

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2009
7:00 O’CLOCK

PRESENT: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Lee, and Prewett, Police Chief Presswood, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Lonnie Smith, Debra Smith, Town Clerk.

ABSENT: Alderpersons Jones and Whittington.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ashby.

Invocation given by Arceneaux.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None.

Motion by Lee to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2008. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

WORKERS’ COMP INSURANCE CHANGE

LWCC price for workers’ comp \$25,419 for 1/09-1/2010. LMA-Risk Management price for workers’ comp \$ 23,202.64 for 1/09-1/2010. Motion by Lee to accept Risk Mgmt. for workers’ comp insurance. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and Grounds: Whittington absent. Lee stated front doors need painting.

Streets and Rights of Way: Jones absent. Mayor stated Sheriff’s department picked up trash along Wasson Rd.

Water Department: Motion by Prewett to add 2 new positions—Utility/Sewer Helper. Rate \$ 8/hr part-time, no benefits nor driving privileges. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

Sewer Department: 7:23 p.m. Ashby made motion to go into executive session regarding water plant issue. Second by Prewett.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Lee, Ashby, Prewett

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jones, Whittington

7:34 p.m. Ashby made motion to end executive session. Second by Prewett.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Lee, Ashby, Prewett

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jones, Whittington

Police Department: Chief Presswood reported 5 arrests made regarding 4 stolen cars and house burglary.

Treasurer Report: Lee reported auditor got an extension until March.

Comments by the Mayor: Town Hall rentals for non-profit (Poke Salad and Blanchard Athletic Club) \$25 per occasion approved by Council. Weekly rentals okay except for the Thursday before Council meeting and night of Council meeting. Thanks to SWEPCO for printing brochures for Economic Development and Utility office personnel for all their help. Motion by Ashby to adjourn, second by Prewett. The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK