

**MINUTES OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2014  
7:00 O’CLOCK**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Guin, Jones, Lee and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Attorney Tom Arceneaux, Candy Foshee for Debra Smith, Town Clerk, Lonnie Smith, Lonnie Jackson and others.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ashby.

Invocation given by Arceneaux.

Motion by Lee to approve minutes from October 14, 2014. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2014:**

Motion by Lee to approve minutes of September 9, 2014, Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD (DISCUSSION OF CHANGING TO JANUARY TO DECEMBER COVERAGE:**

After discussion, motion by Guin to change the anniversary date (renewal) from FY July-June, to January-December. Second by Whittington. All voted yea, with Ashby abstaining.

**ALLIED/REPUBLIC GARBAGE SERVICE (RENEWAL CONTRACT)**

This matter was referred to Attorney Arceneaux who will contact the General Manager with Republic Services/Allied Waste Services to execute a new contract for our residential and small commercial businesses.

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS:**

**Buildings and grounds:** Whittington reported that the roof on the storage building has been repaired and the building is ready for use. He advised that he is looking into acquiring new equipment for the basketball/tennis courts. Lee will check with Doug Dominick about funds from the Parish to help with expenses.

**Streets and Rights of Way:** Jones made motion to abandon a 60 foot ROW located in vicinity of Birch and Pine Hill Road. Second by Ashby. All voted yea. A letter will be sent to the Caddo Parish Commission.

**Water Department:** After discussion of the N. Colony Drive situation, Guin made motion that a letter be prepared to send to the residents on N. Colony, asking if they are interested in obtaining water from Blanchard Utilities. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

**Sewer Department:** Guin had a meeting with SWEPCO and they will be working on the new service at the sewer plant Thursday and Friday.

**Police Department:** Motion by Whittington, second by Jones, to hire auxiliary police officer, John Joseph Prator, upon the recommendation of Chief Presswood.

**Treasurer Report:** Nothing to report.

Comments by the Mayor: A workshop is called for Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. The annual Safety Meeting is set for Thursday, December 11, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. The Inauguration for the Mayor, Alderpersons and Chief of Police is set for Tuesday, December 30, 2014

Whittington made motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

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**JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR**

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**CANDY FOSHEE**