

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

**Present:** Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Jones, Lee, Prewett, Whittington, Chief Presswood, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, David Yeates, Lonnie Smith, and various citizens.  
Meeting called to order by Mayor.  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Whittington.  
Invocation given by Arceneaux.

**Questions and Statements of Citizens:**

Mr. Donald Linnear of North Lakeshore Drive expressed concern over his \$1,909.60 water bill. When Mr. Linnear came to the January council meeting, as normal procedure he was offered a 25% reduction and a payout option. Mr. Linnear refused. The Utility department spent approx. \$1,200.00 on a special tool to test the existing meter. The meter was shown to be working properly. After much discussion, motion was made by Jones to get the average rate of water usage for the last 11 (eleven) months, not counting the month in question, and that will be Mr. Linnear's bill. Second by Lee.  
Yea: Jones, Lee, and Whittington.  
Nay: Ashby and Prewett.  
Motion passed.

Motion by Jones to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting January 8, 2013. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Ordinance 15 of 2012 (An ordinance adopting new standards for the issuance and administration of the building permitting process in the Town of Blanchard)**

Jones reintroduced Ordinance 15 of 2012 by title only. The Public Hearing was originally held on December 11, 2012.

Ordinance 15 of 2012

An ordinance amending Chapter 19, Section 23 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard, adopting new standards for the issuance and administration of the building permitting process in the Town of Blanchard, along with standards for the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy in connection therewith, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS**

Buildings and Grounds-Whittington asked that the citizens of Blanchard take more pride in the Town and please don't litter.

Streets and Rights of Way-Jones stated she would take up the clean community issue.

Water Department-Prewett stated the water smell seems to have gone. The recent rainfall has helped tremendously.

Sewer Department-Ashby stated that an amended compliance order had been received and the issues are being addressed.

Police Department-Presswood asked Arceneaux to find out if a town can sell a surplus vehicle directly to another town.

Treasurer Report-Lee nothing to report.

**COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

None. Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Jones. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:42 p.m.

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JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

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DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK