

**MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 10, 2016
7:00 O’CLOCK**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Fuller, Guin, Lee, Whittington, Perry Fuller, David Yeates, Candy Foshee for Debra Smith, Town Clerk, and various citizens.

Absent: Steve Umling, Alderman, Debra Smith, Town Clerk, Chief Gary Presswood.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 o’clock by Mayor Galambos.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fuller.

Invocation given by Guin.

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Gary Tyler addressed the council reference the animal ordinance regarding chickens and livestock in a residential area inside the Town limits. After discussion, Mr. Tyler was informed this matter will be investigated.

At this time, Mayor Galambos introduced to the council members Mrs. Linda Christianson and Mr. Randle Liles, who are two of the five members appointed to the Economic Development and Zoning Board. A meeting will be held in June at a date to be determined with all members and the mayor for discussion.

Whittington made motion to add an agenda item to “approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 12, 2016.” Second by Fuller. There being no public comment, a roll call vote was held:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Umling

ABSTAIN: None

And the record shows that the motion passed unanimously to amend the agenda to add item to “approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 12, 2016.”

Motion by Whittington to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 12, 2016. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

Introduce Ordinance 3 of 2016-Change speed limit on Roy Road within the town limits of Blanchard.

Whittington introduced Ordinance 3 of 2016 by title only to be considered for adoption at the council meeting to be held Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

ORDINANCE 3 OF 2016

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT ON ROY ROAD FROM THE
TOWN LIMITS EAST TO LA HIGHWAY 538 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING
WITH RESPECT THERETO

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Resolution 3 of 2016-Authorize Mayor to pursue annexation of Donnie Bickham Middle School.

After discussion, Lee made motion to adopt Resolution 3 of 2016 authorizing the mayor to pursue annexation of Donnie Bickham Middle School. Second by Fuller. All voted yea. Mayor requested that this matter be placed on the agenda for the workshop scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Introduce Ordinance 4 of 2016-An Ordinance adopting the amended budget for the Town of Blanchard for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Lee introduced Ordinance 4 of 2016 by title only to be considered for adoption at the council meeting to be held Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

ORDINANCE 4 OF 2016

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Introduce Ordinance 5 of 2016-An Ordinance adopting the budget for the Town of Blanchard for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Lee introduced Ordinance 5 of 2016 by title only to be considered for adoption at the council meeting to be held Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

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Discussion of fireworks display for July 4, 2016 at Northwood Country Club.

The Town of Blanchard has sponsored a portion of the fireworks display at Northwood Country Club for the past couple of years. After discussion, it was the consensus to continue to sponsor a portion of the display. Lee made motion to give authority to the mayor to promote this event to involve the whole community, and to pay for a portion of the fireworks display after an invoice is submitted to the Town for payment. Second by Fuller. All voted yea. Guin asked that any economic development money not be capped to just the fireworks display in July, but asked that the Town could possibly do something similar at Halloween for the children. This will be discussed at a later date.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and Grounds

Umling was absent.

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Streets and Rights of Way

Whittington advised there have been no additional accidents on Roy Road since last council meeting. The Parish Road Treatment Program was progressing.

Water Department

David Yeates reported that the Lead and Copper samples required by Department of Health and Hospitals (“DHH”) has risen from 30 to 60 and will have to be done twice a year.

Our Consumer Confidence report (“CCR”) is due in thirty (30) days.

Inspections are due on our water tanks, and we are looking at an estimated cost of \$125,000.00 on the Cherry Hill water tank.

It is a possibility that we will need to feed a corrosion inhibitor to the water, and after investigation it will be at a cost of an additional \$30,000.00 per year. Other cost saving options will be investigated. Mayor and council discussed ways of funding a “maintenance fund” for this type of unexpected cost.

Mayor requested that these items be placed on the workshop agenda for Tuesday, May 24 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

Lee requested that the water rate on the water bill for the bathroom on the back nine of the Northwood Golf Course be changed from commercial to residential as there is nothing there but a toilet and a sink.

Sewer Department

Guin reported that a neighbor on Northwood Lane across the street from him had a prowler and called the Blanchard Police Department. Blanchard PD advised the man he would have to call Caddo Parish Sheriff Department as he was not in the town limits. This particular property at 6570 Northwood Lane is inside the town limits. Mayor Galambos advised he would talk to Chief Presswood.

Police Department

Chief Presswood was absent.

Treasurer Report

Lee commented that she was appreciative of the Mayor keeping the council informed of the town business and appreciated his hard work so far, and that he is doing a great job. The council members present unanimously agreed.

Comments by the Mayor

Mayor attended a ceremony at Northwood High School honoring three students that were killed in a car wreck many years ago. This was done by the Senior Class of 2016.

Mayor advised the council that he would be meeting with Youree Jean Anderson, agent for BlueCross BlueShield on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor reminded the council about the special called workshop on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor commented that water rate increases would be discussed in the future for outside town limits and possibly inside the town limits.

Motion by Lee to adjourn, second by Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee Substituting for Debra Smith
Town Clerk

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