

MINUTES OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2013  
7:00 O’CLOCK

**Present:** Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Lee, Ashby, Prewett, Chief Presswood, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, David Yeates, Lonnie Smith, Town Clerk-Debra Smith, Travis Morehart, CPA for Cook and Morehart, and various citizens.

**Absent:** Alderpersons Jones and Whittington.

Meeting called to order by Mayor.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Prewett.

Invocation given by Arceneaux.

**Questions and Statements of Citizens:**

Mr. Donald Linnear of North Lakeshore Drive expressed concern over his last water bill. The Council assured him they would investigate and contact him with the results.

Motion by Lee to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting December 11, 2012. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Ordinance 13 of 2012 (An ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard)**

ORDINANCE 13 OF 2012

An Ordinance to Enlarge the Limits and Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, to Include Certain Roads and Highways, Located in Section 36, T19N, R15W, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and Otherwise Providing with Respect Thereto.

WHEREAS, Section 180 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for annexation of a public road; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has consented to the annexation within the corporate limits of the Town of Blanchard the following described portion of LA. 538, to wit:

All that part of LA. Hwy 538 (Old Mooringsport Road) lying in Section 36, Township 19 North, Range 15 W. and in Sections 30 and 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West lying east of a northerly extension of the west line of Northwood West (as dedicated in instrument number 1184440) and west of the west right-of-way of LA. Hwy 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard in due, legal and regular session convened, that the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard are hereby changed to include within the limits and boundaries of said Town the above-described property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized to file, within ten (10) days of the final passage of this ordinance with the Clerk of the District Court for Caddo Parish, a description of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed by the ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized to record this ordinance in the official records of the Clerk of the District Court for Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

Motion made by Lee to adopt Ordinance 13 of 2012. Second by Ashby.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Ashby, Lee, and Prewett

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Jones and Whittington  
And Ordinance 13 of 2012 was adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

**Discussion of Ordinance 15 of 2012 (An ordinance adopting new standards for the issuance and administration of the building permitting process in the Town of Blanchard)**  
Motion by Lee to postpone vote, second by Prewett. All voted yea.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Travis Morehart, CPA with Cook and Morehart, CPA-Audit report FYE 6/30/12.**  
Mr. Morehart reported that there was only one finding, otherwise it was a good audit for year ending June 30, 2012.

**Accept Sarah Bostwick's resignation from Caddo Parish Fire District #1 Board. Vote on Shelley Tullis as new member with term to end December 31, 2013.**  
Motion by Lee to accepted Mrs. Bostwick's resignation and appoint Ms. Tullis as the new board member with the term ending December 31, 2013. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

**Water Plant exterior colors.**  
The Council approved the following colors for the new water plant exterior. The metal panel color will be Pearl Gray and the split masonry color will be Dark Barnwood.

### **REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS**

Buildings and Grounds-Whittington absent. Mayor reported that he is getting bids on the cost to enclose the drive-through to increase much needed office space. The Council agreed it is needed.

Streets and Rights of Way-Jones absent.

Water Department-Prewett stated everything running good. The water department was required to spend approximately \$11,000.00 to relocate the water line south of town for the bridge reconstruction.

Sewer Department-Ashby everything running good. Ashby has stated the final payment to Milco for the Deer Creek lift station will be held pending the return of motors that were replaced by Milco.

Police Department-Presswood stated he will notify Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department and 911 of the new annexation of Old Mooringsport Road from Northwood West south to Hwy 1.

Treasurer Report-Lee nothing to report.

### **COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year. Workshop is scheduled for January 22 at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Lee to adjourn, second by Prewett. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

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JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

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DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK