

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

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019 - 7:00 O'clock p.m.**

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 6:57 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lee

Invocation given by Arceneaux

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Mayor Galambos welcomed guests, Jane Tappe and Robert DeYoung.

Lee made motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 8, January 22 and January 31, 2019. Seconded by Guin. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing - Ordinance 6 of 2019 – An Ordinance to Amend and Re-enact Section 1.2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard to Change the Time of Regular Meetings of the Board of Aldermen, to Provide for the Scheduling of Other Meetings and otherwise providing with respect thereto**

Public hearing opened at 7:01. There being no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:02.

**Vote on Ordinance 6 of 2019**

**ORDINANCE 6 OF 2019**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 1.2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD REGARDING REGULAR, WORKSHOP, SPECIAL, AND EMERGENCY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OR ALDERPERSONS OF THE TOWN AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Blanchard (“**Town**”) has determined to change the time of the regular meetings of the Board of Aldermen or Alderpersons (“**Board**”) of the Town from 7:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to establish or re-establish procedures for special and workshop meetings of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to comply with the Louisiana open meetings law and other applicable law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 1.2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town be and it hereby is reenacted to read as follows:

**SECTION 1.2** Meetings of the Mayor and Board.

(a) Regular meetings of the mayor and board shall be held in the Board chambers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M., unless rescheduled by unanimous consent of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen or Alderpersons (“**Board**”).

(b) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Mayor and Board may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members of the Board; provided, that a written notice of such meeting shall be given to each member of the Board at least 24 hours before the time set for the meeting, by (i) hand delivery to each member’s residence by a responsible party designated by the Mayor or the members of the Board calling such meeting, or (b) by electronic mail (“**email**”) to each member at the email address provided to the Town Clerk by the member. The persons calling the meeting, or his or their designee, shall post a notice on the door of the Town Hall of the meeting in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law and other applicable law, and shall provide such other notice as is required pursuant to the Louisiana Open Meetings Law and other applicable law. Provided, that in case all of the members of the Board are present at any special meeting, then the requirement of notice to members shall be deemed waived. The notice for the special meeting shall specify the business to be considered at the special meeting, and public notice of such meeting shall be given as provided in La. R.S. 42.19 and other applicable law. No business other than that specified in the notice of the special meeting shall be considered at the meeting unless approved by unanimous vote of the Board and only after announcing the purpose of the item and allowing any person in the audience to speak on the item.

(c) Workshop Meetings. Unless cancelled as provided herein, the Mayor and the Board shall hold an administrative workshop meeting to discuss matters included on an agenda posted in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law and other applicable law at 6:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to each regular meeting of the Mayor and Board. If neither the Mayor nor any member of the Board has requested an item be placed on the agenda for any workshop meeting by noon on the business day prior to the scheduled workshop meeting, then the Mayor may cancel the workshop meeting.

(d) Emergency Meetings. Emergency meetings of the Mayor and Board may be called and held as provided in La. R. S. 33:405(D) or other applicable law.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**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 declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** this ordinance shall become effective immediately

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 8th day of January, 2019 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 Lee, seconded by Guin, to adopt the ordinance as amended, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Lee, Guin, Presley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Fuller, Whittington

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 6 of 2019 was adopted this 12th day of February, 2019.

**Public Hearing - Ordinance 7 of 2019 – An Ordinance to Amend and Re-enact Section 17.24 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard to Change the Schedule of Fines and Court Costs for Violations of the Highway Regulatory Act and otherwise providing with respect thereto**

Public hearing opened at 7:03. There being no comments, the hearing was closed at 7:04.

**Vote on Ordinance 7 of 2019**

**ORDINANCE 7 OF 2019**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 17.24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE OF FINES AND COURT COSTS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE HIGHWAY REGULATORY ACT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard desire to amend and re-enact Section 17.24 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard to change the schedule of fines and court costs for violations of the Highway regulatory Act ,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 17.24 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

**SECTION 17.24 SCHEDULE OF FINES AND COURT COSTS FOR VIOLATIONS OF HIGHWAY REGULATORY ACT**

Section 1. Traffic Fines. The schedule of fines and court costs for violation of Highway Regulatory Act set forth below are hereby adopted. Such fines and court costs are in addition to any assessments or surcharges imposed by the State of Louisiana or other governmental authorities for any violation. Such assessments shall be added to the fines and costs set forth below.

