

**MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2013
7:00 O’CLOCK**

PRESENT: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Guin, Lee, and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Attorney Tom Arceneaux, David Yeates, Lonnie Smith, Perry Fuller, Town Clerk-Debra Smith, and citizens.

ABSENT: Alderperson Jones.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Guin.

Invocation given by Arceneaux.

Questions and statements by citizens:

None

Motion made by Ashby to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 8, 2013. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of E & L and development review fees

Motion by Lee to postpone until Mr. Lawler can attend to explain his letter sent to the Council. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

Tennis courts and possible refurbishing discussion

After much discussion, Whittington stated that he would look for something showing an agreement between the Town of Blanchard and Caddo Parish regarding the maintenance of the tennis courts. Guin stated he would apply for grants for building playgrounds.

Discussion of Commercial water rates

Motion by Lee to postpone until next Council meeting on December 10, 2013. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

Create new job position-Flushing Specialist

After much discussion, motion by Whittington to create position on a 90-day trial basis to begin after receiving a truck for employee to use. The position will be reviewed after the 90-days to how many areas the employee is able to flush and if complaints have gone down. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

Stephen Self and discussion of possible rezoning

Mr. Self did not attend.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and Grounds

Whittington reported the town hall generator now has a nice privacy fence around it.

Streets and Rights of Way

Whittington asked Chief and Yeates keep an eye out for roads needing repair to turn in to the Parish.

Water Department

Smith stated the water plant project is still moving along.

Sewer Department

Ashby stated sewer plant improvements are moving right along.

Police Department

Chief stated he was asking for a grant from the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for a new police vehicle and necessary equipment.

Treasurer Report

Lee stated 3 accounts have been moved from Capital One to Citizens Bank and she hopes to have everything moved by the end of November.

Comments by the Mayor

Mayor welcomed newly elected Jeff Guin to the Council and thanked Mr. Galambos for his service. Safety meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor asked that everyone to RSVP to the office for a head count. Mayor appointed Ashby as Water Commissioner and Guin as Sewer Commissioner. Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Ashby. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:49 p.m.

JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK