

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 10, 2016
7:00 O’CLOCK

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons J. Fuller, Guin, Lee, Umling, and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Perry Fuller-Utility Manager, Debra Smith-Town Clerk, and various guests.

Absent: None.

Meeting called to order by Mayor.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman J. Fuller.

Invocation given by Lee.

Questions and Statements of Citizens

Ms. Jayne Tappe asked the Council when would the recently passed propositions regarding alcohol take effect. Mayor Galambos stated he and Chief Presswood were working on the necessary requirements and felt it would be 60 to 90 days. Whittington stated less than six months so as to have everything done right.

Motion by J. Fuller to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting October 11 and Special Meeting October 25, 2016. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

Old Business

Introduce Ordinance 8 of 2016 by title only. An Ordinance to Establish a Permanent Means of Setting Water Rates, Policies, and Procedures and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (This was tabled at the October 10th meeting and was not introduced.)

Motion by Whittington to table indefinitely and cover at a workshop. Second by Lee.

YEAS: Guin, Lee, and Whittington.

NAYS: J. Fuller and Umling.

Motion to table ordinance passed.

New Business

Resolution 12 of 2016-A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Amendment to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between Shreve Memorial Library and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Resolution 12 of 2016

A Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Shreve Memorial Library and the Town of Blanchard and otherwise providing with respect thereto

WHEREAS, Shreve Memorial Library (the “Library”) and the Town of Blanchard (“the Town”) entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on July 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Library and the Town wish to amend said agreement as follows:

1. Amend Section III to read as follows:

III Library’s Obligations.

Library agrees to:

- A. Pay for the use of the space and as compensation for the obligations performed by Town, the amount of \$7,776.00 annually. This payment is based on the total of the following calculations:
 - 1) \$3.60 per square foot times 1008 square feet. As provided in Section II.B, the square footage includes the total for the Dedicated Library Space. This portion of the payment equals \$3,629.00 annually.
 - 2) \$2.75 per hour the branch library is open per year times 1508, which is the scheduled number of hours per year, with the library being open 29 hours per week. This portion of the payment equals \$4,147.00 annually.
 - B. If the square footage or the scheduled number of hours is increased or decreased by less than ten percent (10%) in any year, the payment shall remain the same. If the square footage or the scheduled number of hours is increased or decreased by more than ten percent (10%) in any year, the payment shall be subject to review by the parties and may be revised by a written amendment to this agreement signed by both parties.
 - C. Payment shall be made in accordance with Section IV hereof.
2. Amend Section VII to read as follows:
- III Term.
- A. This agreement shall be for a period of one year. It shall be automatically renewed for subsequent one year terms unless and until either party gives written notice to the other party of its intent not to renew, as least sixty days prior to the renewal date.
 - B. Library may review the formula after this amendment to the agreement has been in effect for five years. It reserves the right, solely at the Library's discretion to adjust the amount granted up, down or to even terminate the payment. In the event Library decreases the payment, it shall notify Town at least 60 days prior to the adjustment.
3. Except as amended herein, the remainder of said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

WHEREAS, IT IS FURTHER AGREED by signature below that Jim Galambos, Mayor, hereby specifically represents to Shreve Memorial Library that he is authorized to execute this Amendment to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of the Town of Blanchard

WHEREAS, IT IS FURTHER AGREED by signature below that Josephine Wade, President of Library Board of Control hereby specifically represents Shreve Memorial Library and is authorized to execute this Amendment to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of Shreve Memorial Library.

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

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to enter into the Amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement attached hereto, to execute such agreement and to deliver same to the Library.

Section 2. 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.

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

Motion to accept Resolution 12 of 2016 made by Whittington, second by J. Fuller. All voted yea. And Resolution 12 of 2016 was adopted on this 10th day of November, 2016.

Council to set limit on Town's portion of Hospitalization Insurance for the employees. The FY 2017 budget for health insurance which is \$33,283 /month which was a 4.7% increase over the ending cost of the FY 2015.

Motion by Lee to postpone to workshop on November 15, 2016, to see what suggestions were received. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds

Umling-grinding is done at the tennis courts and need a ditch dug to other ditch to for drainage. Lee asked Umling if he was putting new asphalt on court and he stated no because running out of money.

Streets and Rights of Way

Whittington-Parish will be shutting down the bridges near Blanchard Furrh and Walter B. Jacobs.

Water Department

J. Fuller-lots of projects going but waiting on either materials or start dates. P. Fuller reported the Hereford Road project started today and should be finished tomorrow.

Sewer Department

Guin-would like Council to give Mayor authority to personally negotiate with businesses to bring into town. After much discussion, it was agreed by Council that Mayor would be "point man" and provide updates or concerns of current businesses in town and businesses interested or not interested in annexing into to the town. Guin also asked Mayor to tell the Economic Development and Zoning Board to refer any new businesses or issues to the Mayor. Umling requested a workshop meeting between Economic Development and Zoning Board and the Council to be held in December.

Police Department

Chief-waiting on new car ordered through grant money received from Caddo Parish. Chief asked Council to promote Anderson to Sergeant. Motion by Whittington to confirm Chief's decision on Sgt. Anderson. Second by J. Fuller. All voted yea. Chief also reminded the Council they are required to complete Ethics and Sexual Harassment training by the end of the year.

Treasurer Report

Lee-working on getting accounts moved to Home Federal Bank.

Comments by the Mayor

Mayor reported:

- a. Met with Economic Development and Zoning Board on Monday and will be moving meetings to Wednesdays or Thursdays. They discussed new annexations and would like to meet with current businesses in town to see how the town may help them with their business. Guin-feels the town is missing out on tax money due to the 71107 zip code. Umling-would like to meet with the Post Master so Blanchard would have its own zip code to correct the sales tax issue. Chief-post office would have to be increased so mail is delivered directly to homes within the town limits.

At this time, Mr. Paul Smith addressed the Council. He recently moved to 8313 Wasson Road and has four acres. His son has been riding his dirt bike on that property and would like to know before purchasing that location if his son will be allowed to continue riding his bike there. After much discussion, the Mayor asked Guin to accompany him to Mr. Smith's address so they may be present when the son is riding the bike so as to hear how loud it is. J. Fuller would like to sit with some of the neighbors to hear how loud it is in those locations as well. Mayor will provide his cell phone number to Mr. Smith to aid in scheduling such a meeting.

- b. A Special Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to canvass the votes for the recent propositions.

Motion by J. Fuller to adjourn, second by Umling. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 8:07 p.m.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Debra Smith, Town Clerk