

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 12, 2013
7:00 O'CLOCK

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Jones, Prewett, and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, David Yeates, and Town Clerk-Debra Smith.

Absent: Alderperson Lee, Lonnie Smith, and Perry Fuller.

Meeting called to order by Mayor.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Prewett.

Invocation given by Arceneaux.

Questions and Statements of Citizens:

None

Motion by Whittington to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12 and the Special Meeting of March 5, 2013. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Introduce Ordinance 1 of 2013 (by title only) DHH Bonds

The following was introduced by Jones to be voted on at the April 9, 2013, Council meeting.

CONSOLIDATED SUPPLEMENTAL
BOND ORDINANCE 1 OF 2013

A consolidated supplemental bond ordinance amending, restating and consolidating into a single ordinance (a) Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 1 of 2011, (b) Third Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 2 of 2011, (c) Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 7 of 2012 and (d) Fifth Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 10 of 2012, all adopted in accordance with the terms of a General Bond Ordinance adopted on November 24, 2009, with regard to the issuance of not exceeding \$8,400,000 of Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, \$4,930,000 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2012B, and \$4,930,000 of Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2012, of the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana; providing for the sale of such bonds and note to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Introduce Ordinance 2 of 2013 (by title only) Ballpark annexation

The following was introduced by Whittington to be voted on at the April 9, 2013, Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 2 OF 2013

An ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, as more fully shown on the attached property description, located in Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Resolution 4 of 2013-Mr. David Wolf's compensation

RESOLUTION 4 OF 2013

A resolution authorizing compensation to Adams and Reese, LLP for services rendered to the Town in connection with Build America Bond Payments and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard issued several series of bonds (“Water Bonds”) to finance the construction of a new water treatment plant, and portions of such Water Bonds were eligible for payments from the United States under the “Build America Bonds” program (“Program”); and WHEREAS, subsequent to the close and funding of the Water Bonds, the Town learned from David N. Wolf, Special Counsel to the law firm of Adams and Reese, LLP, that the Town might be entitled to receive payments under the Program; and WHEREAS, the Town engaged Mr. Wolf to investigate the issue, file appropriate application and other documentation, and to seek to obtain payments due the Town under the Program or for which the Town might be eligible under the Program; and WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. Wolf’s efforts, the Town has received \$60,550.44 in payments pursuant to the Program; and WHEREAS, M. Thomas Arceneaux, Town Attorney, has reviewed the time spent by Mr. Wolf, the seriousness of the matter being handled, and the results obtained, and has determined that a fee of \$9,000.00 would be reasonable compensation for the services rendered by Mr. Wolf to the Town in obtaining the \$60,550.44 in unanticipated payments; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard, in due and legal session convened, that the compensation to Adams and Reese, LLP be and it hereby is established at \$9,000.00. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Town Treasurer be and they hereby are authorized to pay such compensation to Adams and Reese, LLP upon presentation of appropriate tax documentation to comply with the Internal Revenue Code Regulations with respect to tax payer identification numbers. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any of this provision of this Resolution is deemed unenforceable or invalid, such portion shall be severed here from and the remainder of the Resolution shall remain in full force and effect. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any Resolution in conflict with the terms and conditions of this Resolution be and it hereby is repealed. Motion to accept Resolution 4 of 2013 made by Whittington, second by Ashby. All voted yea. And Resolution 4 of 2013 was adopted on this 12th day of March, 2013.

Motion by Whittington to add two items to the agenda. 1) Ordinance 3 of 2013 relative to traffic laws at certain times around Blanchard Elementary School. 2) Resolution 5 of 2013 a resolution to sell a surplus police vehicle to the Town of Bernice. Second by Prewett. Public hearing opened 7:14 p.m., there being none, public hearing closed 7:15 p.m. Roll call vote: YEAS: Ashby, Jones, Prewett, and Whittington. NAYS: None ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: Lee Ordinance 3 of 2013 for introduction by title only and Resolution 5 of 2013 were added to the agenda.

Blanchard Elementary traffic congestion during dropping off and picking up

The following was introduced by Jones to be voted on at the April 9, 2013, Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 3 OF 2013

An ordinance to provide for one way traffic on Birch Street between Pine Hill Road and Jodie Street at certain times and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Resolution 5 of 2013-declare a surplus police vehicle to sell to the Town of Bernice.

RESOLUTION 5 OF 2013

A resolution to declare a 2007 Ford Expedition police vehicle surplus, to provide for the sale of the vehicle to the Town of Bernice, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the Town of Blanchard ("Town") has removed from service that certain 2007 Ford Expedition ("Vehicle"), VIN 1FMFU15567LA42167, known as Unit #23; and

WHEREAS, the Town no longer has use for the Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to declare that the Vehicle is no longer needed, and wishes to sell the Vehicle to the Town of Bernice, Louisiana, and establish a means of sale of such property pursuant to LA. R.S. 33:1324 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 Vehicle is hereby declared no longer needed for the purposes of the Town.

Section 2. The Vehicle shall be sold to the Town of Bernice, Louisiana, in official capacity, without public bid or advertisement for a price of \$ 3,000.00, which the Town hereby declares to be the fair value of the vehicle, for the purpose of maintaining governmental services..

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 resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion to accept Resolution 5 of 2013 made by Whittington. Second by Ashby. All voted yea. And Resolution 5 of 2013 was adopted on this 12th day of March, 2013.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and Grounds

Whittington stated that he and Chief are working to get the roof repaired at the police station.

Streets and Rights of Way

Jones stated nothing to report.

Water Department

Prewett stated the new water plant is coming along nicely and everything else running good.

Sewer Department

Ashby stated everything running good.

Police Department

Chief stated nothing to report.

Treasurer Report

Lee absent.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

None. Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Jones. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:23 p.m.

JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK