

**MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2012 – 7:00 O’CLOCK P.M.**

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Jones, Lee, Prewett, and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Attorney Katherine Douthitt, Billy Boles, Lonnie Smith, Town Clerk-Debra Smith, Billy Woods.

Absent: Attorney Tom Arceneaux, David Yeates.

Meeting called to order by Mayor.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lee.

Invocation given by Mayor.

Questions and statements by citizens:

Mr. Billy Woods presented the Council with a hand-drawn rendition of his proposed construction for 139 N. Main Street (see attached). Motion by Jones to accept the plat as presented accepting all variances and requested that 20 feet be between the buildings rather than the 13 feet shown. Mr. Woods agreed. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Motion made by Jones to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 9, 2012. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

Chris and Chrissy Smith re: Trailer demolition

Mayor informed the Council a certified letter was sent stating the repercussions re: non-payment for the demolition. Attorney Douthitt will research the deadline for filing a property lien.

Vote on Ordinance 11 of 2012-Regulating Mobile Home Parks in town limits

Motion by Prewett to defer to Special Meeting scheduled for November 27. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

Petition for Rezoning-Deer Creek (David Lawler property)

Motion by Prewett to defer to Regular Council meeting scheduled for December 11. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

Cooperative endeavor with Blanchard Athletic Club

Motion by Jones to defer to Regular Council meeting scheduled for December 11. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

William Walters re: ticket on Old Mooringsport Road

Motion by Jones to defer to Regular Council meeting scheduled for December 11. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

Northwood Hills Unit 5 plat for property owners Mr. and Mrs. John Davis to combine Lots 37 and 38

Motion by Jones to allow, second by Ashby. All voted yea.

LCDBG revised change order from Balar on Deer Creek lift station

Motion by Jones to defer to Special Meeting scheduled for November 27. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

National American Indian Heritage month proclamation

Motion made by Jones to accept the proclamation. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

Introduce Ordinance 12 of 2012-Old Mooringsport Road corrected annexation

The following Ordinance title was introduced by Jones to be voted on at the December 11 Regular Council meeting.

Ordinance 12 of 2012

An ordinance to amend Ordinance 5 of 2007 to include a corrected property description and to include certain roads and highways in the property annexed within the town limits.

Introduce Ordinance 13 of 2012-Enlarge Town of Blanchard town limits re: Old Mooringsport Rd

The following Ordinance title was introduced by Lee to be voted on at the December 11 Regular Council meeting.

Ordinance 13 of 2012

An ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, a tract of land totaling _____ acres, more or less, located in Section 36, T19N, R15W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and to include certain roads and highways, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Introduce Ordinance 14 of 2012-Centerpoint Energy Franchise Acceptance renewal

The following Ordinance title was introduced by Lee to be voted on at the December 11 Regular Council meeting. Since there is a conflict of interest with Attorney Arceneaux's firm, the Council agreed to have Attorney Neil Erwin review and provide input regarding the renewal of the following ordinance.

Ordinance 14 of 2012

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.

Introduce Ordinance 15 of 2012-New Standards for Building Permits issuance and administration along with certificate of occupancy.

The following Ordinance title was introduced by Jones to be voted on at the December 11 Regular Council meeting.

Ordinance 15 of 2012

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.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and Grounds-Whittington nothing to report.

Streets and Rights of Way-Jones nothing to report.

Water Department-Prewett stated everything running good.

Sewer Department-Ashby stated drug policy needs tweaking.

Police Department-Presswood nothing to report.

Treasurer Report-Lee nothing to report.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor stated a workshop is scheduled for November 27 at 6:30 p.m. with a Special Meeting immediately following. Motion by Lee to adjourn, second by Prewett. All voted yea. Adjourned 8:12 p.m.

JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK