

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
7:00 O’CLOCK PM

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, J. Fuller, Umling and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Atty. Katherine Douthitt, Perry Fuller-Utility Manager, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, and various guests.

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 7:00 pm
Invocation given by Lee
Pledge of Allegiance led by Whittington

Questions and Statements of Citizens – Karla and Scott Messer addressed the situation of a partially burned house on Garfield next door to them. The house has not been cleaned out and it burned in December, 2016. They have been seeing large rats, the back yard is overgrown with weeds and there is trash in the yard. They would like to see it cleaned up.

Lita Smith was asking for progress on the Lakeview water acquisition. The mayor advised that he had contacted Commissioner L. B. Johnson and was waiting on a time to meet with him. As soon as he knew something, he would let Mrs. Smith know.

Cheryl and Eric Nixon addressed the situation of the same residence at 265 Garfield. They have a rental across the street from this house for eight years, and never had a problem. Now rats are invading the mobile home, there has been a flea infestation and they will be contacting the Caddo Parish Health Department.

Motion by Whittington, second by J. Fuller to approve the minutes of August 8, 2017. All voted yea.

Motion by Lee to suspend the rules and add a matter not on the agenda as Item 6. which is *Act of Dedication of Water and Sewer System of Bolinger Hills, Unit No. III including but not limited to all water lines, sewer lines and fire hydrants* to be voted on at the September 12, 2017 regular council meeting. The purpose of this addition to the agenda is to announce the said Act of Dedication.

Second by Fuller. Open for public comments at 7:23 pm, there being no comments, hearing closed at 7:24 p.m. The motion moved to a roll call vote and the following was had:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Whittington, Umling

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Guin

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance 3 of 2017 – Annexation of 1.214 acre tract, more or less, Lot 1, Northport Subdivision, Unit No. 6, Caddo Parish, Louisiana (HealthCare Express)

Lee introduced Ordinance 3 of 2017 by title only as follows:

ORDINANCE 3 OF 2017

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES

OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, NORTHPORT SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 6, IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, CONTAINING 1.214 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, CADDOPARISH, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Plat of New Territory Subdivision, Unit No. 6 – water system capacity.

Motion made by Whittington, second by J. Fuller to accept the water system capacity study of Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc., for New Territory Subdivision, Unit No. 6 and as approved by P. Fuller, Utility Supervisor. All voted yea.

E &L Development – Request for variance of setback lines – Bolinger Hills, Unit 3.

This matter was tabled.

Steve Gross – Annexation of property located at North Lane and Hwy. 1, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4.

After discussion, Whittington made a motion to have a professional water and sewer study done. J. Fuller seconded. The motion failed. This matter was tabled.

Discussion of recent personnel issues.

This matter was tabled.

Act of Dedication of water and sewer system of Bolinger Hills, Unit III including but not limited to all water lines, sewer lines and fire hydrants.

Motion by Lee to accept the Act of Dedication from Lagniappe Lending, LLC of the water and sewer system of Bolinger Hills, Unit III including but not limited to all water lines, sewer lines and fire hydrants. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and grounds – Nothing to report.

Streets and Rights of Way – Nothing to report.

Water Department – J. Fuller brought to the council’s attention an article in the Times re: \$1 billion repairs needed to Shreveport infrastructure due to neglect in maintenance. J. Fuller would like to address our maintenance needs at a workshop to be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

Sewer Department –P. Fuller reported on issues at Magnolia Woods lift station. On Thursday, September 14, 2017, a camera will be fed into the force main to see if there is a blockage. LRWA will be conducting smoke testing soon on manholes in town, a service LRWA performs free for the Town. DEQ paid a routine visit to the sewer treatment plant. A few discrepancies were found and action is already been taken to correct them.

Police Department – Chief reported that Angie Davis, Clerk will be returning to work on Monday, September 18, 2017. Two police officers are still on sick leave at this time. The DVR burner for the in-car video equipment will need to be replaced.

Treasurer Report – Nothing to report.

Comments by the Mayor - The Economic Development & Zoning Board met on Monday, September 11, 2017 after summer hiatus.

A Better Blanchard will hold “For the Love of Cars – Car Show” at Northwood High School on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 2 pm-6 pm.

Sheriff Prator will have a trash detail collect trash on Northport Boulevard.

The mayor will attend an event at Safety Town. Governor Edwards will be delivering a financial report on the State and asking for input from various officials.

Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk