

MINUTES OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING – JUNE 24, 2014  
6:30 O’CLOCK

**Present:** Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Guin, Jones, Lee, and Whittington, Debra Smith-Town Clerk, and various guests.

**Absent:** Chief Presswood, Attorney Arceneaux, David Yeates, and Lonnie Smith.

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 6:38 p.m.

Motion by Lee to dispense with formalities, second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Invocation given by Mayor.

**Questions and Statements of Citizens:** None

**Old Business**

**Public Hearing-Ordinance 6 of 2014 An Ordinance to Enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, of the property described as a 3.309 acre, more or less, tract of land in the NW/4 of Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Citizen’s Bank and the Right of Way)**

Public Hearing opened 6:38 p.m., there being no comments the hearing closed at 6:39 p.m.

**Vote on Ordinance 6 of 2014**

Ordinance 6 of 2014

An Ordinance to Enlarge the Limits and Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, as more fully shown on the attached property descriptions, located in Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

WHEREAS, Section 172 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statues of 1950 provides for annexation by petition; and,

WHEREAS, a petition signed by more than the required percentage in value of the area described below has been filed with the Town Council to annex and bring within the corporate limits of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, the following described property, to-wit:

That certain parcel of ground situated in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, being more fully described as follows:

A 3.309 acre, more or less, tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a DOTD Concrete monument located at the Southeasterly Right of Way of Old Mooringsport Road and the Southwesterly Right of Way of Louisiana State Hwy. No. 1, said Monument being South 0 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. East a distance of 404.30 feet and North 90 deg. 00 min. 00 sec. East a distance of 914.91 feet from a Government Brass Cap found for the Northwest corner of said Section 31; thence run North 59 deg. 43 min. 47 sec. West on an Extension of the Southwesterly Right of Way of Louisiana State Hwy. No. 1 to the Intersection with the Southerly Asphalt Shoulder of the Old Mooringsport road, a distance of 57.64 feet; thence run Northeasterly along said Southerly Asphalt Shoulder along a Curve to the Right to the Intersection of the Southwesterly Asphalt Shoulder of the Southbound Lane of Louisiana State Hwy. No. 1, said Curve having a Radius of 147.66 feet, an Arc Length of 71.08 feet, a Chord Bearing of North 86 deg. 51 min. 38 sec. East and a chord Length of 70.40 feet; thence run South 59 deg. 21 min. 17 sec. East along the

Southwesterly Asphalt Shoulder of the Southbound Lane of Louisiana State Hwy. No. 1, to the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 31, a distance of 1973.27 feet; thence run South 0 deg. 40 min. 08 sec. West along the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 31 to the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Northport Subdivision, Unit No. 2, as Recorded in Book 5050, Page 165 of the Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, a distance of 38.16 feet; thence continue South 0 deg. 40 min. 08 sec West along the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 31 and along the East line of said Lot 1 to the Southeast corner thereof, a distance of 162.31 feet; thence run North 89 deg. 19 min. 52 sec. West along the South line of said Lot 1 to the Southwest corner thereof, a distance of 288.94 feet; thence run North 0 deg. 40 min. 08 sec. East along the West line of said Lot 1 to the Northwest corner thereof and to the Southwesterly Right of Way of Louisiana State Hwy. No. 1, a distance of 320.29 feet; thence run Northwesterly along the Southwesterly Right of Way of Louisiana State Hwy. No. 1 these next Nine (9) calls: (1) North 59 deg. 22 min. 05 sec. West 184.12 feet; (2) North 30 deg. 37 min. 55 sec. West 5.00 feet; (3) North 59 deg. 22 min. 05 sec. West 100.00 feet; (4) North 56 deg. 30 min. 20 sec. West 100.12 feet; (5) North 59 deg. 22 min. 05 sec. West 250.00 feet; (6) North 70 deg. 40 min. 41 sec. West 50.99 feet; (7) North 59 deg. 22 min. 05 sec. West 100.00 feet; (8) North 48 deg. 03 min. 29 sec. West 50.99 feet; (9) North 59 deg. 43 min. 47 sec. West 825.50 feet, to the Point of Beginning of the tract herein described.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard in due, legal and regular session convened, that the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard are hereby changed to include within the limits and boundaries of said Town the above described property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the property described above be zoned "Light Commercial".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized to file, within ten (10) days of the final passage of this ordinance with the Clerk of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, a description of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed by this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby described severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion made by Lee to adopt Ordinance 6 of 2014. Second by Ashby.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Ashby, Guin, Jones, Lee, and Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And Ordinance 6 of 2014 was adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution 8 of 2014-The adoption of property tax millage levied on the 2014 tax roll.**

Resolution 8 of 2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2014 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Blanchard:

General Fund Operating  
Sewer Depreciation

MILLAGE  
6.51 mills  
3.10 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2014, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Motion was made by Ashby to adopt Resolution 8 of 2014. Seconded by Lee.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Ashby, Guin, Jones, Lee, and Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And Resolution 8 of 2014 was adopted on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

**Rezoning of Ken Lawler's newest property (corner of Pinehill and Birch).**

Motion by Jones to defer to the Zoning Board. Second by Lee. All voted yea. Jones and Lee also stated they wanted this rezoning along with Mrs. Rushing's rezoning on the July 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting agenda.

**Mr. Williams-asked by the Council to attend in regards to the purchase of property south of town where the old storage tanks used to be.**

Ashby stated according to Yeates, nothing would be affected regarding water lines. Whittington stated that first the property needs to be declared surplus, appraised, and offered back to the prior owner. Lee stated she wanted Candy contact the LMA for the proper step-by-step procedure to sell land.

**Report of Departments**

Motion by Whittington to suspend report of departments, except for Buildings and Grounds, second by Ashby. All voted yea.

**Buildings and Grounds**

Whittington pointed out that he had received 2 bids for shelf installation to help resolve storage issues. After much discussion, Whittington stated he would get 3 bids for shingle roof and 3 bids for metal roof for the current storage building. The Council stated that due to storage issues and the increase need for storage, the Council asks that the Poke Salad Committee move their items currently stored at the Town's storage building.

**Comments by the Mayor**

The Mayor stated this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show at Northwood Country Club. The Town will help sponsor the show again this year. There will be water slides for the kids and free music. The bands starts around 7 p.m. and the fireworks start around 9:30 p.m. It is free to attend and everyone is invited. Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Ashby. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 6:59 p.m.

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Johnny Digilormo, Mayor

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Debra Smith, Town Clerk