

**BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, TUESDAY, July 24, 2018
6:00 o'clock P.M.**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, J. Fuller, Whittington and Umling, Chief Presswood, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, Atty. Tom Arceneaux and guests.

Absent: Alderman Guin

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Presswood

Invocation given by Attorney Arceneaux

Questions and Statements of Citizens:

Robert Deyoung and Frances Tonry addressed the council with their concerns about the proposed zoning change of the church at 356 Warriner, Charles Gholson with Hillcrest Funeral Home also spoke and advised what the plans were for the building.

OLD BUSINESS

Decision on the recommendation of the Economic Development and Zoning Board – (whether to leave the zoning as “public use - pertaining to the rezoning of 356 Warriner Avenue)

The Economic Development and Zoning Board’s recommendation to the council at the June 19, 2018 special council meeting, was to leave the zoning “as is” on the property at 356 Warriner which is presently “public use.” J. Fuller made motion to deny the rezoning petition of E & L Development, Inc. to rezone the property as “light commercial” and to leave the zoning as “public use”. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Lawler Builders, Inc. - Accept Petition for Annexation of #191536-8-8 – South Half of Lot 4, Pine Hill Commercial Sub

Whittington made motion to accept the petition for annexation of property described as the South Half of Lot 4, Pine Hill Commercial Sub. Second by Umling. All voted yea.

Public Hearing - Ordinance 5 of 2018 – Amending Chapter 19.20 of Article B of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard to Amend the Definition of “Public Use” and otherwise providing with respect thereto

Public hearing opened at 6:15. After discussion, the public hearing was closed at 6:21.

Whittington made motion to amend Ordinance 5 of 2018 to add the words “police stations” after the words fire stations in Section 19:20(4). Second by Umling. A roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Whittington, J. Fuller, Lee, Umling

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Guin

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 5 of 2018 was amended to add the words “police stations” after the words fire stations in Section 19:20(4) this 24th day of July, 2018.

Vote to adopt Ordinance 5 of 2018

ORDINANCE 5 OF 2018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19.20 OF ARTICLE B OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC USE" AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard desire to amend and clarify the definition of "public use" for purposes of the uses of right in the "public use" district of the Town of Blanchard,

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 19.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Blanchard is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE B – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING BOARD
SECTION 19.20

Public use shall be defined as a use maintained, controlled, or operated by a public or private person for civic, worship, education, and public purposes for the following uses:

- (1) Churches;
- (2) Public or private schools;
- (3) Museums, libraries, parks, playgrounds, other recreational uses and community centers owned and operated by public or private agencies for the benefit of the public, including funeral visitation and funeral or memorial services (but not including engagement in embalming or cremation activities);
- (4) Municipal utility uses such as waterworks, fire stations, sewer systems and Town Hall.

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 19th day of June, 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 J. Fuller, seconded by Lee to adopt the ordinance AS AMENDED, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Whittington, J. Fuller, Lee
NAYS: Umling
ABSENT: Guin

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 5 of 2018 as amended was adopted this 24th day of July, 2018.

Resolution 4 of 2018 – A Resolution to Apply for Funding Through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Administered by the Office of Community Development, State of Louisiana for Purchase of a New Police Vehicle and purchase and installation of the necessary equipment for said vehicle

Motion was made by Lee to adopt Resolution 4 of 2018. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Resolution 5 of 2018 – A Resolution to Apply for Funding Through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP)/Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Administered by the Office of Community Development, State of Louisiana for Purchase and Installation of an Altitude Valve to Control Tank Levels on an Elevated Storage Tank

Motion was made by Lee to adopt Resolution 5 of 2018. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Resolution 6 of 2018 – A Resolution of the Governing Body of the Town of Blanchard authorizing Candy Foshee, Town Clerk to Certify the Signatures on the “Authorized Signature Form” for the 2018-19 LGAP and CWEF Programs

Motion was made by Lee to adopt Resolution 6 of 2018. Second by J. Fuller. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Whittington made motion to suspend “Report of Departments” except for report of Streets and Rights of Way. Second by J. Fuller. All voted yea.

Streets and Rights of Way – Whittington advised that Wasson Road is under construction for an overlay. He advised that it will take more than a day to put it back together and to please be patient.

Comments by the Mayor:

Mayor is working with a group to deliver food boxes to the senior apartments, and is coordinating with the NW LA Food Bank. Applications will be processed and after approval, the fifty pound boxes will need to be delivered. Looking for 6-7 volunteers to deliver them. Please continue to donate paper goods, washing powder, and hygiene products as these are not supplied by the food bank.

Mayor has spoken with Mandy and Shannon Wall, principals of Donnie Bickham and Northwood, and advised them the NW LA Food Bank also will provide non-perishable food/snacks for the weekend for middle and high school children. He is waiting on a call back from the principal at Blanchard Elementary.

Whittington made motion to adjourn. Second by J. Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 6:29.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk