

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 10, 2010
7:00 O'CLOCK

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Lee, Prewett, and Whittington, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Chief Presswood, Dave Cherry, David Yeates, Town Clerk Debra Smith, and various citizens.

Absent: Alderperson Jones.

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Digilormo.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lee.

Invocation given by Mayor.

Questions and Statements of Citizens:

Ms. Jacala Hicks

Ms. Hicks wanted to compliment the Town on a job well done regarding the property on W. Birch. The Council thanked Ms. Hicks for the kind words.

Ms. Jill Bonifas

Ms. Bonifas expressed opposition to the 4-way stop at Northwood Hills, Magnolia Woods Ave., and Elmwood Hills Ave. The Council informed her they would be discussing the results of a traffic study issued by Caddo Parish later in the meeting and she was welcome to stay for the results.

Motion by Lee to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2010. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Economic Development Board—appoint members

Motion by Lee to accept Linda Brooks, Jackie Cline, Angela Tappe, Chris Galambos, and Mike Jacobs to the Economic Development Board and to have terms on 3-year basis with the effective date of August 1, 2010. The Board will set up by-laws and bring to the Council for approval. Second by Prewett, all voted yea.

Zoning Board—appoint Rachel Fultz

Motion by Ashby to appoint Mrs. Fultz to the Zoning Board (aka Blanchard Metropolitan Planning Commission of Blanchard, LA). Second by Whittington, all voted yea.

Resolution 14 of 2010—2006 Police car surplus

RESOLUTION 14 OF 2010
A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A 2006 CROWN VICTORIA POLICE VEHICLE
SURPLUS, PROVIDING THE MEANS OF SALE AND ESTABLISHING A
MINIMUM PRICE FOR SAID VEHICLE, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH
RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the Town of Blanchard ("Town") has removed from service that certain 2006 Ford Crown Victoria 4DR automobile ("Vehicle"), VIN 2FAFP71W56X154303; and

WHEREAS, the Town has no use for Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to declare that the Vehicle is no longer needed, for Public Purposes, and wishes to sell the Vehicle and establish a means of sale of such property pursuant to LA. R.S. 33:4712 and other applicable law;

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

Section 1. The Vehicle is hereby declared no longer needed for public purposes.

Section 2. The Vehicle shall be sold for a minimum of \$ 1,000.00 to any private or public person or entity at a public sale on a date to be set with an auctioneer retained by the Town. The price shall remain in effect until November 30, 2010.

Section 3. If any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion by Whittington, second by Ashby to accept Resolution 14 of 2010. All voted yea. And Resolution 14 of 2010 was adopted on this 10th day of August, 2010.

Northwood Hills 4-way stop—traffic study shows no need for 4-way

A traffic study conducted by Caddo Parish Fleet Service at the intersection of Northwood Hills, Magnolia Woods, and Elmwood Hills indicates a 4-way stop is not warranted. Prewett requested a copy of the findings be forwarded to the Northwood Homeowner's Association. Ashby agreed with the suggestion. Whittington asked that the record show that he relies on the expertise of the traffic study conducted and defers to the Chief of Police that there is no 4-way stop sign warranted.

Garbage renewal rates—Allied Waste rate increase

After much discussion, a motion was made by Whittington to authorize Debra Smith, Town Clerk, to notify Allied Waste in writing that the Council will not honor Allied Waste's request on face value pending an opinion from the town attorney and will pay the existing rate (of \$11.92) if a corrected bill is sent to the Town. Second by Ashby, all voted yea.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds—Whittington stated nothing to report.

Streets and Rights of Way—Jones absent, but Whittington reported the only road to be overlaid in Town is Fairway View.

Water Dept.—Prewett reported everything good. The land for the new water plant has been purchased from Mooringsport.

Sewer Dept. — Ashby reported everything good. After discussion regarding garbage collection from First Baptist Church, motion by Lee to NOT reimburse them for the funds collected nor to ask Allied Waste for reimbursement. Blanchard Utilities will stop charging for the garbage pickup fee effective IMMEDIATELY. Debra Smith, Town Clerk, will send a letter to the church stating the same. Second by Prewett, all voted yea.

Police Dept.—Chief stated everything is good.

Treasurer Report—Lee stated nothing to report.

Comments by Mayor

Everything is going good. Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Ashby. All voted yea.
Meeting adjourned 7:39 p.m.

Johnny Digilormo, Mayor

Debra Smith, Town Clerk