

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 9, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Lee made motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 11, 2019 and special meeting of June 25, 2019. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 5 of 2019 – Approving the Extension of a Water Purchase Contract Between the Town of Blanchard and the Village of Mooringsport and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Lee made motion to accept Resolution 5 of 2019. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

RESOLUTION 5 of 2019

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF A WATER PURCHASE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD AND THE VILLAGE OF MOORINGSPOORT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard (“**Town**”) entered into a Water Purchase Contract (“**Contract**”) with the Village of Mooringsport (“**Mooringsport**”) for the sale by the Town and the Purchase by Mooringsport of water from the Blanchard Public Water System (“**System**”) dated as of January 26, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, prior to the expiration of the Contract, the Town and Mooringsport wish to extend and modify the terms of the Contract on the terms and conditions of the Extension and Modification of Water Purchase Contract (“**Extension**”) attached to this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Alderpersons of the Town, that the Town is authorized to enter into the Agreement, and that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Extension on behalf of 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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion to accept Resolution 5 of 2019 was made by Lee, second by Fuller. All voted yea. And Resolution 5 of 2019 was adopted this 9th day of July, 2019.

Public Hearing on Resolution 6 of 2019 – Be it resolved by the Town of Blanchard, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 9, 2019, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2019 for the purpose of raising revenue

Public hearing was opened at 6:03. There being no comment, public hearing was closed at 6:04.

Vote on Resolution 6 of 2019

RESOLUTION 6 of 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Blanchard of the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 9, 2019, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2019, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

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| General Fund Operating | 6.33 mills |
| Sewer System | 3.01 mills |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Caddo, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2019 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, motion made by Lee, second by Presley and the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And Resolution 6 of 2019 was adopted this 9th day of July, 2019.

Public Hearing on Resolution 7 of 2019 – Be it resolved by the Town of Blanchard, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 9, 2019, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rates(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the

official assessment roll for the year 2019, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied

Public hearing was opened at 6:06. Comments: Annette Rollins asked with all the new subdivisions being constructed, why were taxes being increased? Mayor and council members explained the millage has not been increased in several years, (2005) but the cost to run the town has. This revenue will go into the general fund which funds the police department. After discussion, the public hearing was closed at 6:08.

Vote on Resolution 7 of 2019

RESOLUTION 7 of 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Blanchard of the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 9, 2019, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2019, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

| | <u>Adjusted Rate</u> | <u>2019 Levy</u> |
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| General Fund Operating | 6.33 mills | 6.51 mills |
| Sewer System | 3.01 mills | 4.51 mills |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Caddo shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2019 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). Motion made by Whittington, second by Lee and the votes were:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Presley Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And Resolution 7 of 2019 was adopted this 9th day of July, 2019

Mary Foley-with Kiwanis International club

There will be a membership drive for a new Blanchard Kiwanis Club at Blanchard Town Hall, on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m. You can access more information on Facebook-Kiwanis Club of Blanchard, LA.

Accept Petition for Annexation of 13.420 acre tract of land presented by owners Billy J. Woods, Jr. and Angela D. Woods

Whittington made motion to accept the petition for annexation presented by Billy and Angela Woods of a 13.420 acre tract of land. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

Authorize Mayor Galambos to execute a “Cleanup Contract” for the property located at 203 Joe Lacey Drive, Blanchard, LA

After discussion, Whittington made a motion to authorize the mayor to execute a Cleanup Contract for the property located at 203 Joe Lacey Drive, Blanchard, LA.

Mattie Preston-Candidate for LA State Senator District 36

Ms. Preston announced her candidacy for Louisiana State Senator - District 36 and would appreciate any support for her campaign.

Hiring of police officer-Blanchard Police Department upon recommendation of Chief Presswood

Chief Presswood is attending a conference this week. The Mayor advised that upon the recommendation of Chief Presswood, he desired the council to consider the hiring of Timothy DuVall as a full time police officer effective July 9, 2019. Motion made by Fuller to accept the recommendation of Chief Presswood. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

REPORTS

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – reported three 1” meters were set this month, a fire hydrant was relocated, and all projects are progressing. A CWF grant was awarded for an elevated tank altitude valve and as soon as all paperwork and plans are done the work will begin by Blanchard Utilities.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

The July 4th fireworks event at Northwood Hills Golf Course was a great success.

Oscar Boudreaux with Environmental Engineering Services will be in Blanchard in a couple of weeks to look over the project regarding upgrades to the Town’s waste water treatment facility and coordinating with PAE, LLC to begin the upgrade. The town received \$240,000.00 from Capital Outlay Appropriations surplus thanks to Senator Tarver and the funds are designated for the upgrades to the facility. This will be an ongoing two year project.

Organizing the plans for A Small Town Christmas will be starting up soon. Plans this year is to have the festival begin earlier in the afternoon.

Kevin Sandifer, Blanchard Historian, gave an update on progress made with his archival of records and reported on interviews he will be conducting in the near future. Blanchard’s 125th Anniversary will be in 2021 and more committee members are needed.

There being no further business, Fuller made motion to adjourn, second by Presley. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Jim Galmabos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk