

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
7:00 O’CLOCK

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Fuller, Guin, Lee, Umling, and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Atty. Thomas Arceneaux, Lonnie Smith, Perry Fuller, David Yeates, Debra Smith-Town Clerk, and various guests.

Absent: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 o’clock by Mayor Digilormo.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Umling.

Invocation given by Arceneaux.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Danny Lawler requested a recording of the meeting when the Town’s official journal was voted on in June 2015. Mr. Lawler pointed out that a check had been sent to *The Inquisitor* for payment of a bill that had already been paid. He personally delivered the check numbered 2553 in the amount of \$3,367.20. It was stated that the Council would review what happened for the bill to have been paid twice and a report will be given at the October Council meeting.

Rachel Fultz asked the Mayor why she had not been appointed to the Economic and Zoning Board. After much discussion, it was stated that names were presented to the Council and they are the ones who voted on the people to appoint to the Board.

Jayne Tappe asked the Council if they were able to say whether or not alcohol will be sold in Blanchard. She sells real estate in the area and would like to know what to tell future prospects. She was told that at this time the Town is dry, and for that to change, it would have to go to the ballot for all of the Blanchard citizens to vote on. The Council does not get the final say. Motion by Lee to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting August 11 and the Special Meeting of August 25, 2015. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

Old Business

Discuss next step in demolition of Caffey house.

The Council requested additional information before they move further.

New Business

Create and fill the position of Utility Manager.

Guin stated that he and Fuller will have a “sit-down” to create the positions of the Utility Manager, Supervisor of the Water Plant, and Supervisor of Wastewater/Water Distribution. It will provide how the positions will work, how it will benefit everyone, etc. They will have a more professional job description to bring back to the Board.

Filling the positions of Supervisor of the Water Plant and Supervisor of Wastewater/Water Distribution.

See the line item above. The positions have been postponed until the September 22 workshop.

Introduce Ordinance 8 of 2015- An Ordinance Amending and Restating Chapter 19, Section 23 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard, as Previously revised Pursuant to Ordinance 3 of 2015, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Whittington introduced the following by title to be voted on at the October 13 Council meeting. Ordinance 8 of 2015- An Ordinance Amending and Restating Chapter 19, Section 23 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard, as Previously revised Pursuant to Ordinance 3 of 2015, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Introduce Ordinance 9 of 2015-An Ordinance to Enlarge the limits and Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, as more fully shown on the attached property description, located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

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Adopt Resolution 11 of 2015 - A resolution addressing engineering aspects of the proposed FY 2016-FY 2017 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Project.

Postponed until September 22 workshop.

Adopt Resolution 12 of 2015 – A Resolution addressing administrative aspects of the proposed FY 2016-FY 2017 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Project.

Postponed until September 22 workshop.

Discussion and possible action re: East Mooringsport Water System.

No action required at this time.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds

Umling-Contractor promised he would start this week on the tennis courts.

Streets and Rights of Way

Whittington-Roy Road will be widening soon south of the bridge. If anyone has any questions regarding getting stuff on their cars, call Whittington.

Water Department

Fuller-Working with Manchac and appears they have good ideas that will get the sludge pits out of a bind.

Sewer Department

Guin-nothing to report.

Police Department

Chief-nothing to report.

Treasurer Report

Lee-stated she will look into the situation where two checks were wrote for the same bill to *The Inquisitor* and have a report for the October 13 Council meeting.

Comments by the Mayor

Mayor stated a workshop is scheduled September 22, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Guin. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:54 p.m.

Johnny Digilormo, Mayor

Debra Smith, Town Clerk