**A. SPEEDING MOTOR VEHICLES:**

**All types of vehicles in all speed zones, R.S. 32:61—32: 64,**

1 — 15 MPH OVER LIMIT	\$	95.00
16 — 25 MPH OVER LIMIT		125.00
Over 25 MPH ABOVE ANY POSTED SPEED LIMIT (School Zone Double Applicable Amount)		175.00

**Use of wireless telecommunication devices in school zone, 32:300.8**

First offense		100.00
Second offense		200.00

**B. DRIVERS LICENSE VIOLATIONS, R.S. 32.52 & 32:402 & 32:423**

No Driver's License		110.00
Permitting Unlicensed Driver to Drive	\$	110.00
Restricted License Violations		110.00
Expired Driver's License (More Than 90 days)		80.00
Expired Driver's License (Less Than 90 Days)		64.00
No Driver's License on Person		64.00
Altered Driver's License		85.00

**C. INSPECTION STICKER VIOLATIONS, R.S. 32.53**

Switched Inspection Sticker	\$	110.00
No Inspection Sticker		110.00
Expired Inspection Sticker		64.00

**D. VEHICLE REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS, R.S. 47:501 THROUGH 47:540**

Failure to Register Vehicle	\$	110.00
No Registration Slip in Vehicle		80.00
No License Plate on Vehicle		80.00
Switched License Plate		110.00
Expired License Plate		80.00
Misuse of Temporary Tag		80.00

**E. DRIVING ON THE RIGHT SIDE, OVERTAKING AND PASSING, R.S.32:71-32:82**

Failure to Drive on the Right		80.00
Crossing Center Line		80.00
Improper Passing	\$	80.00
Passing in No Passing Zone		80.00
Violation on One-Way-Roadways		80.00
Following Too Close		80.00
In-Lane Usage		80.00
Improper Driving on Divided Highway		80.00

**F. IMPROPER TURNING, STARTING/STOPPING, R.S. 32:101-32:106**

Improper Turns	\$	80.00
Improper Moving of Parked Vehicles		80.00
Improper Movement of Vehicle		80.00
Failure to Signal		80.00

**G. RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATIONS, R.S. 32:121-32:125**

Failure to Yield at Controlled Intersection	\$	80.00
Failure to Yield When Making Left Turn		80.00
Violation to Stop at Stop Sign or Yield Right of Way at Sign		80.00
Failure to Yield When Entering Highway from Private Drive		80.00
Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicle		80.00

**H. PARKING, STANDING AND STOPPING VIOLATIONS, R.S. 32:141-32:145**

Parking or Stopping on Open Highway	\$	80.00
Improper Parking or Stopping in Specified Place		80.00
General Improper Parking		80.00
Unattended Motor Vehicle		80.00
Handicapped Parking Violation		105.00

**I. TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS, R.S. 32:231-32:237**

Failure to Observe and Obey Traffic Control Signal Lights and Pedestrian Signal Lights	\$	80.00
Placing of Unauthorized Signs and Signals		80.00
Tampering with Barricades, Signs and Signals		80.00

**J. VEHICLES TRANSPORTING EXPLOSIVES, R.S. 32:251:32:253**

Failure to Obtain Permit	\$	80.00
Improper Equipment		80.00
No Inspection of Vehicle		80.00

**K. MOTORCYCLE VIOLATIONS, R.S. 32:190:32:191.3**

No Eye Protection	\$	80.00
Improper Riding		80.00
Improper Passing		80.00
Improper Lane Usage		80.00
Clinging to Other Vehicles		80.00
Improper Carrying of Passengers		80.00

**L. VEHICLE LIGHT VIOLATIONS, R.S. 32:301-32:332**

Improper Lights or Lighting Equipment	\$	80.00
Operating Without Lights		80.00
Failure to Dim Lights		80.00

**M. BRAKE VIOLATIONS, R.S. 32:341-32:346**

Other Brakes and Brake Equipment	\$	80.00
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**N. OTHER EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS, R.S. 32:351-32:378**

Improper Horns and Warning Devices	\$	80.00
Improper Mufflers		80.00
Improper Modification of Exhaust System		80.00
Improper Mirrors		80.00
Improper Fire Extinguishers		80.00
Improper Windshield Wipers		80.00
Inadequate Windshield		80.00
Tire Equipment Violations		80.00
Improper Fuel Tank Caps		80.00
Improper Fenders and Mudguards		80.00
Television Set in Front Seat		80.00
Tow Car Equipment Violations		80.00
Failure to Carry or Display Flares and Warning Devices -		80.00

