

MINUTES OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 10, 2009  
7:00 O'CLOCK

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

Absent: None.

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

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Mrs. Simolke asked if there were any changes in the annexation procedures and her questions were answered.

Motion by Jones to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2009. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall repair bids

Motion by Jones to accept Billy Woods' bid for Town Hall repairs. The original cost will be by Sewer with the Water Dept. reimbursing Sewer half of the cost. Second by Lee. All voted yea

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 15 of 2009 (Amending Res. #13 of 09)

Resolution No. 15 of 2009

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2009 AND  
OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard passed Resolution No. 13 of 2009 ("Resolution No. 13") on October 13, 2009;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 13 was unclear regarding the authority of the Mayor to issue checks to the optionors for the purchase of Options to acquire the necessary rights of way in connection with the planning of improvements to the Blanchard Public Water System;

NOW, THEREFORE, to clarify the intention of the Board of Alderpersons in granting the authority to the Mayor to issue checks to the optionors, Section 6 of Resolution No. 13 of 2009 is amended to read as follows:

Section 6. The Mayor shall have the authority to approve the issuance of checks payable to the optionors of the Options in accordance with this Resolution.

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.

All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion by Prewett to accept Resolution 15 of 2009, second by Ashby. All voted yea.  
And Resolution 15 of 2009 was adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

Resolution 16 of 2009 (Lakeview Contract)

RESOLUTION No. 16 of 2009

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WATER PURCHASE CONTRACT  
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD AND LAKEVIEW WATERWORKS  
DISTRICT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard ("Town") is in the process of planning improvements to the Blanchard Public Water System ("System") whose PWS ID No. is LA1017006 (the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to authorize the sale of water to the Lakeview Waterworks District ("Lakeview") in accordance with the provisions of the Water Purchase Contract (the "Contract") attached hereto and incorporated herein, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract on behalf of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town, that the Town is authorized to sell water to Lakeview in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, and that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion by Whittington to accept Resolution 16 of 2009, second by Jones. All voted yea.  
And Resolution 16 of 2009 was adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

Resolution 17 of 2009 (Pinehill Contract)

RESOLUTION No. 17 of 2009

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WATER PURCHASE CONTRACT  
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD AND PINE HILL WATERWORKS  
DISTRICT NO. EIGHT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT  
THERETO

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard ("Town") is in the process of planning improvements to the Blanchard Public Water System ("System") whose PWS ID No. is LA1017006 (the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, the Town desires to authorize the sale of water to the Pine Hill Waterworks District No. Eight ("Pine Hill") in accordance with the provisions of the Water Purchase Contract (the "Contract") attached hereto and incorporated herein, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract on behalf of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town, that the Town is authorized to sell water to Pine Hill in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, and that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion by Lee to accept Resolution 17 of 2009, second by Prewett. All voted yea.  
And Resolution 17 of 2009 was adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

Introduce Ordinance 4 of 2009 (Water Revenue Bonds)

Jones introduced Ordinance 4 of 2009 by title only to be considered for adoption at the Special Meeting scheduled for November 24, 2009.

Introduce Ordinance 5 of 2009 (amend to drop until Special Meeting 11/24)

Lee made motion to amend agenda to drop introduction of Ordinance 5 of 2009 until Special Meeting November 24, 2009. Lee also made motion to amend agenda to add Resolution 18 of 2009 and Resolution 19 of 2009. Second by Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Ashby, Jones, Lee, Prewett, and Whittington.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor asked if any member of the public would like to speak on behalf of any of the agenda amendments. Nobody responded.

Audit Engagement Letter for Budget Year 09-10

Motion made by Lee to accept Audit Engagement Letter from Sam Stevens for Budget Year 2009-2010 pending Arceneaux's review for confirmation of USDA requirements. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

Resolution 18 of 2009 (LCDBG 2010-2011 Sewer-Engineering Costs)

RESOLUTION 18 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ENGINEERING ASPECTS OF THE  
PROPOSED FY 2010 - FY 2011 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard is desirous of submitting an application to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for funding under the FY 2010 - FY 2011 LCDBG program for sewer system rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to pay all engineering costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program to receive one bonus point, should funding become available;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Blanchard has hired the engineering firm of Balar Associates, Inc., for a fee of \$21,200.00 for engineering services relative to the LCDBG program. All fees are contingent upon funding of the project by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration under the FY 2010 or the FY 2011 LCDBG program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Blanchard has agreed to utilize local funds to pay the above contract amount and all other engineering costs associated with the preparation and implementation of the FY 2010 - FY 2011 LCDBG program.

Motion by Whittington, second by Jones to accept Resolution 18 of 2009. All voted yea. And Resolution 18 of 2009 was adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

Resolution 19 of 2009 (LCDBG 2010-2011 Sewer-Administrative Costs)

RESOLUTION 19 OF 2009

A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF THE  
PROPOSED FY 2010 - FY 2011 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard is desirous of submitting an application to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration for funding under the FY 2010- FY 2011 LCDBG program for sewer system rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to pay all administrative costs associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program to receive one bonus point, should funding become available;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Blanchard has hired the administrative and engineering firms of GNF Management Company, Inc. and Balar Associates, Inc., to assist in the preparation of said application for the fees of \$1,400.00 and \$1,500.00, respectively. An additional fee of \$35,000.00 will be paid to the administrative firm of GNF Management Company, Inc., for subsequent program administration of the LCDBG program. All fees are contingent upon funding of the project by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration under the FY 2010 or the FY 2011 LCDBG program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Blanchard has agreed to utilize local funds to pay the above contract amount and all other administrative costs associated with the preparation and implementation of the FY 2010 - FY 2011 LCDBG program.

Motion by Whittington to accept Resolution 19 of 2009, second by Jones. All voted yea. And Resolution 19 of 2009 was adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

#### Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds—See Old Business.

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

Water Dept.—Prewett stated that due to the rain, the standpipe is only 90% complete.

Sewer Dept.—Yeates reported that due to flooding on Hereford Road, a waterline washed out. It has been temporarily repaired and will be permanently repaired when the lake returns to normal level.

Police Dept.—Chief reported awaiting approval for Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) funding for needed repairs and equipment.

Treasurer Report—Lee made motion to accept credit card payments in the office and online using Systems East, a company that is compatible with the water billing software. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

#### Comments by Mayor

Mayor stated Special Meeting scheduled for November 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Safety Meeting scheduled for December 10, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Motion by Lee to adjourn, second by Prewett. Meeting adjourned 8:00.

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Johnny Digilormo, Mayor

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Debra Smith, Town Clerk