

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 9, 2010
7:00 O'CLOCK

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Alderpersons Ashby, Lee, and Prewett, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Chief Presswood, Dave Cherry, David Yeates, Caddo Parish Deputy Corp. Warner, Town Clerk Debra Smith, and various citizens.

Absent: Mayor Digilormo and Alderperson Whittington.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lee.

Invocation given by Prewett.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Mr. Neil Kalberg, with the Poke Salad Association, requested a parade permit for the same route as last year for the Poke Salad parade scheduled for May 8, 2010. Motion by Prewett to approve, second by Ashby. All voted yea.

Motion by Lee to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2010. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 11 of 2010 (2 surplus vehicles)

RESOLUTION 11 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION DECLARING TWO MOTOR VEHICLES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, PROVIDING THE MEANS OF SALE AND ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM PRICE FOR EACH VEHICLE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Water Department of the Town of Blanchard ("Town") has removed from service that certain 1997 Chevy S-10 Truck ("Vehicle"), VIN 1GCCS14X0VK218701; and 2004 Ford F-150 Truck ("Vehicle"), VIN 2FTRF17224CA69659; and

WHEREAS, the Town has no use for these Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to declare that these Vehicles are no longer needed for Public Purposes, and wishes to sell the Vehicles and establish a means of sale of such property pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4712 and other applicable law;

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

Section 1. The Vehicles are hereby declared no longer needed for public purposes.

Section 2. The Chevy Vehicle shall be sold for a minimum of \$250.00 and the Ford Vehicle shall be sold for a minimum of \$4,000.00 to any private or public person or entity at a public sale on a date to be set with an auctioneer retained by the Town. The prices shall remain in effect until June 30, 2010.

Section 3. 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.

Section 4. All ordinances or resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion to accept Resolution 11 of 2010 made by Prewett, second by Ashby. All voted yea. And Resolution 11 of 2010 was adopted on this 9th day of March, 2010.

Act 319 update (Utility relocation funds)

The Council requested that Debra contact Ms. JoAnn Kurts with the Department of Transportation and Development and ask for a proposed payment plan.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds—Whittington absent. David Yeates stated that the siding was being replaced on Town Hall.

Streets and Rights of Way—Jones stated she will contact the Parish about trash pick-up along the roads. Chief added that speed limit signs have been ordered for Trey Ridge area and the school zone signs have been upgraded.

Water Dept.—Prewett stated a filter is currently offline due to under drain break through, but a new one has been ordered with a cost of \$28,569.

Sewer Dept. —Yeates stated everything running good and the new water lines are going in the ground for the water project.

Police Dept.—Chief stated the contractor has started on the remodeling of the police station.

Treasurer Report—Lee stated everything running good.

Comments by Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Pro Tem Jones stated a workshop has been scheduled for March 31, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Lee to adjourn, second by Prewett. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:43.

Allison Jones, Mayor Pro Tem

Debra Smith, Town Clerk