

**MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 14, 2014
7:00 O’CLOCK**

PRESENT: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Guin, Jones, Lee and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Attorney Tom Arceneaux, Debra Smith, Clerk.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Whittington.

Invocation given by Arceneaux.

Motion by Jones to approve minutes from meetings September 23 and October 7, 2014. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

INFORMATION REQUESTED REGARDING ORDINANCE 8 OF 2014-THIRD PARTY INSPECTORS:

After much discussion, it was decided that the Ordinance would be revised and sent out to the council before the next council meeting on November 12, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

OFFICIAL DECLARATION TO CLOSE OLD WATER PLANT UPDATE:

Ashby reported that Anadarko is interested in using the front part of the old water plant (raw water side). Ben Richards with Thornton Musso is working on getting the rest of the chemicals moved to the new plant. Guin suggested that everything that was used to hold or move chemicals (storage bins, racks, dollies, etc.) be cleaned before having an inspection. Guin is willing to go to the site and review with Lonnie Smith. Attorney Arceneaux feels that if the Town is not selling the property and is confident there are no pollutants, then the property needs to be kept locked up.

COUNCILS DECISION AS TO WHOM WOULD PAY FOR THE APPRAISAL FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF TOWN-THE OLD STORAGE TANKS LOCATION:

The Town is not interested in selling the property at this time.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS:

Buildings and grounds: Whittington reported that the roof on the storage building has been repaired. He asked that the Town look at some improvements to the basketball/tennis courts.

Streets and Rights of Way: Nothing to report.

Water Department: Ashby went over the water plant report that was in everyone’s packets.

Motion by Jones to amend Streets and Rights of Way report. Second by Lee. Roll Call: Ashby-yes; Guin-yes; Whittington-yes; Jones-yes; Lee-yes. Opened for public comment at 7:52, closed at 7:53. Motion by Jones to adopt the routes for Halloween used in prior years to be one-way. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Sewer Department: Guin reported that SWEPCO was running new service to the sewer plant, and should be completed within 10-12 working days.

Police Department: Chief Presswood reported that the police department had fourteen (14) new energy efficient windows, which were donated by Window World.

Treasurer Report: Nothing to report.

Comments by the Mayor: Reminder to every one of the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new water plant, October 29, from 1-3 p.m.

Lee made motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK