

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 8, 2008
7:00 O'CLOCK

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Jones, Alderpersons Ashby, Lee, Prewett, Whittington, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Chief Presswood, Dave Cherry, David Yeates, Debra Smith, Town Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lee.
Invocation given by Prewett.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None.

Motion by Prewett to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2008, special meeting June 18, 2008. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

ALCOHOL SALES

Arceneaux informed Council a petition of 25 % of voters must be brought before Council before alcohol sales can be put on ballot. Jones recommends Economic Board to start needed action to get petition and let citizens decide. Whittington made motion to refer to Economic Board with instructions to hold a public forum meeting regarding the issue of alcohol sales and advertise at their discretion. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

TOWN HALL RENTAL INCREASE TO \$ 100.00

Motion made by Whittington to increase Town Hall rental from \$50 to \$100 effective immediately. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

RESOLUTION No 13 OF 2008

ON A MOTION BY LEE, DULY SECONDED BY PREWETT, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED TO WIT:

RESOLUTION 13 OF 2008

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard has been awarded a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for water improvements; and

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires the adoption of plans and policies, appointments and authorization of individuals for compliance with the LCDBG regulations;

WHEREAS, it is necessary under the regulations of the LCDBG Program to authorize certain individuals to sign for Requests for Payment for LCDBG funds and to authorize one individual to certify to the correctness of each signature, designate an official depository to hold LCDBG funds and authorize certain individuals to sign checks on the official depository;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Blanchard in regular session convened that the following plans and policies be adopted; (1) Procurement Policy, (2) Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and (3) Policy Statement for Communicating Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following appointments and authorization of individuals are made; (1) Handicapped/Section 504 Compliance/Coordinator – Debra Smith (2) Antidisplacement Coordinator – Debra Smith, (3) Equal Employment Officer – Debra Smith, (4) Citizen Complaint Officer – Debra Smith, (5) Labor Compliance Officer - LCDBG Administrator, and (6) Authorize the Mayor to sign all documents pertaining to the LCDBG Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Debra Smith, Johnny Digilormo and Patsy Lee are hereby authorized to sign Requests for Payment; Candy Foshee shall certify to the correctness of each signature, that Capital One Bank is hereby designated as the official depository of all LCDBG funds and

that Johnny Digilormo, Patsy Lee, Nathan Ashby and Debra Smith are authorized to sign checks on the official depository, of which two signatures are required for each check.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION, presented on the 8th day of July, 2008, regular scheduled meeting was read and the vote was recorded as follows:

Yeas: Lee, Whittington, Ashby, Prewett

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 13 of 2008 was adopted this 8th day of July, 2008.

ALLIED WASTE GARBAGE PICKUP INCREASE

Motion made by Whittington to defer discussion to have Mayor and Alderperson Jones hold discussion with Allied Waste regarding the contract renewal. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and grounds: Whittington reported garage painted at Police Station and central air was fixed at Library.

Streets and Rights of Way: Jones referred to Whittington. Front Street is being milled and widened.

Water Department: Dave Cherry reported plant running good. Going into last phase of pilot study.

Sewer Department: David Yeates reported replaced a few pumps. Balar working on wastewater expansion, expected to receive report in November.

Police Department: Chief Presswood stated nothing to report.

Treasurer Report: Lee reported audit should start around end of month.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor Pro Tem Jones expressed well wishes for Mayor Digilormo. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28.

ALLISON JONES, MAYOR PRO TEM

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK