

MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2011
7:00 O'CLOCK

Present: Mayor Digilormo, Alderpersons Ashby, Jones, Prewett, and Whittington, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Chief Presswood, Dave Cherry, David Yeates, and Town Clerk Debra Smith.

Absent: Alderperson Lee.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jones.
Invocation given by Arceneaux.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None.

Motion by Jones to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 8 and the Special meeting of November 22, 2011. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing on Ordinance 12 of 2011 (Establishing/Designating an Appeals Board for Flood Hazard Protection).

The public hearing opened at 7:02. There being no discussion, the public hearing closed at 7:03.

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An Ordinance to establish or designate an Appeal Board to decide applications for variances pursuant to Ordinance 8 of 2011, to provide the for membership thereof and otherwise providing with respect thereto

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard, as follows:
WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard ("Town") passed Ordinance No. 8 of 2011 ("Ordinance 8") to provide for flood hazard protection, flood plain determinations and permits relating to construction, as well as other matters; and
WHEREAS, Ordinance 8 provides for the establishment of an Appeal Board to hear and determine requests for variances with respect to certain aspects of the requirements of Ordinance 8; and
WHEREAS, the Town wishes to establish the Appeal Board, its members, their qualifications and their terms of office;
NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town as follows:
Section1. There is established a Flood Protection Appeal Board ("Appeal Board") for the Town of Blanchard.
Section 2. Membership; Qualifications; Terms of Office; Vacancies. The members of the Blanchard Metropolitan Planning Commission ("Zoning Commission") as set forth in Section 19.12(b) of the Code of Ordinances for the Town shall serve as the Flood Protection Appeal Board for the Town, and the current members of the Zoning Commission are hereby designated as the members of the Flood Protection Appeal Board. Each person serving on the Appeal Board shall have the same term as such person's term on the Zoning Commission. When a vacancy occurs on the Zoning Commission, there shall be the same vacancy on the Appeal

Board, and when the vacancy on the Planning Commission is filled, such person shall be considered a member of the Appeal Board.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed

Motion made by Jones to adopt Ordinance 12 of 2011. Second by Whittington.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Ashby, Jones, Prewett, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Lee

And Ordinance 12 of 2011 was adopted this 13th day of December, 2011.

New Territory light placements

Motion by Jones to accept the proposed street lights layout for New Territory, Unit 4, received November 22, 2011. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote on Water Plant Construction bids

Motion by Whittington to take the bids under advisement at the advice of Balar and Whittington requests to be on the January agenda for the Bond Council to ask for an increase in the Town's bond debt. Second by Prewett. All voted yea.

Choose demolition company for dilapidated trailers

Motion by Jones to authorize acceptance of bids for demolition of trailers that have refused to be in compliance. The Council will accept and vote on the bids at the January 10, 2012, meeting. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Motion by Jones to amend agenda for New Business, Line Item # 3 to read as: Introduce Ordinance 1 of 2012 (amending street light placement wording). Second by Whittington.

Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Ashby, Jones, Prewett, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Lee

Open for public comment 7:08 p.m. and closed 7:09 p.m. after no public comment received.

Introduce Ordinance 1 of 2012 (Amending street light placement wording)

Jones introduced the following to be considered for adoption at the Regular Meeting scheduled for January 10, 2012.

ORDINANCE 1 OF 2012

An Ordinance to amend Section 19-4 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Blanchard relating to the spacing of street lights in subdivisions, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Fire District Board-appoint Sarah Bostwick to serve 1/1/12-12/31/13

Motion by Whittington to appoint Sarah Bostwick to serve on the Fire District #1 Board from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2013. Second by Jones. All voted yea.

Report of Departments

Buildings and Grounds—Whittington stated nothing to report.

Streets and Rights of Way—Jones stated nothing to report.

Water Dept.—Prewett stated the lake is now above the water conservation level. This is also Dave Cherry's last Council meeting. He is resigning at the end of December to move on to other endeavors. Prewett and the Council expressed that Cherry will be greatly missed.

Sewer Dept.—Ashby stated a new bobcat is being purchased to help with sewer line maintenance.

Police Dept.—Chief stated nothing to report.

Treasurer Report—Lee absent.

Comments by the Mayor: The Mayor expressed that Cherry will be missed, but understands why he is leaving for a new venture. Motion by Whittington to adjourn, second by Jones. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:13 p.m.

Johnny Digilormo, Mayor

Debra Smith, Town Clerk