

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 10, 2009
7:00 O’CLOCK

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Jones, Lee, Whittington, Ashby, and Prewett, Police Chief Presswood, Atty. Jerry Edwards, Dave Cherry, Debra Smith, Town Clerk, Caddo Parish Deputy Corporal Pamela Byers, Mrs. Simolke, Mrs. Miller, and Steve Riall.

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Prewett.

Invocation given by Digilormo.

Questions and Statements of Citizens:

Steve Riall—Member of Greater Caddo Lake Association (GCLA). Salvania problem effecting Caddo Lake cannot be eradicated, only controlled. The GCLA is applying for 501C3 status, which creates non-profit status and can receive tax-deductible donations. Part of those funds will go Wildlife and Fisheries and purchase a spray rig to help with spraying to help control the problem with the salvania. For more information: www.caddolakela.com

Motion by Lee to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2009. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 2 OF 2009 (WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REPORT)

RESOLUTION 2 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS REVIEWED AN INTERNAL “MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REPORT” CONCERNING THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD’S WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

WHEREAS, the state permits under which the Town of Blanchard’s Wastewater Treatment Plant operates require an internal survey form to be completed annually and submitted to the Town Council for review; and

WHEREAS, forms for the past year have been completed by Town administrative personnel after consultation with engineering and operational personnel, and are attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Blanchard in due, legal and regular session convened, as follows:

That the Town Council acknowledges that it has reviewed the attached survey forms, as that the following actions have been set forth to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, number **LA0038903**,

- a. Develop a comprehensive plan for phased implementation of major equipment rehab/replacement.

- b. Continue to be proactive with reporting and preventative maintenance programs.
- c. Continue to modify and improve the collection system.
- d. Secure additional financing for collection and treatment facility improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or items of this resolution or the application hereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which 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 all resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion to accept Resolution 2 of 2009 made by Jones, second by Whittington. All voted yea.

And Resolution 2 of 2009 was adopted on this 10th day of March, 2009.

RESOLUTION 3 OF 2009 (PRE-APP FOR DEQ LOW INTEREST LOAN FOR SEWER)

RESOLUTION 3 OF 2009

TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS the Town of Blanchard is in need of Public Wastewater Treatment and Collection System Improvements; and,

WHEREAS loans and/or grants for this project may be available through the State Revolving Fund loan program operated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Blanchard that:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to submit a pre-application to the Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the Town of Blanchard for the purpose of placing this project on the Project Priority List for funding through the State Revolving Fund loan program; and,

Section 2. The Mayor is further authorized to furnish such additional information as may reasonably be requested in connection with the pre-application; and,

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative for the Town of Blanchard for any project that may result from the submission of the pre-application.

Motion to accept Resolution 3 of 2009 made by Whittington, second by Jones. All voted yea.

And Resolution 3 of 2009 was adopted on this 10th day of March, 2009.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and Grounds: Whittington nothing to report. Ashby asked the Council about putting in a park, walking trail, or picnic tables between the railroad tracks and ballpark on Front Street. The Council agreed it would be a great idea. Whittington will check possible grants for a park.
Streets and Rights of Way: Jones nothing to report.

Water Dept: Prewett reported water plant is still waiting on bids for digging lagoons out.

Sewer Dept: Ashby reported 2 new trucks needed. Motion by Lee for 2 new trucks not to exceed \$30,000, second by Prewett. All voted yea. Motion by Jones, second by Lee for purchase of new generator not to exceed \$30,000 for wastewater treatment plant not including installation and setup. All vote yea. Motion by Jones, second by Lee to set garbage rates to be charged to customers to \$12.50 effective April 1, 2009. All voted yea.

Police Dept: Chief Presswood stated nothing to report.

Treasurer Report: Lee reported audit to be complete in 1 to 1 ½ weeks. LWCC audit showed an additional premium of \$8,477 for 2008, but a dividend check \$1,056 was received.

Comments by the Mayor: The Mayor wanted to thank the attending citizens. Whittington congratulated Lee on her receiving Ward 2 award by the Vivian Chamber of Commerce. Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Prewett. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:35.

JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK