

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2008
7:00 O’CLOCK

PRESENT: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Lee, Jones, Whittington, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Chief Presswood, Debra Smith, Town Clerk, Dave Cherry, Lonnie Smith, Caddo Parish Deputy Major Fant, and various citizens.

ABSENT: Alderperson Prewett

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ashby.
Invocation given by Arceneaux.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None.

Motion by Whittington to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2008, public meeting July 22, 2008, and special meeting July 22, 2008. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

Motion by Lee to amend agenda to have Ordinance 5 of 2008 to read as Resolution 15 of 2008. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

CADDO PARISH ANIMAL CONTROL REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Andy Seltz, Field Operations Manager for Caddo Animal Control, stated they are staffed seven days a week and the citizens can call 226-6624 directly with any concerns regarding loose animals.

SIMOLKE ANNEXATION

Jones made motion that the annexation petition of Mrs. Simolke be approved subject to determination that the property is contiguous to current town property. In the event the property is not contiguous, the town will inform Mrs. Simolke of the deficiency and facilitate resolution of the same. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

AUDITOR’S ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Motion by Lee to sign engagement letter employing Mr. Sam Stevens for the audit 07-08 FYE. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

RESOLUTION 15 OF 2008—SURPLUS OF TABLES AND CHAIRS

RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2008

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN TABLES AND CHAIRS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, PROVIDING THE MEANS OF SALE AND ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM PRICE FOR SUCH ITEMS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard (“Town”) recently replaced the Tables and Chairs located in the Town Hall with new tables and chairs; and

WHEREAS, the Town has no use for the old Tables and Chairs, and the Town believes that there is a market for the sale of said Tables and Chairs; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to declare that the old Tables and Chairs are no longer needed for Public Purposes, and wishes to sell the old Tables and Chairs 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 old Tables and Chairs, consisting of the following, are hereby declared no longer needed for public purposes:

Two – 6 foot Tables
Nine – 8 foot Tables
One – secretary Chair
Forty-eight – padded Chairs
Twenty-eight – folding Chairs

Section 2. Each of the old Tables may be sold to any private or public person or entity or more than one public or private entity at a public sale on a date to be set with an auctioneer retained by the Town, for a minimum price of \$30.00 each, whether sold in bulk or per Table. This price shall remain in effect until October 31, 2008.

Section 3. Each of the old Chairs may be sold to any private or public person or entity or more than one public or private entity at a public sale on a date to be set with an auctioneer retained by the Town, for a minimum price of \$5.00 each, whether sold in bulk or per Chair. This price shall remain in effect until October 31, 2008.

Section 4. 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 5. All resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

After discussion, Jones made motion to accept Resolution 15 of 2008 as amended. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

And Resolution 15 of 2008 was adopted on August 12, 2008.

ALLIED WASTE UPDATE

Jones reported Allied is increasing the rate to \$ 8.91 effective the September bill. It is anticipated the rate will be rising again in January another \$2.50 or \$3.00. If the increase is that much, the Council has agreed to put the garbage collection out for bid. It was discussed that the staff keep a monthly complaint report which will be sent in with the monthly payments. Jones made motion to accept the rate increase effective September. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and Grounds: The air conditioner has gone out at the Police Station. The Chief has offered to let the Sales Tax acct pay for the repair as long as the Police department is reimbursed pending any future relocation.

Streets and Rights of way: All local recently paved streets are dressed and ready for stripes.

Water Department: Jones made motion to increase Bulk Water rate to \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons when drawn from fire hydrants on sporadic basis to become effectively immediately. Second by Whittington. All voted yea. Dave Cherry reported the pilot study will be over August 22.

Sewer Department: Ashby reported everything running as well as can be expected.

Police Department: Chief Presswood reported that other than the air conditioner, everything else is doing fine.

Treasurer report: Lee reported a freeze on excessive spending for the month of August.

Comments by the Mayor:

Lifeline screening has requested to rent Town Hall on November 19, 2008. The Council unanimously agreed. The Mayor also reported that he is obtaining quotes on 5 ceiling fans and 16 new lights to be installed in the main hall. The installation will move forward when funding permits. The meeting adjourned 8:12 p.m.

JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK