

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 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 Guin.

Questions and Statements of Citizens

None.

Motion by Whittington to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting November 10 and Special Meeting November 22, 2016. Second by J. Fuller. All voted yea.

Old Business

Public Hearing on Ordinance 8 of 2016 – An Ordinance to Establish a Permanent Means of Setting Water Rates, Policies, and Procedures and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Public Hearing opened 7:02 p.m. there being no comments the hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

Vote on Ordinance 8 of 2016 – An Ordinance to Establish a Permanent Means of Setting Water Rates, Policies, and Procedures and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Motion by Lee to postpone until a workshop, second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 9 of 2016 - An Ordinance to Set Forth Conditions for Commercial Water Connections Outside of the Limits of the Town of Blanchard and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Public Hearing opened 7:04 p.m. there being no comments the hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Vote on Ordinance 9 of 2016 - An Ordinance to Set Forth Conditions for Commercial Water Connections Outside of the Limits of the Town of Blanchard and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Ordinance 9 of 2016

An Ordinance to Set Forth Conditions for Commercial Water Connections Outside of the Limits of the Town of Blanchard and otherwise providing with respect thereto

WHEREAS, that the Town of Blanchard (“Town”) currently allows connections to its water system for commercial customers located outside of the limits of the Town; and

WHEREAS, given the economic growth in and around the Town, the Board of Alderpersons of the Town has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to establish conditions that must be met prior to the Town’s grant of an initial commercial water connection to the Town’s water system;

WHEREAS, that these conditions should be set forth in Article B of Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard, in due session convened, that, as a condition precedent to an initial connection to the Town's water system by any potential commercial water customer seeking a connection for a facility on property located outside of the Town limits, the potential commercial water customer's application for water system connection must be accompanied by a written request for annexation to the Town, in such a form as may be required by the Town from time to time. The request for annexation shall be approved by the Board of Aldermen except where prohibited by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if, at any time an initial request for connection is made and the written request for annexation is submitted, the property upon which said facility is located is not contiguous with the Town limits or otherwise not legally available for annexation, the owner of the property shall enter into a contract with the Town, to be approved by the Board of Aldermen, which contract shall provide that (i) the property owner shall not withdraw the written request for annexation, (ii) the written request for annexation shall be kept in full force and effect until such time as said area becomes legally available for annexation, and (iii) if the annexation request is withdrawn, the Town reserves the right to disconnect the facility from the Town's water service. This contract may not be assigned without approval of the Board of Aldermen, and shall be recorded in the conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if such non-contiguous property not then available for annexation is acquired by a new owner, the new owner shall, within 90 days of acquiring the property, submit a written request for annexation of the property to the Town and execute a contract as specified in this section to be approved by the Board of Aldermen. If no such request or contract is received within the time specified, the Town reserves the right to disconnect the facility from Town water service.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that no Town water service shall be furnished to a commercial water customer located outside of the Town limits unless the customer, the facility, and the property, are in full and complete compliance with all Town ordinances, regulations, policies, and requirements, including without limitation utility, street, drainage, and subdivision regulations and all permitting regulations.

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 declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any ordinance or resolution or portion thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Motion was made by Whittington, seconded by J. Fuller to adopt Ordinance 9 of 2016.

Roll Call:

YEAS: Fuller, Guin, Lee, Umling, and Whittington.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

And Ordinance 9 of 2016 was adopted on this 13th day of December 2016.

New Business

Introduce Ordinance 10 of 2016 – An Ordinance to Revise the Application Process for Zoning Changes and to Establish a Procedure for the Zoning of Locations for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages and Limited Gaming and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Whittington introduced the following by Title only to be voted on at the January 10, 2017 Council meeting. A workshop will be held December 29, 2016 for further discussion.

Ordinance 10 of 2016

An Ordinance to Revise the Application Process for Zoning Changes and to Establish a Procedure for the Zoning of Locations for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages and Limited Gaming and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Introduce Ordinance 11 of 2016 – An Ordinance Restating Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard, Regarding the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Lee introduced the following by Title only to be voted on at the January 10, 2017 Council meeting. A workshop will be held December 29, 2016 for further discussion.

Ordinance 11 of 2016

An Ordinance Restating Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard, Regarding the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Resolution 14 of 2016 – Declaring 4 utility trucks surplus.

After much discussion, motion by J. Fuller, second by Whittington to accept Resolution 14 of 2016.

Vote:

YEAS: J. Fuller and Whittington.

NAYS: Lee and Umling.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: Guin.

Motion to adopt defeated.

A workshop will be held December 29, 2016 for further discussion.

Reappoint Don Jones to the Fire District Board.

Motion by Whittington, second J. Fuller to reappoint Don Jones to the Fire District Board to serve January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018. All voted yea.

Sissy Grubbs re: Christmas Parade to be held on December 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Chief Presswood recommended that parade organizers may want to look at getting sponsors to start helping pay for the police overtime involved. Due to budget constraints, police departments statewide are looking at some way to recoup money spent on overtime for officers. Motion by Lee, second by Whittington to allow the parade on December 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. All voted yea.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds

Umling-asked if agenda, packet, and all attachments could be sent to Council two weeks before Council meetings. After much discussion, motion by Lee and second by Guin to (a) Set a cut off time to add items to the agenda as the second Friday **BEFORE** Council meeting 4:00 p.m. (b) Agenda and **ALL** attachments for same to be sent to Council by noon on Wednesday **BEFORE** Council meeting. All voted yea.

Streets and Rights of Way

Whittington left early.

Water Department

J. Fuller-sludge project should be coming up for bid in January.

Sewer Department

Guin-lift stations repair delayed due to weather.

Police Department

Chief-first new car received and decal just waiting on necessary equipment to complete setup. Equipment has been ordered for the ABO ID cards to be issued.

Treasurer Report

Lee-nothing to report.

Comments by the Mayor

Mayor reported:

- a. Mayor and Chief spoke to Wal-Mart and they are not interested in annexing into Blanchard.
- b. Mayor met with Doug Dominick to see if Caddo Parish Commission would help with the cost of fire hydrants in Town. Mayor also asked Dominick for back history re: Pine Hill Water and encroachment limitations. Dominick will schedule a meeting between Mayor Galambos and some of the Commissioners.

Motion by J. Fuller to adjourn, second by Guin. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Debra Smith, Town Clerk