

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2012
7:00 O’CLOCK

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Lee, Alderpersons Ashby, Jones, Prewett, and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, David Yeates, Lonnie Smith, Town Clerk Debra Smith, Ben Rauschenbach from Balar, Richard Rogers and Donnie Breeden, President of the Blanchard Athletic Club.

Absent: Mayor Digilormo.

Motion by Ashby to dispense with formalities, second by Prewett. All voted yea.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None

Motion by Jones to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2011. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing Ordinance 1 of 2012 (Amending street light placement wording)

The public hearing opened at 7:01. There being no discussion, the public hearing closed at 7:02.

Ordinance 1 of 2012

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 19-4 OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD RELATING TO
THE SPACING OF STREET LIGHTS IN SUBDIVISIONS, AND
OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Blanchard, in due, legal and regular session convened, as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 19-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard is amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE A
SUBDIVISION REGULATION

SECTION 19.4 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS REQUIRED: APPROVAL

Prior to the construction of any real estate development involving public street improvements and / or public utility improvements whether located within the existing limits of the municipality or whether located adjacent to the municipality and planned to be included within the limits of the municipality at some future date, the developer of the development shall submit complete plans and specifications, covering the proposed work to the municipality for its check and / or approval of engineering design, construction materials, lines and grades; if the data, as submitted is not approved, then the data shall be modified, as required by the municipality; and resubmitted for further check and / or approval. The plan as submitted shall contain a record that said developer has placed or has caused to be placed street lighting; the bulb or other illuminating device for

each street light shall contain no less than 175 watts, and the distance between each street light shall not exceed 200 feet, measured in a straight line from one light to another.

SECTION 2: 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 declared severable.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This ordinance is deemed interpretive and shall have retroactive application.

Motion made by Jones to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2012. Second by Whittington.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Ashby, Jones, Prewett, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And Ordinance 1 of 2012 was adopted this 10th day of January, 2012.

Choose demolition company for dilapidated trailers

After reviewing the bids received, Jones made motion to accept the bid from Tucker Scrap Materials for a cost of \$2,450.00. Second by Prewett, All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Blanchard Athletic Club annexation

Donnie Breeden and Richard Rogers presented a petition to the Council requesting to be annexed into Blanchard Town Limits. A copy of the Athletic Club's meeting minutes showing a unanimous vote for the annexation along with a copy of the property boundaries were also presented to the Council. The Town is NOT assuming liability on the property, merely expanding the Town's boundaries. Motion by Jones to accept the documentation and move with speed to get the annexation complete. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

Balar with an update on the water plant progress

Ben Rauschenbach informed the Council of the water plant progress. The Council called a Special Meeting for January 17, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. to prepare items needed to be on the Bond Commission's February meeting agenda.

Appoint Lonnie Smith as Interim Water Plant Supervisor

Prewett asked Council to appoint Lonnie Smith as Interim Water Plant Supervisor and approve a salary increase to \$51,000/year for 90 days. After 90 days, Prewett and Ashby will present the Council with a written review of Lonnie's work. Based on Prewett and Ashby's recommendation the salary will then increase to \$54,000/year. Motion by Prewett, second by Jones. All voted yea.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds—Whittington nothing to report.

Streets and Rights of Way—Jones nothing to report.

Water Dept.—Prewett stated replacing some pumps.

Sewer Dept. — Ashby business as usual.
Police Dept.—Chief stated everything okay.
Treasurer Report—Lee nothing to report.

Comments by Mayor

None. Motion by Prewett to adjourn, second by Whittington. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned 7:29.

Patsy Lee, Mayor Pro Tem

Debra Smith, Town Clerk