

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 13, 2010
7:00 O'CLOCK

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Jones, Lee, and Whittington, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Chief Presswood, Dave Cherry, Town Clerk Debra Smith, and various citizens.

Absent: Alderperson Prewett and David Yeates.

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

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

Questions and Statements of Citizens:

Ms. Jacala Hicks

Ms. Hicks and neighbor, Ms. Caniglia, were concerned about the condition of 444 W. Birch, which is owned by Blanchard. Alderman Ashby advised them that the problem would be cleaned up within the week and he would keep them advised as to future work concerning the removal of the fence.

Mr. Larry Gilley

Residents of Northwood Hills see a need for a 4-way stop at Northwood Hills, Magnolia Woods Ave., and Elmwood Hills Ave. Alderperson Jones advised that the process for an ordinance to be passed required an introduction at the August meeting and if no opposition met then would be adopted at the September meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fultz

Concerning Ordinance 3 of 2010, Home Businesses, Mrs. Fultz advised she thought the ordinance was vague in some areas. Alderperson Jones advised Mrs. Fultz to put her concerns in writing and submit to the Clerk and the Council and Attorney would review the concerns. Alderperson Jones advised that something would be adopted at some point, but that there will be exceptions. Attorney Arceneaux advised that a Town Ordinance could supersede subdivision covenants and restrictions if the ordinance is stricter, but if covenants and restrictions are stricter, then they can override the ordinance.

Ms. Rasheed Joseph

Ms. Joseph requested a copy of Ordinance 3 of 2010 and Mrs. Smith advised she could pick up a drafted copy Wednesday, July 14, 2010.

Mrs. Angela Tappe

Mrs. Tappe expressed interest in the Zoning Board and relayed her qualifications with various boards and municipalities. She also expressed concern about Ordinance 3 of 2010, and Alderperson Jones advised her to put her concerns in writing and submit to the Clerk and the Council and Attorney would review the concerns.

Motion by Lee to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2010. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing Ordinance 3 of 2010—At Home Businesses

Public Hearing opened 7:26 p.m.

Mrs. Ward, neighbor of Fultz's expressed concerns about the noise level of the Fultz home business. She advised that the noise level is such that her husband has trouble sleeping as he works shift work. She wanted to know how the noise would be controlled as Ordinance 3 did not clearly provide guidelines of measuring noise levels. Alderman Whittington advised Mrs. Ward to put her concerns in writing and submit to the Clerk and the Council and Attorney would review the concerns.

Ms. Joseph asked how Ordinance 3 applied to internet businesses since it was not mentioned in the ordinance.

Public Hearing closed 7:32 p.m.

Ordinance 3 of 2010 (At Home Businesses)

Motion by Jones to defer vote and let Town Clerk receive all comments to give to attorney to prepare report and present to Council before vote. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

Zoning Board

Jones nominated Mrs. Angela Tappe for zoning board position. Second by Whittington. Motion by Jones to appoint Mrs. Tappe to fulfill vacancy on zoning board. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds—Whittington stated tennis courts are being looked at regarding surfacing, netting, etc.

Streets and Rights of Way—Jones stated Whittington will fax a list of road repairs to Town Clerk Debra Smith who will in turn forward to Jones.

Water Dept.—Cherry stated water sales were down because of rain, but everything running well.

Sewer Dept. — Ashby stated the problem on West Birch will be taken care of.

Police Dept.—Chief stated he will be declaring a 2006 Crown Victoria as surplus at next month's meeting.

Treasurer Report—Lee stated General Fund in summer gets low on funds because of tax money coming in at end and beginning of year. Mayor Digilormo called for a workshop to be held August 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. to cover this issue.

Comments by Mayor

The Mayor stated 12 new town limits signs will replace current signs using the existing posts.

Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Lee. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.

Johnny Digilormo, Mayor

Debra Smith, Town Clerk