

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 10, 2015
7:00 O’CLOCK

Present: Alderperson Lee-Mayor Pro Tem, Alderpersons Fuller, Guin, Umling, Chief Presswood, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, David Yeates, Candy Foshee for Debra Smith, Town Clerk, and various citizens.

Absent: Mayor Digilormo, Alderperson Whittington, Debra Smith, Town Clerk.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 o’clock by Mayor Pro Tem Lee.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Umling.

Invocation given by Atty. Arceneaux.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None

Motion by Umling to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting October 13, 2015. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

Old Business

Public Hearing on Ordinance 9 of 2015- An Ordinance to Enlarge the Limits and Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana as more fully shown on the attached property descriptions, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Public Hearing opened 7:03 p.m., there being no comments the hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

Vote on Ordinance 9 of 2015- An Ordinance to Enlarge the Limits and Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana as more fully shown on the attached property descriptions, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

ORDINANCE 9 OF 2015

WHEREAS, Section 172 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statues of 1950 provides for annexation by petition; and,

WHEREAS, a petition signed by more than the required percentage in value of the area described below has been filed with the Town Council to annex and bring within the corporate limits of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, the following described property, to-wit:

That certain parcel of ground situated in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, being more fully described as follows:

A tract of land containing 1.85 acres, more or less, situated in Section 22, Township 19 North, range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, run South 45 deg. 17 min. West 1,450 feet to State Highway No. 1, thence Southeasterly along same 70 feet; thence North 45 deg. 17 min. East 1,360 feet to the East line of Southeast Quarter (SE/4); thence North 100 feet to the point of beginning. (Geo#: 191522-000-0031-00)

AND

A tract of land containing 19.94 acres, more or less, situated in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo parish, Louisiana, described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, run South 45. Deg. 17 min. West to Northeasterly right of way line of State Highway No. 1, run thence Northwesterly along same to the North line of said Southeast Quarter (Se/4), run thence east along said North line to point of beginning. (Geo#: 191522-000-0047-00)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard in due, legal and regular session convened, that the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard are hereby changed to include within the limits and boundaries of said Town the above described property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that five (5) lots along the road frontage of Highway 1, each lot sized 150 feet by 300 feet, (as shown on Exhibit "A" attached) be zoned as follows: "L/C – Light Commercial."

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the remaining property be zoned as follows: "R/O – Mobile Home Residential."

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized to file, within ten (10) days of the final passage of this ordinance with the Clerk of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, a description of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed by this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby described severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 8th day of September, 2015, notice of a public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion of Umling, seconded by Fuller to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Fuller, Guin, Umling.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Whittington.

ABSTAIN: None.

And Ordinance 9 of 2015 was adopted this 10th day of November, 2015.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 10 of 2015- An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 2 of 1981 and Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances, Prohibiting the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Public Hearing opened 7:05 p.m., and after discussion, the hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Vote on Ordinance 9 of 2015- An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 2 of 1981 and Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances, Prohibiting the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

ORDINANCE 10 OF 2015

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance 2 of 1981 and Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard, entitled. "Prohibiting the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages," are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 2. If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items of applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 3. All ordinances or resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 13th day of October, 2015, notice of a public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion of Guin, seconded by Fuller, to defeat Ordinance 10 of 2015, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Fuller, Guin, Lee.

NAYS: Umling.

ABSENT: Whittington.

ABSTAIN: None.

And Ordinance 10 of 2015 was defeated this 10th day of November, 2015.

New Business

Waste Management, New General Manager – Denny L. Wheeler.

Did not attend.

A Motion and Second to Set Three (3) Minute Time Limit during Public Hearings.

Motion made by Fuller, second by Guin to set a three (3) minute time limit per person during Public Hearings.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds

Umling reported new fence and boards on the backboard at the tennis court had been installed and that the contractor had been paid.

Streets and Rights of Way

Whittington absent.

Water Department

Fuller reported still working on discharge line at the water plant.

Sewer Department

Guin thanked Umling for the good work on the tennis courts.

Police Department

Chief Presswood advised the video server upgrade would be covered by a grant from LGAP.

Treasurer Report

Nothing to report

Mayor Pro Tem Lee then proceeded to address the issue of accidents on the job, that no matter how small or insignificant the injury, it needs to be addressed, reported to a supervisor, employee to be drug tested, and report turned in to the workers compensation carrier. This will prevent any employee that leaves the employ of Blanchard, ten years down the road coming back on the town for an injury sustained while working for Blanchard.

Comments by the Mayor

None. Motion by Fuller to adjourn, second by Guin. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Patsy Lee, Mayor Pro Tem

Candy Foshee Substituting for Debra Smith
Town Clerk