

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 25, 2015
6:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Fuller, Guin, Lee, and Umling, Chief Presswood, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Lonnie Smith, Perry Fuller, David Yeates, Debra Smith-Town Clerk, Lee Underwood, Jim Hagan, and Ben Rauschenbach from Balar.

Absent: Alderperson Whittington.

Motion to dispense with formalities made by Fuller, second by Umling. All voted yea.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Mr. Gene Presley asked if he would be allowed to put gravel and park his tractor in the alley. The Council granted him permission to do so.

New Business

Discussion re: open meetings and violations/penalties.

No action needed.

Appoint members for the Economic and Zoning Board.

Motion by Fuller, second by Guin to appoint the following people to the Economic Development and Zoning Board as stated:

Three-Year Term-Angela Tappe

Three-Year Term-Diane Cervantes

Two-Year Term-Randall Lyles

Two-Year Term-Linda Brooks

One-Year Term-Donna Cole

Resolution 10 of 2015-Resolution approving fees relating to the permits, plans review, and inspections of residential and commercial buildings, structures, and improvements, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

After much discussion, Lee made motion to postpone vote to further date. Second by Umling. All voted yea.

Motion and vote by Council to end contract with Balar and to move on to Manchac Consulting Group as the Town's new engineering firm.

After much discussion, it was stated that if another engineering firm is able to provide what the town needs, then that is who should do the job.

Approval of Northwood High School Homecoming Parade route.

Motion by Lee, second by Fuller to approve the Northwood Homecoming Parade usual route to be held on October 8, 2015 starting at 6:30 p.m. Debra is to give the name and contact number to Chief Presswood. All voted yea.

Executive Session re: McInnis Brothers.

Motion by Lee to go into Executive Session. Second by Fuller. The Council unanimously approved and the Executive Session began at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Lee to go out of Executive Session. Second by Fuller. The Council unanimously approved and the Executive Session ended at 7:53 p.m.

Motion by Fuller to stick with the last offer made to McInnis. Second by Guin. All voted yea.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds

Umling-work held up this week on the tennis courts due to the weather.

Streets and Rights of Way

Whittington-absent.

Water Department

Fuller-as stated earlier in meeting.

Sewer Department

Guin-same issues.

Police Department

Chief-nothing to report.

Treasurer Report

Lee-after much discussion, Lee and Umling asked Arceneaux to prepare an ordinance to repeal the alcohol ordinance.

Comments by the Mayor

Mayor nothing to report. Motion by Lee to adjourn, second by Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Johnny Digilormo, Mayor

Debra Smith, Town Clerk