

**MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 - 6:00 O'clock p.m.**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Fuller, Guin, Presley and Whittington, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, CPS Deputy Spikes, Kevin Sandifer and other guests.

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fuller

Invocation given by Whittington

Questions and Statements of Citizens: Kevin Sandifer, Blanchard Historian brought everyone up to date on progress he has made so far. He will be outlining a 125th Anniversary booklet for our quasicentennial in 2021 and a brochure about Blanchard.

Fuller made motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 12 and February 20, 2019. Seconded by Presley. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Proclamation to Antoine Treadaway for “Antoine Treadaway Week – March 13 - 20, 2019”

Whittington made a motion to present Antoine Treadaway of Treadaway Auto Parts, a proclamation recognizing him as being the longest single-family owned business till in operation today in Blanchard. Second by Fuller. All voted yea. Mayor Galambos read the proclamation on behalf of the Town and presented Mr. Treadaway with the proclamation. Mr. Treadaway and his wife, Jolene were in attendance for the presentation.

Public Hearing - 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

Public hearing opened at 6:12. There being no comments, the hearing was closed at 6:13.

Vote on Ordinance 8 of 2019

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**

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

Section 1. Section 3.8 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Section 3.8 Establishing Compensation for Elected and Appointed Officials

“The monthly/annual salaries of the elected and appointed officials are as follows:

Town Clerk	\$43,775.00	Annually
Effective March 15, 2019		

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 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. All ordinances or resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town hereby ratifies any payments heretofore made to any such public officials.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of the 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 provision, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

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

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 12th day of February, 2019 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, seconded by Fuller, to adopt the ordinance as amended, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Fuller, Guin, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lee

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 8 of 2019 was adopted this 12th day of March, 2019.

Proclaiming the month of April, 2019 as “Fair Housing Month”

Whittington made motion to proclaim the month of April, 2019 as “Fair Housing Month”. Second by Presley. All voted yea.

Introduction of Ordinance 10 of 2019 – An Ordinance Setting Forth a Schedule of Hours for the Basketball/Tennis Courts Located at the Corner of Jodie and Daugherty and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Whittington made motion to introduce Ordinance 10 of 2019 by title only as follows:

ORDINANCE 10 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH A SCHEDULE OF HOURS FOR THE BASKETBALL/TENNIS COURTS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF JODIE AND DAUGHERTY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

Ordinance 10 of 2019 will be considered for adoption at a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

February, 2019 financials (emailed March 11, 2019 for review)

Financials for February, 2019 were emailed to all council members on March 11, 2019 for review.

REPORTS:

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

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

Two of our police vehicles are at Tim's Paint & Collision waiting on estimates for repair. We received notice on March 11 of an LGAP grant for \$20,000.00 towards a new police vehicle.

Grace Harr, Manager of our Blanchard Branch library, reported that the Winter Reading Challenge campaign was a success. Mrs. Harr was notified that out of the 22 branches of Shreve Memorial libraries in Shreveport, a total of 1,584 books were read. Blanchard patrons were responsible for reading 401 books out of that 1,584.

Mayor Galambos attended the Northwood ROTC inspection program on Friday, March 8. Col. Sweeny advised there are 178 students at Northwood involved in ROTC. They have partnered with Donnie Bickham Middle School, where they mentor students and also tutor them in Math, English and Science. The idea is to get the younger students familiar with the program for when they attend high school and to make them aware of the ROTC scholarships available.

Deputy Spikes advised to please be on the lookout for lawn equipment thieves. Don't leave your equipment unattended, lock it up.

Whittington announced that the Blanchard ballpark is gearing up for another season of baseball and softball and to please go out and support the kids playing.

Whittington made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk