

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 14, 2013
7:00 O'CLOCK

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Jones, Lee, and Whittington, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Lonnie Smith, David Yeates, Town Clerk-Debra Smith, and guests.

Absent: Alderperson Prewett and Chief Presswood.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ashby.

Invocation given by Arceneaux.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None

Motion by Jones to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 9 and Special meeting of April 23, 2013. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing Ordinance 4 of 2013-providing for a three-way stop at Northwood West, Northwood South, and Tin Cup Way

Public Hearing opened at 7:01 p.m. There being no comments, the hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

Vote on Ordinance 4 of 2013-providing for a three-way stop at Northwood West, Northwood South, and Tin Cup Way

ORDINANCE 4 OF 2013

An Ordinance to provide for a Three-Way Stop at the intersection of Northwood West, Northwood South, and Tin Cup Way and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard, in due session convened, as follows:

Section 1. That there be established a three way stop intersection at the intersection of Northwood South, Northwood West and Tin Cup Way within the town limits of the Town of Blanchard.

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 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.

Section 3. Any ordinance or resolution or portion thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Motion made by Lee to adopt Ordinance 4 of 2013. Second by Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Ashby, Jones, Lee, and Whittington.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Prewett

And Ordinance 4 of 2013 was adopted this 14th day of May, 2013.

Vote on Hospitalization insurance renewal

Motion by Whittington, second by Jones to accept the renewals from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana. Employees will stay on either plan 5 or plan 8 and continue to pay 3% of the monthly costs. Ashby abstained. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduce Ordinance 5 of 2013-Franchise fee agreement with CenterPoint Energy.

The following was introduced by Jones to be voted on at the June 11, 2013, Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 5 of 2013

An Ordinance granting CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Louisiana Gas, the right to construct, install, operate, and maintain facilities for the transportation, distribution, and sale of gas in the Municipality and, for such purposes, to use and excavate in the public highways, streets, sidewalks, alleys, squares, commons, grounds, and other publicly owned areas and levying a franchise (privilege) tax for that purpose, and

An ordinance superseding Ordinance 14 of 2012 of December 11, 2012.

Northwood Trace Unit 6 Act of Dedication for lines

Motion by Whittington, second by Lee to accept the Act of Dedication for Northwood Trace Unit 6. All voted yea.

Vote on Blanchard Lake Estates plats for Units #1, #2, and #3

Jones removed herself from any discussion regarding Blanchard Lake Estates plats for Units 1, 2, and 3. Motion by Ashby to defer to the workshop and have Mr. Aiello and Mr. Rauschenbach attend for some clarification, second by Lee. Jones abstained. All voted yea.

Decision on Town Hall generator quotes

Motion by Jones to accept the bid from Wilhite Electric for the installation of a generator at Town Hall. The funding will come from an LGAP grant received and an additional \$4,000 will come from the general fund.

Introduce Ordinance 6 of 2013-Amend 2012-2013 Budget

The following was introduced by Whittington to be voted on at the June 11, 2013, Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 6 OF 2013

An Ordinance adopting the amended budget for the Town of Blanchard for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Introduce Ordinance 7 of 2013-New 2013-2014 Budget

The following was introduced by Whittington to be voted on at the June 11, 2013, Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 7 OF 2013

An Ordinance to adopt the budget the Town of Blanchard for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

DEQ Amended Compliance Order update

No action needed at this time.

Resolution 6 of 2013 to Adopt 2013 Property Tax Mileage

Resolution 6 of 2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2013 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Blanchard:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Fund Operating	6.51 mills
Sewer Depreciation	3.10 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2013, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Motion was made by Alderperson Lee to adopt Resolution 6 of 2013. Seconded by Alderperson Jones.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Ashby, Jones, Lee, and Whittington.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Prewett

And Resolution 6 of 2013 was adopted on this 14th day of May, 2013.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and Grounds

Whittington stated nothing to report.

Streets and Rights of Way

Jones stated nothing to report.

Water Department

Prewett absent.

Sewer Department

Ashby asked that Ben Rauschenbach from Balar attend the workshop scheduled for May 30, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the bid openings for the sewer plant expansion and improvements.

Police Department

Chief absent. Whittington reported for Chief that there were no problems at the Poke Salad Festival.

Treasurer Report

Lee stated nothing to report.

Comments by the Mayor

Workshop scheduled for May 30, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Ashby. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:32 p.m.

JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK