

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, Fuller, Presley and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, Perry Fuller, Utility Manager, Atty. William Bradford, Sgt. Pat Burroughs with CPSD and guests. Absent: Guin

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 6:00 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Noah Lyons  
Invocation by Whittington  
Questions and Statements of Citizens: None

Whittington made motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2019. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

Whittington made motion to suspend the rules and add a matter not on the agenda under New Business as line item 13, which is: Petition presented by Red River Land & Investment Co., Inc. requesting annexation of property described as Lot 1, Northport Subdivision, Unit No. 8, located in Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, containing 1.000 acres, more or less. Second by Fuller.

Mayor advised the matter of suspending the rules and adding the above matter to the agenda was moved and seconded and asked for Public Comment. There being no public comment, a roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Guin

ABSTAIN: None

And the motion passed.

Whittington made motion to add the matter on the agenda as line item 13 as follows:

13. Petition presented by Red River Land & Investment Co., Inc. requesting annexation of property described as Lot 1, Northport Subdivision, Unit No. 8, located in Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, containing 1.000 acres, more or less.

Second by Fuller. All voted yea

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

**Proclamation for “Noah P. Lyons Day” for October 9, 2019 – for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout on July 22, 2019**

Noah Lyons was in attendance with his family. Mayor Galambos had everyone stand as he read the Proclamation. Noah was congratulated on his achievement and October 9, 2019 was declared “Noah P. Lyons Day” in Blanchard.

**Appreciation and thanks from Mayor and Council to Jackie and Steve Cooper for all their hard work with the Blanchard Farmer's Market**

The Mayor and council expressed their many thanks and appreciation to Jackie and Steve for their hard work with the Blanchard Farmer's Market this summer, and for the money that was raised.

**Update on progress of construction at 265 Garfield, Blanchard, LA**

Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel were invited to the council meeting to give an update on the construction of their house but did not attend. Whittington advised that the inspectors with the City of Shreveport were waiting on a final inspection request.

**Resolution 8 of 2019 - Authorizing Mayor to enter into and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of the Town of Blanchard, with the State of Louisiana, regarding the Wastewater Collection System Upgrade, Planning and Construction, FP&C Project No. 50-M26-19-01 and otherwise providing with respect thereto**

Whittington made motion authorizing the mayor to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of the Town of Blanchard with the State of Louisiana as stated. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

**Resolution 9 of 2019 - Authorizing Mayor to enter into and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of the Town of Blanchard with Shreve Memorial Library to set forth the terms under which Shreve Memorial Library will provide certain capital library grant funds to the Town of Blanchard and otherwise providing with respect thereto**

Whittington made motion authorizing the mayor to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of the Town of Blanchard with Shreve Memorial Library as state. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

**Authorization for Mayor to sign any and all documents required for consolidation of the Bel-Di-Gil Water System Inc.**

Lee made motion to authorize the mayor to sign any and all documents request for consolidation of the Bel-Di-Gil Water System, Inc. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

**Introduction by title only of Ordinance 16 of 2019 - An Ordinance to Enlarge the boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, to include a tract of land containing 7.88 acres, more or less, in Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Thomas Daugherty), AND,**

**Introduction by title only of Ordinance 17 of 2019 – An Ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, to include Lot 2, Blanchard Estates Addition, a subdivision in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, recorded in Conveyance Book 450, page 345, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Thurman Wright) AND,**

**Introduction by title only of Ordinance 18 of 2019 – An Ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, to include a tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, containing 15.989 acres more or less, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (BB Petroleum Corporation and Brenda Morris Oswald) AND,**

**Introduction by title only of Ordinance 19 of 2019 – An Ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, to include a one-half (1/2) acre tract, more or less, in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Town of Blanchard) AND,**

**Introduction by title only of Ordinance 20 of 2019 – An Ordinance to enlarge the boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, to include a tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Billy and Angela Woods)**

Whittington made motion to introduce by title only Ordinances 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of 2019;

**AND**

Whittington made motion to accept the petition for annexation presented by Red River Land & Investment Co., Inc. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

**August 2019 financials (to be emailed)**

Mayor advised the August 2019 financials would be emailed as soon as the bank reconciliations were done.

**REPORTS**

**Perry Fuller, Utility Manager** – month of September – 4 leaks repaired, 3 meter sets, 12-15 meters waiting to be set, 28 locates marked.

Current projects:

- 1) Force main relocation on Hwy 173 still at a standstill for the time being.
- 2) 10” raw water main conversion –still on track for this project.
- 3) Altitude valve at Longwood – State has approved specs and drawings and parts have been ordered for this project.
- 4) Wastewater Treatment Plant – Bob Campbell has been hired by the town, and he comes to us with 30+ years in the wastewater industry.

**Gary Presswood, Chief of Police** – everything is working well, night shift is staying very busy.

**Kevin Sandifer, Town Historian** – was not present, was recuperating at home.

**COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR:**

We are staying busy with annexations. Plans for Small Town Christmas will be in the works soon. The town purchased a new boring machine as the previous one was over twenty years old.

Statement by the Mayor:

“I would like to state that Senator Tarver has done a lot for the Town of Blanchard and is always available and is very accessible. I was requested by Senator Tarver to compose a letter in support of his re-election. I prepared the letter on my computer at home and emailed the letter to Senator Tarver from my personal email. Senator Tarver copied the letter onto letterhead that he prepared and he mailed them out. There were no town funds used for paper, envelopes or postage.”

There being no further business, Whittington made motion to adjourn, second by Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

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Candy Foshee, Town Clerk