

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – JULY 3, 2013
6:30 O’CLOCK

PRESENT: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Lee, and Whittington, Atty. Arceneaux, Town Clerk-Debra Smith, and guests.

ABSENT: Alderperson Jones and Chief Presswood.

Meeting brought to order at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Lee to dispense with all formalities. Second by Ashby. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation (Resolution) ordering and calling a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the office of Alderman

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation (Resolution) ordering and calling a Special Election to be held to fill the vacancy in the office of Alderman, Town of Blanchard, for the unexpired term thereof; to set the date therefor and other pertinent matters, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of Alderman of the Town of Blanchard (“Town”), due to the resignation of the Honorable Ross V. Prewett, III, effective as of July 1, 2013; and WHEREAS, the unexpired term of said office exceeds one year; and WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town, as the governing authority of the Town, is therefore required and given the responsibility to call an election to fill the unexpired term of said office by La. R.S. 18:602.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Blanchard, in due, regular and legal session convened, as follows:

Section 1. That, as required by and pursuant to law, an election shall be and the same is hereby called to elect a successor to the office of Alderman, Town of Blanchard, to serve the unexpired term of the office vacated as set forth above.

Section 2. That, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:602 and 18:402, the primary election to elect a successor to the unexpired term shall be held on October 19, 2013, and the general election, should it be necessary, shall be held on November 16, 2013; both elections to be held within the boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana, between the hours set forth in the Louisiana Election Code and other applicable law.

Section 3. That the Town Clerk of the Town shall publish this resolution immediately in the official journal of the Town and the official journal of the Parish of Caddo.

Section 4. That the polling places for Commissioners and the polling places for this election shall be the same as those designated and approved as polling places within the Town of Blanchard in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code.

Section 5. That the qualifying period for the primary election shall open on August 14, 2013, and shall close on August 16, 2013, and qualifying shall be within the hours set forth in the Louisiana Elections Code.

Section 6. That the Town Clerk of the Town of Blanchard be and she is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute and furnish any certification, form, proclamation, or ancillary requirement for the proper holding of said election.

Section 7. That the Town Clerk of the Town of Blanchard shall forward certified copies of this Resolution by certified mail within twenty-four (24) hours to the Louisiana Secretary of State and the Caddo Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:602.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

By motion of Alderman Lee, duly seconded by Alderman Ashby the above resolution was adopted by the following vote on this 3rd day of July, 2013.

Yeas: Ashby, Lee, and Whittington

Nays: None

Absent: Jones

Abstain: None

Caddo Fire District Board member, Shelly Tullis is resigning due to some health issues. Several letters received asking to be nominated.

Motion by Ashby to nominate Carla Messer to the Fire District Board, second by Lee. All voted yea.

Appoint somebody to fill Alderman vacancy until Special election. Several letters received asking to be nominated.

Motion by Lee to appoint James Galambos as interim Alderman, second by Whittington.

Yeas: Lee and Whittington.

Nay: Ashby

Absent: Jones

Abstain: None

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Motion by Whittington, second by Lee to dispense with reports. All voted yea. Motion by Lee to adjourn, second by Whittington. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 6:35 p.m.

JOHNNY DIGILORMO, MAYOR

DEBRA SMITH, TOWN CLERK