

MINUTES OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2009  
7:00 O'CLOCK

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

Absent: Alderpersons Lee and Prewett.

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

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None.

Motion made by Jones to accept the minutes of the regular meeting August 11, 2009, and the special meeting September 1, 2009. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Salary Cap

Motion by Jones to eliminate salary cap for Supervisors. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

Revised Handbook

Motion by Jones to eliminate the three bullet points regarding Asst. Supervisors, Supervisors, and merit checks. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Jimmy Whittington to introduce Mr. Gary Stoneman

Mr. Stoneman is the new District Manager for Caddo Parish Public Works Dept.

Northwood Homecoming Parade Permit

Mrs. Marbie Barker, representing Northwood High School requested a parade permit for the homecoming parade. The date is set for October 22 using the same route as last year. Motion made by Ashby to approve, second by Jones. All voted yea.

DHH Loan Pre-App—Jim Hagan

Mr. Hagan will present the loan pre-application at the special meeting scheduled for September 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for Council vote.

Resolution 8 of 2009—LGAP Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) ADMINISTERED BY THE  
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE STATE OF  
LOUISIANA FOR:

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND/OR  
A NEW POLICE CAR

WHEREAS, The Town of Blanchard has its own Police Department, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the building which houses the police department is in need of repairs, such as painting the inside offices, replacing the flooring, remodel an extra room to include areas for interviews, and re-roofing of the adjacent covered garage. This would improve the working conditions for our police officers and be much needed improvements to the property of the Town, and

WHEREAS, BALAR ASSOC., INC., an engineering consulting firm, will prepare the application and perform other engineering duties as required in the implementation of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Council of the Town of Blanchard do hereby request funding in the amount of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000) to assist in the completion of the aforesaid project.

The foregoing was read, considered, and adopted on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009, by motion of Whittington, duly seconded by Ashby.

YEAS: Ashby, Jones, and Whittington.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lee and Prewett

Mr. Breithupt—Blanchard Lake Estates

No action required at this time.

Supervisors pay raise

Jones made motion recommending a 3.8 % pay increase for Supervisors with the effective date September 16, 2009. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds— Whittington reported bids will be available at the special meeting on September 29 for the sidewalk and columns at Town Hall.

Streets and Rights of Way—Jones stated nothing to report.

Water Dept.—Prewett absent. Cherry reported plant running good at this time.

Sewer Dept.—Ashby deferred to Yeates who reported Sewer running well.

Police Dept.—Chief reported the police department received a grant from 2007 funding from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to purchase 5 new radios totaling \$11,423.

Treasurer Report—Lee absent.

Comments by the Mayor: None. Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Ashby. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.

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Johnny Digilormo, Mayor

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Debra Smith, Town Clerk