

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

PRESENT: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Jones, Lee, Prewett, Whittington, Atty. Jerry Edwards, Dave Cherry, Debra Smith, Town Clerk, and various citizens.

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

Questions and Statements of Citizens: See Annexation

Motion by Lee to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2008. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAIM HUNTER NEWTON DAY

Mayor Digilormo proclaimed April 8, 2008 to be Hunter Newton Day and wish him best wishes and a quick recovery.

POKE SALAD PARADE PERMIT

Jones made motion to accept parade route (same as last year) for Poke Salad. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

MRS. SIMOLKE AND CITIZENS REGARDING ANNEXATION

Mrs. Simolke on Old Mooringsport Rd. has expressed interest in favor of annexing into the Town limits. Council stated citizens must present petition consisting of more than 50% of voters in the area and the property value of those citizens must be greater than 25% of the overall value of the property involved. A citizen, Mr. Howe, who is opposed to the annexation, feels the petition is premature.

RESOLUTION NO 4 OF 2008

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A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS REVIEWED AN
INTERNAL “MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REPORT” CONCERNING
THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD’S WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

WHEREAS, the state permits under which the Town of Blanchard’s Wastewater Treatment Plant operates require an internal survey form to be completed annually and submitted to the Town Council for review; and

WHEREAS, forms for the past year have been completed by Town administrative personnel after consultation with engineering and operational personnel, and are attached hereto;

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

That the Town Council acknowledges that it has reviewed the attached survey forms, as that the following actions have been set forth to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, number **LA0038903**,

- a. Develop a comprehensive plan for phased implementation of major equipment rehab/replacement.
- b. Improve sludge wasting methods.
- c. Continue to be proactive with reporting and preventative maintenance programs.
- d. Continue to modify and improve the collection system.
- e. Secure additional financing for collection and treatment facility improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or items of this resolution or the application hereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which 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 all resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion was made by Lee, seconded by Prewett to adopt Resolution 4 of 2008. All voted yea.

RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN TOWN

Lee will contact KCS regarding the rough condition of the crossings since the construction.

FEMA FLOOD PLAN

Jones made motion to amend agenda to include FEMA flood plan. Second by Lee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Ashby, Jones, Lee, Prewett and Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Jones made motion to have Blanchard apply for FEMA flood plan. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and grounds: Whittington made motion to accept Guardian quote and include four (4) cameras total. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

Streets and Rights of Way: Jones reported due to construction in Town, hard to clarify street repair list & litter control. Will report more at next meeting.

Water Department: Dave Cherry reported four (4) employees took tests for additional certifications including Class 3 & Class 4.

Sewer Department: Ashby reported weather has caused several delays. Bids for shop exterior repairs are being taken.

Police Department: Chief Presswood reported garage roof still has minor leaks, otherwise everything okay.

Treasurer Report: Lee reported Reliant Energy tax assessment changed by LA Tax Commission causing the Town to have to refund over \$12,000.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor Digilormo reported he was glad to see the Chief is feeling better.

Motion made by Lee to adjourn. Second by Prewett. All voted yea. The meeting adjourned 8:09.

JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK