

**MINUTES OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2014  
7:00 O’CLOCK**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Guin, Jones, Lee and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Attorney Tom Arceneaux, David Yeates, Lonnie Smith, Perry Fuller, Candy Foshee for Debra Smith, and many citizens.

**ABSENT:** Debra Smith

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ashby.

Invocation given by Arceneaux.

Motion by Lee to approve minutes from last regular meeting, July 8, 2014. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 7 OF 2014:**

The public hearing was opened at 7:05. There were many questions and much discussion from citizens. Mr. James Egan, of JEME, LLC, who did not attend the meeting, is the owner of 81.771 acres of property, and which comprises a nine hole golf course at Northwood Country Club. Mr. Egan is desirous of annexing this acreage into the town of Blanchard for development. Many residents of Northwood Hills Subdivision attended the public hearing to voice their concerns regarding the plans for the property, and the zoning of said property. Residents bought in Northwood Hills Subdivision, knowing that there was an eighteen (18) hole golf course (nine holes is already inside the Town limits), and they want it to stay that way. The council advised the residents that if the property was annexed into the Town of Blanchard, then the council would have some say through zoning, to an extent, of what is done with the property and that Mr. Egan or any future owner would have to comply with the ordinances of the Town, and that any developments, plats and/or plans that were proposed would have to be approved by the council. The public hearing was closed at 7:55.

A recess was called by Mayor Digilormo at 7:55 and ended at 8:07.

**VOTE ON ORDINANCE 7 OF 2014:**

After discussion, motion was made by Jones to defer the vote on Ordinance 7 of 2014 to be discussed at a special meeting. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Motion was made by Jones to call a Special Meeting for Thursday, August 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND DECIDE ON AUDITOR FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014:**

Motion made by Whittington, second by Guin, to engage Cook & Morehart, CPAs, for audit of financial records for the Town of Blanchard for FY ending June 30, 2014. All voted yea.

**REVIEW ZONING BOARDS RECOMMENDATION AND/OR COMMENTS REGARDING:**

- (a) Reid Brau, Betty Miller and Carol Labeene – Property located at the corner of West Garfield and Wilson. Rezone to “R/A Residential Agriculture.”

The recommendation of the Zoning Board was to approve the zoning. Motion by Jones to approve the rezoning of this property to “R/A Residential Agriculture. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

- (b) Sheryl Rushing – Property located at 212 Alexander. Rezone to “R/O Mobile Home Residential.”

The recommendation of the Zoning Board was to approve the zoning. Motion by Ashby to approve the rezoning of this property to “R/O Mobile Home Residential.” Second by Jones. All voted yea.

- (c) E & L Development – The North 200’ of W/2 of SE/4 of NE/4, Section 3, T18N, R15W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, property located at corner of Pine Hill and Birch. Rezone to “Light Commercial.”

The recommendation of the Zoning board was to approve the zoning. Motion by Whittington to rezone this property to “Light Commercial.” Second by Lee. All voted yea.

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 8 OF 2014 (FORMERLY ORDINANCE 15 OF 2012)**

Jones introduced Ordinance 8 of 2014 by title only to be considered for adoption at the council meeting to be held Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

ORDINANCE 8 OF 2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19, SECTION 23 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, ADOPTING NEW STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUILDING PERMITTING PROCESS IN THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD; ALONG WITH STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

**DISCUSSION RE: BALL PARK REPAIRS AS REQUESTED BY ALDERMAN GUIN:**

After discussion, motion made by Jones to defer this matter until the special meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2014. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

**UPDATE ON STATUS OF WATER PLANT:**

Ashby pointed out the update that was given to everyone from Ben Rauschenbach of BALAR. It was agreed that everything looked good.

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS:**

Motion by Jones to waive the report of departments. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

Motion by Lee at 8:35 to adjourn. Second by Guin. All voted yea.

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**JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR**

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**CANDY FOSHEE, CLERK**