding the agenda amendment. There being no public comments, Public Hearing closed 7:04 p.m.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Mr. Ken Lawler has questions regarding the development plan review fees and after discussion the Council informed Mr. Lawler they would take it under advisement.

Motion by Whittington to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 14, 2010. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 4 of 2010—1st Quarter Amendment to Budget of 2010-2011

Motion by Lee to abandon since the budget is not in need or amending this quarter. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

Northwood Trace Unit #5—Plat approval

Motion by Lee to accept Northwood Trace Unit #5 plat approval. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

Ordinance 5 of 2010--Mayor's Salary

Lee introduced the following:

Ordinance 5 of 2010

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.8 OF THE CODE
OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD TO

INCREASE THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND OTHERWISE
PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Resolution 16 of 2010—Enlarging Fire District #1

RESOLUTION 16 of 2010

A RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD'S
INCLUSION IN THE ENLARGED BOUNDARIES OF CADDO PARISH FIRE
DISTRICT NO. 1 AS PROPOSED BY CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
ORDINANCE NO. 5024 OF 2010, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH
RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard ("Town") is currently included within the service area and jurisdictional boundaries of Caddo Parish Fire District No. 1;

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2010 the Caddo Parish Commission adopted Resolution No. 53 of 2010 giving notice of its intention to enlarge the boundaries of Caddo Parish Fire District No. 1 to include the boundaries of Caddo Parish Fire District No. 2, describing the additional boundaries and ordering and directing the Clerk of the Commission to give due notice of the proposed enlargement and providing for the hearing of any and all objections to the enlargement of the boundaries on October 21, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.;

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission has now introduced Ordinance No. 5024 of 2010, scheduled for consideration on October 21, 2010, which contains the property description of the proposed enlarged boundaries of Caddo Parish Fire District No. 1 and effects the enlargement of the Fire District's jurisdiction and service area;

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 40:1492(B) requires the concurrence of each municipality included within the territory of Caddo Parish Fire District No. 1 before its boundaries may be enlarged;

WHEREAS, it is in the Town's best interest to remain within the service area and jurisdiction of Caddo Parish Fire District No. 1;

WHEREAS, the proposed enlargement of its boundaries to include the boundaries of Caddo Parish Fire District No. 2 has no negative impact upon the Town or the provision of fire and emergency services to its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Blanchard, acting as the governing authority for the Town, in public meeting held on October 12, 2010, and conducted in accordance with Louisiana's Open Meeting Law, that the Town concurs with the enlarged boundaries of Caddo Parish Fire District No. 1 as proposed by Caddo Parish Commission Ordinance No. 5024, of 2010 and with the Town's inclusion in said enlarged boundaries of Caddo Parish Fire District No. 1;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any Resolution or Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, and was on motion of Whittington, and seconded by Prewett, and adopted on the 12th day of October, 2010, by the following vote:

YEAS: Ashby, Lee, Prewett, and Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jones

ABSTAIN: None

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds—Whittington stated nothing to report.

Streets and Rights of Way—Jones absent.

Water Dept.—Prewett stated selling lots of water, everything else running smooth.

Sewer Dept. — Ashby stated nothing to report.

Police Dept.—Chief stated nothing to report.

Treasurer Report—Lee stated nothing to report.

Comments by Mayor

Mayor stated the Blanchard Music Fest and Benefit will be at the Poke Salad grounds October 16, 2010. Motion by Prewett to adjourn, second by Ashby. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Johnny Digilormo, Mayor

Debra Smith, Town Clerk