**O. VEHICLE SIZE; WEIGHT AND LOAD VIOLATIONS, R.S. 32:381-389**

Improper Vehicle Size, Weight or Load	\$	70.00
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**P. MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES, R.S. 32:281,32:293, 32:300**

Improper Backing	\$	80.00
Obstruction of Driver's View or Driving Mechanism		80.00
Improper Opening of Door		80.00
Riding in House Trailer, on Fender, etc.		80.00
Following Too Closely to Emergency Vehicle		80.00
Hunting on Public Roads:		80.00
Open Container		100.00

**Q. LITTERING OF HIGHWAYS, R.S. 32:289**

1 <sup>ST</sup> Offense	8 Hours Work OR	\$	125.00
2 <sup>ND</sup> Offense	20 Hours Work OR		275.00
3 <sup>RD</sup> Offense	40 Hours Work OR		525.00

**R. MINORS, R.S. 32:416.1**

Driving After Hours	\$	80.00
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**S. INSURANCE VIOLATIONS, 32:532, 32:863.1**

No Insurance	110.00
No Proof of Insurance	80.00

**T. SEAT BELT VIOLATION AND CHILD RESTRAINT 32:295 and 32:295.1**

Child Restraint	
First Offense	100.00
Second Offense	200.00
No Seat Belt	25.00

**SECTION 2.** 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 declared severable.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 8th day of January, 2019 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 Lee, seconded by Guin, to adopt the ordinance as amended, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

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

And Ordinance 7 of 2019 was adopted this 12th day of February, 2019.

**Resolution 2 of 2019 – A Resolution Acknowledging that the Town Council has Reviewed an Internal “Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report” Concerning the Town Of Blanchard’s Waste Water Treatment Facility**

**RESOLUTION 2 OF 2019**

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS REVIEWED AN INTERNAL “MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REPORT” CONCERNING THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD’S WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY**

**WHEREAS**, the state permits under which the Town of Blanchard’s Wastewater Treatment Plant operates require an internal survey form to be completed annually and submitted to the Town Council for review; and

**WHEREAS**, forms for the past year have been completed by Town administrative personnel after consultation with engineering and operational personnel, and are attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Blanchard in due, legal and regular session convened, as follows:

That the Town Council acknowledges that it has reviewed the attached survey forms for the year 2018, as that the following actions have been set forth to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, number **LA0038903**,

- a. Continue to carry out the comprehensive plan for phased implementation of major equipment rehab/replacement as required by the amended compliance order. (Enforcement Tracking No. WE-C-11-00144A, A1 No. 40806)
- b. Continue to be proactive with reporting and preventative maintenance programs.
- c. Continue to modify and improve the collection system to reduce inflow and infiltration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or items of this resolution or the application hereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which 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 2 of 2019 made by Lee. Seconded by Guin. All voted yea.  
Resolution 2 of 2019 was adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

**Introduction by Title only – Ordinance 8 of 2019 – An Ordinance to Amend Section 3.8 of the Code of ordinances for the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, Establishing Compensation for Elected and Appointed officials and otherwise providing with respect thereto**

Lee made motion to introduce Ordinance 7 of 2019 by title only as follows:

**Ordinance 8 of 2019**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
FOR THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION  
FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT  
THERE TO

Ordinance 8 of 2019 will be considered for adoption at a public hearing to be held on March 12, 2019 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

**December, 2018 and January, 2019 financials**

The December, 2018 and January, 2019 financials were presented to the board for review. Mayor Galambos advised that beginning with the February financials, the financials will be emailed to all board members and Chief Presswood.

**REPORTS:**

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – reported on meter sets, leaks and project updates – everything is on schedule.

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – reported that with the recent software purchase, the Blanchard PD will be ahead of schedule to be on line with the National Incident Based Reporting System (“NIBRS”), which is required of all police departments as of January 1, 2021. This was not an option with the old software.

**COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Galambos was asked to be involved with an interviewing process for students in the Jumpstart Program at Northwood High School. The students were “interviewed” by the mayor as if they were applying for a job. It was a very enjoyable experience.

Many congratulations to Shannon Wall and his crew for the event A Taste of Blanchard. Mayor Galambos and Chief Presswood were judges and judged some very good steak, chicken and pork chops. This event gets better every year.

Lee made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Guin. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

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Candy Foshee, Town Clerk