

**MINUTES OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018 - 7:00 O'clock p.m.**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Fuller, Guin, Lee and Whittington, Chief Gary Presswood, Atty. Arceneaux, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, CPS Deputy Spikes and guests.

Absent: Umling

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fuller

Invocation given by Arceneaux

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None

Whittington made motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2018. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing - Ordinance 7 of 2018 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Section 3.7, Municipal Officers of the Code of Ordinance, Town of Blanchard, relating to the Compensation of the Chief of Police of the Town of Blanchard and otherwise providing with respect thereto**

Public hearing opened at 7:02. There being no comments, hearing was closed at 7:03.

**Vote on Ordinance 7 of 2018**

**ORDINANCE 7 OF 2018**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3.7, MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF BLANCHARD, RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 3, Section 3.7(d) of the Code of ordinances of the Town of Blanchard is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

**SECTION 3.7:**

(d) Expiration. The provisions of this Ordinance shall expire at the end of the term of office January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022, of the Police Chief, and shall not apply to any additional term or any successor to the current Police Chief.

Section 2. Severability. If any provisions 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 3. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 13th day of November, 2018, by Whittington, 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, seconded by Lee, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Umling

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 7 of 2018 was adopted on this 11th day of December, 2018.

**Resolution 7 of 2018 – A Resolution Providing for Supplemental Pay for the Police Chief of the Town of Blanchard and Otherwise Providing with Respect Thereto**

**RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2018**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PAY FOR  
THE POLICE CHIEF OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD AND  
OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Blanchard, in due, legal and regular session convened, finds that Gary Presswood, the duly elected Chief of Police of the Town, holds certification as a police officer by the State of Louisiana and actually works full-time in his capacity as Chief of Police, precluding alternative employment.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with Ordinance No. 7 of 2018 of the Town of Blanchard, that commencing on January 1, 2019, during all times and only during such times while Gary Presswood holds certification and works full-time in his capacity as Chief of Police, he shall be entitled to supplemental pay in the amount of Fifty Five Thousand & NO/100 (\$55,000.00) Dollars per year; provided that the continuation of this Resolution is in the best interest of the Town of Blanchard. Should he cease full-time employment or should lose certification, Gary Presswood shall no longer be entitled to supplemental pay from the Town.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion to accept Resolution 7 of 2018 made by Lee, second by Whittington. All voted yea.  
Resolution 7 of 2018 was adopted this 11th day of December, 2018.

**Kevin Sandifer – to address council re: History of Blanchard**

After discussion, Lee made motion to appoint Kevin Sandifer as the Town Historian, which will be an unpaid volunteer appointment, to begin January 2, 2019. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

**Update from Attorney Arceneaux re: Zoning violation**

After discussion, motion made by Whittington for Atty. Arceneaux to pursue this matter. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

**Proposal by Neil Erwin Law, LLC - Blanchard Zoning Ordinance**

After discussion, Mayor Galambos will contact Mr. Erwin to rework his proposal for Blanchard Zoning Ordinances, to possibly perform the work in phases over the next few years instead of all at once and to see what zoning ordinances need to be addressed first.

**October, 2018 financials**

The October, 2018 financials were presented to the Board for review.

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS**

Buildings and Grounds – No report

Streets and Rights of Way – Wasson Road has been striped. Whittington also thanked Steve Umling for his service to the Town of Blanchard as alderman over the last four years and wishes him the best of luck.

Water Department – Nothing to report

Sewer Department – Nothing to report

Police Department – Everything going good

Treasurer report – October financials have been presented for review.

**COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

Thanks to everyone that braved the weather and came out to enjoy A Small Town Christmas. There were about 250 letters to Santa that were written. It was a success in spite of the weather. Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors of A Small Town Christmas and to Jubilee Zoo for the donation of the 15 foot tree.

Whittington made motion to adjourn. Second by J. Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

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Candy Foshee, Town Clerk