

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
Tuesday, August 13, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Alderman Fuller

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Guin

Invocation by Arceneaux

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Robert Jenkins was inquiring about the junk vehicles at 234 Cleveland. Chief Presswood and Mayor Galambos will look at this property.

Lee made motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 9, 2019. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

**Petition presented by Thomas Daugherty requesting annexation of property – described as a 7.88 acre tract of land, more or less, the South 877 feet (measured on East line of Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 15 West) of East 349 feet of Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.**

**AND**

**Petition presented by Thurman Wright requesting annexation of property - described as Lot 2, Blanchard Estates Addition, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.**

**AND**

**Petition presented by BB Petroleum Corporation and Brenda Morris Oswald requesting annexation of property – described as a 15.989 acre tract located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.**

**AND**

**Petition presented by the Town of Blanchard requesting annexation of property – described as a 1/2 acre tract located in the Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter, Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.**

Whittington made motion to accept the petitions for annexation 1) Thomas Daugherty, 2) Thurman Wright, 3) BB Petroleum Corporation and Brenda Morris Oswald and 4) the Town of Blanchard “in globo.” Second by Guin. All voted yea.

**May and June 2019 financials (To be emailed)**

Mayor Galambos reported that the May and June 2019 financials were emailed.

**REPORTS**

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – month of July – 3 leaks repaired, 5 meter sets, 39 locates marked, reconnected 1 existing sample station, installed 1 new sample station.

Current projects:

- 1) Force main relocation on Hwy 173 is at a standstill for the time being. Focus at this time is on the wastewater treatment plant.
- 2) 10” raw water main conversion – the 12” tie in has been made, next step will be to tie in the 10”, sterilize with chlorine, flush and collect samples for public use.
- 3) Altitude valve at Longwood - Engineer is drawing up plans and specs.
- 4) Wastewater Treatment Plant – has been drained and cleaned. Parts are ordered for repairs to the clarifier and will be installed when received; then basins and clarifier will be refilled and put back in service.

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – Officer DuVall’s new officer training will conclude at end of August, then he will begin split night shift with Officers Simpkins and Lowery.

**COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

Sales tax report for July 2019 has been emailed to the council and chief.

A big thank you to one of our citizens, Charles W. Strickland. Mr. Strickland closed down his office and donated various office furniture to the town – conference table, chairs, file cabinets and bookshelves. We certainly appreciate this gesture and the furniture has been put to good use.

Perry Fuller has put together an action plan to explain what is being done at the wastewater treatment plant. I took a tour of the plant last week and work is progressing on schedule.

A suit will be filed on Wednesday against Charles and Marty Julian, for a permanent injunction.

Kevin Sandifer, Town Historian – reported that he has many people to interview for the upcoming 2021 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blanchard. He would like to get a model made of what downtown Blanchard looked like in the 1960’s. He would like to talk to any artistic and/or crafty people that could make this happen.

Robert Jenkins asked about the bricks to the entrance of the cemetery, and Alderwoman Lee advised that Ken Lawler had volunteered to repair the bricks, which were broken when a tree fell in a storm.

There being no further business, Whittington made motion to adjourn, second by Lee. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 6:17.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

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Candy Foshee, Town Clerk