

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 11, 2015
7:00 O’CLOCK

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Fuller, Guin, Lee, Umling, and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Atty. Katherine Douthitt, Lonnie Smith, Perry Fuller, Debra Smith-Town Clerk, Ken Lawler, David Lawler, Jake Lawler, and various guests.

Absent: Atty. Tom Arceneaux and David Yeates.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Lee.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Umling.

Invocation given by Guin.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None

Motion by Lee to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting July 14, 2015. Second by Umling. All voted yea.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Ray Presley re: apartments.

Mr. Presley, a resident of Millcreek subdivision, and many others expressed concerns and questions regarding an apartment complex Mr. Ken Lawler plans to develop near Northwood South and Roy Road.

Mr. Jerry Barnette re: apartments.

Mr. Barnette, a resident of Millcreek subdivision, was unable to attend. Mr. Fleetwood, also a resident of Millcreek subdivision, asked to read a letter composed by Mr. Barnette. Since the property had been annexed and re-zoned prior to 2003, after much discussion it was stated that Mr. Ken Lawler can build the apartments.

David Lawler annexation of 23 acres-front to be zoned “light commercial” and rear to be Phase I of Hidden Creek Mobile Home Estates to be zoned “other residential.”

Motion by Lee to accept the petition from Mr. David Lawler for annexation and rezoning of 23 acres. Second by Umling. All voted yea. When the members of the Economic and Zoning Board are appointed, the petition will be turned over to them.

David Lawler wants to add an additional 105 lots to the Deer Creek Mobile Home Estates, Inc. as Phase III.

Motion by Lee to accept the petition. Second by Umling. All voted yea.

Discussion re: Ordinance 3 of 2015 (Third Party Provider Building Permits) to approve forms and fees.

Douthitt explained to the Council that a Resolution needs to accompany the Ordinance to set the fees. During much discussion, Whittington walked out of the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and never returned. It was decided that the Resolution needs to be reviewed more at a workshop scheduled for August 25, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Appoint members for the Economic and Zoning Board.

Mayor asked for a postponement of the Board appointments.

Discuss the demolition of Caffey House.

Lee asked that something be provided in writing before the Council would move forward on this.

Discussion re: the McInnis Brothers matter.

Motion by Lee to go into Executive Session to include the Council, Attorney, and Town Clerk. Second by Umling. All voted yea. Executive Session began at 8:30 p.m. Motion by Fuller to exit Executive Session, second by Lee. All voted yea. Executive Session ended at 9:03 p.m. No further action taken at this time. It will be discussed more at a Special Meeting scheduled for August 25, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds

Umling-work will begin this week on the tennis courts.

Streets and Rights of Way

Whittington-absent.

Water Department

Fuller-Contacted Anadarko to see if they were still interested in buying untreated water from Blanchard Utilities. Since oil and gas prices are low, currently Anadarko is not interested.

Sewer Department

Guin-nothing to report.

Police Department

Chief-nothing to report.

Treasurer Report

Lee-stated she asked Debra why 4 employees cashed in vacation rather than taking that time off. Debra told her the Distribution Department was understaffed. Lee asked if the Council was aware of that. Fuller stated it had only been about 3 weeks.

Comments by the Mayor

Mayor stated a Special Meeting is scheduled August 25, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Lee to adjourn, second by Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 9:25 p.m.

Johnny Digilormo, Mayor

Debra Smith, Town Clerk