

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley and Whittington, Chief Presswood, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, Perry Fuller, Mike Busada, Attorney and others
Meeting called to order by Mayor at 6:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Guin
Invocation by Lee

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Jason Moss of Crouch Dam Road addressed the council regarding a possible water leak, flooding of ditch and his property. Mayor Galambos advised Mr. Moss that he and Perry Fuller would come back out to access the situation.

Whittington made motion to approve the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2020. Seconded by Fuller. All voted yea.

Mayor Galambos presented Alderwoman Patsy Lee and Alderman Jimmy Whittington with their Louisiana Municipal Association service pins. These service pins are awarded to elected municipal officials who have served with such distinction to earn repeated re-election. Patsy Lee was re-elected for her fifth term and Jimmy Whittington was re-elected for his fourth term. Chief of Police Gary Presswood was presented with his service pin, representing eight terms: first term began January 1, 1991 and his eighth term began January 1, 2019. It is an honor and privilege to be elected but even more so for re-election since it demonstrates trust and confidence earned through many years of public service.

OLD BUSINESS

Authorization for Mayor to sign Act of Dedication of water and sewer system - of Old Towne Subdivision, Unit 1 including but not limited to all water lines, sewer lines and fire hydrants (postponed from June 12, and July 14, 2020 meetings)

Lee made motion to authorize Mayor to sign the act of dedication. Seconded by Whittington. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 6 of 2020 – Vote to adopt Tax Millage for 2020

RESOLUTION 6 of 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2020 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Town of Blanchard

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Alimony	6.40 mills
Sewer System	4.43 mills
Total Millage	10.83 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as

hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2020, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, motion was made by Lee, seconded by Fuller and the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

And Resolution 6 of 2020 was adopted on this 11th day of August, 2020.

Request by Aric Brownsberger – re: for variance of street light placement in proposed North Club West Subdivision

Motion by Fuller to deny the variance as proposed and that the street lights cannot be more than 300 feet apart, in accordance with the ordinance of the town. Seconded by Lee. All voted yea.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 9 of 2020 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, to include Lot 2, Northport Subdivision, Unit No. 6, Caddo Parish Louisiana and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (Red River Land & Investment Co., Inc.)

Public hearing was opened at 6:13. There being no comments in favor of or against Ordinance 9 of 2020, the public hearing was closed at 6:14.

Vote on Ordinance 9 of 2020

ORDINANCE 9 OF 2020

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD,
TO INCLUDE LOT 2, NORTHPORT SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 6, CADDO PARISH,
LOUISIANA AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO
(RED RIVER LAND & INVESTMENT CO., INC.)**

WHEREAS, Section 172 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for annexation by petition; and,

WHEREAS, a petition signed by more than the required percentage in value of the area described below has been filed with the Town Council to annex and bring within the corporate limits of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, the following described property, to-wit:

Lot 2, NORTHPORT SUBDIVISION, Unit No. 6, a subdivision located in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as recorded in Book 8050, page 31 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, (*being a re-subdivision of Lot 4, Northport Subdivision, Unit No. 5, as recorded in Book 8000, page 18 of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana*), located in Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, containing 1.147 acres, more or less. (Geo. #: 191431-031-0002-00)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard in due, legal and regular session convened, that the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard are hereby changed to include within the limits and boundaries of said Town the above described property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the property described above be zoned “Light Commercial”.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized to file, within ten (10) days of the final passage of this ordinance with the Clerk of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, a description of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed by this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that 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 which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby described severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 14th day of July, 2020, by Lee, notice of a public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion of Whittington, second by Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 9 of 2020 was adopted this 11th day of August, 2020.

Introduction by Title Only of Ordinance 10 of 2020 - An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, to Include a 171.621 acre tract, more or less, being that part of the South Half of Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, lying East of the KCS Railroad, described in Instrument No. 2613139, and including North Club West, Unit 1, as recorded in Book 9000, Pages 72-73, Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Aric Brownsberger.)

Whittington introduced by title only Ordinance 10 of 2020.

Introduction by Title Only of Ordinance 11 of 2020 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Incurring of Debt and Issuance of a Taxable Excess Revenue Bond, Series 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000, by the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for Approval of said Bond, and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Lee introduced by title only Ordinance 11 of 2020

Authorization for Mayor to execute the necessary paperwork to change the title of account at Citizen’s Bank & Trust from “Debt Reserve” to “2012A & 2014 Bond Reserve”

Whittington made motion to authorize Mayor Galambos to execute the necessary paperwork to change the title of the bank account above. Seconded by Lee. All voted yea.

Attorney Mike Busada asked to make a comment. He wanted to go on record that the Town of Blanchard was very [fortunate in having a mayor that was always looking out for the best needs of the town and would not take no for an answer.

Recognizing Jennifer Hartley and staff with Pizza Hut for their support during various events in Blanchard

Mayor Galambos asked Jennifer Hartley, General Manager of Pizza Hut and Shirley Abrams, employee, to stand as he read a statement recognizing our Blanchard Pizza Hut. Pizza Hut employees, Jennifer, Shirley and Jessica Perry are always willing to volunteer to help at any community event such as food drives, the Blanchard Farmer's Market or the Small Town Christmas. We appreciate all that you do, thank you for all your hard work and the support you show for our community.

Jackie and Steve Cooper – thanks and appreciation for work with the Blanchard Farmer's Market

Once again, we want to thank Jackie and Steve Cooper for all their hard work with the Blanchard Farmer's Market. Vendor rentals this year were \$745.00 which is for the Small Town Christmas expenses.

July 2020 financials (to be emailed)

The July 2020 financials will be emailed when they are completed.

Report from:

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – Repaired 3 leaks, 1 sewer tap, 2 meter sets, 56 locate tickets.

Gary Presswood – Staying busy

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

All projects are progressing. Working with Mike Busada and William Bradford on the Bel-Di-Gil project. William Bradford is working on bulk water contracts.

There being no further business, Whittington made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 o'clock p.m.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk