

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Fuller, Presley and Whittington, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, Perry Fuller, Utility Manager, Atty. Arceneaux.

Absent: Lee, Guin

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Arceneaux

Invocation by Whittington

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None

Whittington made motion to approve the Special Meeting of March 3, Regular Meeting of March 10, and Special Meeting of March 16, 2020 and Regular Meeting of April 14 and Special Meeting of April 22, 2020. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing – Ordinance 1 of 2020 - An Ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana to include the unpaved portion only of LA Hwy. 1, beginning at the Northeastern corner of Lot 1, Northport Subdivision, Unit 2 (i.e. Citizens Bank & Trust) and the Southern right of way line of LA Hwy 1; then proceeding Southeast approximately 1,038 feet, more or less to the Westerly right of way line of I-49, thence perpendicular across the LA Hwy 1 right of way line to the Northerly right of way line of LA Hwy 1; thence along the Northern right of way line approximately 1,038 feet, more or less to a point perpendicular to the Point of Beginning, thence South to the point of beginning, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Hwy 1 ROW for Turning R Properties LLC – Introduced at January 14, 2020 council meeting)

Public Hearing was opened at 6:03, there being no comments in favor of or comments in opposition to Ordinance 1 of 2020, the hearing was closed at 6:04.

Vote on Ordinance 1 of 2020

ORDINANCE 1 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA TO INCLUDE A TRACT OF LAND LYING ADJACENT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF LA. STATE HWY 1, LOCATED IN THE NW/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONTAINING 1.360 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO (HWY 1 ROW FOR TURNING R PROPERTIES LLC)

WHEREAS, Section 180 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for annexation of a public road; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has consented to the annexation within the corporate limits of the Town of Blanchard the following described *unpaved* portion only, of right-of-way of LA Hwy. 1, to-wit:

A tract located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana: Beginning at the Northeastern corner of Lot 1, Northport Subdivision, Unit 2, (i.e. Citizens Bank & Trust) and the Southern right of way line of LA. Hwy. 1; then proceeding Southeast approximately 1,038 feet, more or less to the Westerly right of way line of I-49, thence perpendicular across the LA. Hwy 1 right of way line to the Northerly right of way Line of LA. Hwy. 1; thence along the Northern right of way line approximately 1,038 feet, more or less to a point perpendicular to the Point of beginning; thence South to the point of beginning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Board of Alderpersons of the Town of Blanchard in due, legal and regular session convened, that the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard are hereby changed to include within the limits and boundaries of said Town the above described property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized to file, within ten (10) days of the final passage of this ordinance with the Clerk of the First Judicial District Court for Caddo Parish, a description of the entire boundary of the municipality as changed by this Ordinance.

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 described severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 14th day of January, 2020 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 Fuller, seconded by Presley, to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2020, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Fuller, Presley, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lee, Guin

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 1 of 2020 was adopted this 12th day of May, 2020.

Introduction by title only of Ordinance 4 of 2020 - An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, to include Lots 6 and 7, NORTH WOODS ESTATES, as recorded in the Conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, with all buildings and improvements thereon, 7285 Old Mooringsport Road, Shreveport, LA 71107. (Geo. #: 191526-002-0023-00) (Owner: Johnny Alexander Byrd)
and

Introduction by title only of Ordinance 5 of 2020 - An Ordinance to Amend the Budget for the Town of Blanchard for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 and otherwise providing with respect thereto

and

Introduction by title only of Ordinance 6 of 2020 - An Ordinance to Adopt the Budget for the Town of Blanchard for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 and otherwise providing with respect thereto

and

Introduction by title only of Ordinance 7 of 2020 – An Ordinance to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, to include a Tract of land containing 17.923 acres, more or less, situated in the Northeast Quarter of the Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, bounded on the North by the Southerly edge of shoulder of the Southbound Lane of Louisiana State Highway No. 1 (North Market), bounded on the East by the West ROW Line of Interstate 49, per assessor’s plat, Geo. #: 191431-000-0265-00 (17.923 acres-Turning R Properties, LLC)

Whittington introduced “in globo” by title only Ordinances 4, 5, 6 and 7 of 2020.

Tina Devers – addressing council regarding outstanding bill for service at 8846 Blanchard Furrh Road

Tina Devers arrived after the meeting was already adjourned.

March and April 2020 financials (to be emailed)

Reports to be emailed.

Report from:

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – 3 leaks repaired, 5 outside meter sets, 6 roadbore. 10” Raw Water Main Conversion has been tested for bacteriological formation and passed. Altitude Valve at Longwood project will start soon. Steady progress is being made on the new operator building at the WWTP.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Food distribution on May 7, 2020 went well. A check for \$5,000.00 was received from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the town was able to purchase miscellaneous items for the food drive and to fund future food drives. Mr. Sidhu of Super S was able to procure the items through his supplier. A big thank you to them and also our volunteers.

Jimmy Whittington wanted to express his thanks and appreciation to the mayor, office staff, the utility department and the police department for keeping everything running smoothly through these unprecedented times.

There being no further business, Whittington made motion to adjourn, second by Presley. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk