

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 11, 2009
7:00 O'CLOCK

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Alderpersons Ashby, Lee, Prewett, and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Debra Smith, Dave Cherry, David Yeates, Attorney Jerry Edwards, Matt Graf, Billy Boles, and various citizens.

ABSENT: Mayor Digilormo and Attorney Arceneaux.

Motion by Lee to dispense with formalities, second by Prewett. All voted yea.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None.

Motion made by Lee to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 14, 2009. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

CROSSROADS ASSEMBLY, MR. LEE BERTHELOT

Ashby made motion to authorize an assembly in accordance with the ordinance, second by Prewett. All voted yea.

CURTIS DAVIS PROPERTY

Ashby made motion to proceed with purchasing Lots 7 & 8, Block 42, and ½ of the abandoned alley from Curtis Davis for \$7,500 from the Sewer Ad Valorem acct. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

EAGLE WATER RATE INCREASE

Lee made motion to increase Eagle Water's rate from \$10.50 to \$15.15 and to include annual increases of the sewer rate of five (5%) per cent, each February in 2010, 2011, and 2012. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

SUPERVISOR SALARY CAP

Motion made by Whittington to defer this matter to Attorney Jerry Edwards for further research. Second by Lee.

Yeas: Lee, Whittington

Nays: Ashby, Prewett

Mayor Pro Tem Jones voted yea to break tie. Motion passed.

REVISED HANDBOOK

Ashby made motion to defer this matter until research was complete in regards to Supervisor Salary Cap. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and grounds: Whittington reported Town Hall is getting a new floor. Cost \$4,320.05, start date August 18, completion date August 22.

Streets and Rights of Way: Jones stated nothing to report.

Water Department: Prewett reported the plant is experiencing some problems with the new radio, but Cherry is working to resolve the issues.

Sewer Department: Ashby reported the new brush rotor was installed at the sewer plant July 2nd and is working well.

Police Department: Chief reported he has a meeting scheduled with Sheriff Prator August 20 and will report back to the Council.

Treasurer Report: Lee stated nothing to report.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Jones reported that the Zoning Board needs a new member to replace Price Barker. She asked the Council to give their recommendations to Debra. Whittington made motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

Allison Jones, Mayor Pro Tem

Debra Smith, Town Clerk