

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 14, 2012
7:00 O’CLOCK

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Jones, Lee, Prewett, and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, David Yeates, Lonnie Smith, Caddo Parish School Board President Steve Riall, Mr. C.R. Key, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jenkins, and Town Clerk Debra Smith.

Absent: None.

Questions and Statements of Citizens:

Mr. Riall provided an update to the Council regarding current discussions of restructuring the Caddo Parish school system and the upcoming Caddo Parish School Board budget issues.

Motion by Lee to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10 and special meeting of January 17, 2012. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

TIMOTHY KEY RE: NEW TRAILER AT 208 MAPLE

Mr. C.R. Key, father of Timothy Key, asked the Council if a newer mobile home could be moved onto 208 Maple Street. Mr. Key would like to keep the smaller trailer that is already located there and move the newer one if front of the older. The Council asked Mr. Jenkins, since he is next door to Mr. Key, if there were any objections. Mr. Jenkins replied there were none. Motion by Jones to allow a new mobile home to be moved in and the old one stay. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

REZONE 201 MAIN FOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

First Baptist Church of Blanchard asked that property owned by the Church and located at 201 Main Street be re-zoned from Light Commercial to Public Use. Motion by Jones to allow the re-zoning. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

UTILITY PART-TIME EMPLOYEE

Motion by Lee to create a position of a part-time utility clerk to work no more than 64 hours a month to work in the office at the discretion of the Utility Billing Manager. Second by Ashby. All voted yea. Motion by Lee to hire Brenda Martin at the rate of \$10 hour for the newly created position. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

BILLY BOLES SALARY INCREASE

Motion by Ashby to increase Billy Boles, Assistant Supervisor, pay to \$40,000 year starting this pay period since Boles is doing such an excellent job. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

AMEND AGENDA

Motion by Lee to amend the agenda to include the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Blanchard and the Parish of Caddo. Second by Prewett. Roll call vote:

YEAS: Ashby, Jones, Lee, Prewett, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

At 7:40 p.m. a public hearing was opened for comments regarding amending the agenda. There being no comments, the public hearing closed at 7:41 p.m. Motion by Jones to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement, second by Lee. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Motion by Jones to issue letter needed for Steve Primus at the Caddo Parish Registrar of Voters. Second by Ashby. All voted yea. Whittington nothing to report.

STREETS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

Jones nothing to report.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Prewett reported Lonnie Smith is doing a great job. Prewett also reported that his will be relocating him to Dallas sometime within the next 15 months. He should know more about the exact date within the next 60 days.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Ashby reported that the sewer improvements are getting closer to taking effect.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Presswood stated that all citizens please heed the no parking signs now located at the Dollar General Store. Presswood also reported that he may get appointed by Governor Jindal to the Law Enforcement Executive Management Institute Board.

TREASURER REPORT

Lee nothing to report.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR

A workshop has been scheduled for February 28 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss development review fees. Debra will forward the gathered information to the Council in advance of the workshop for their review. Motion by Prewett to adjourn, second by Ashby. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:56 p.m.

Johnny Digilormo, Mayor

Debra Smith, Town Clerk

