

**MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
7:00 o'clock P.M.**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, J. Fuller, Whittington and Umling, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Perry Fuller, Utility Manager, and guests.

Absent: Alderman Guin, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by J. Fuller

Invocation given by Whittington

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None

Motion by Lee, second by Whittington to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of January 9, 2018.
All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing Ordinance 9 of 2017 - An Ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana of the property described as a tract of land located in Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, containing 0.596 acres, more or less, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A portion of LA Hwy. 538)

Public Hearing was opened at 7:05. There being no comments, hearing was closed at 7:06.

Vote on Ordinance 9 of 2017

Motion made by Whittington, second by J. Fuller to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana of the property described as a tract of land located in Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, containing 0.596 acres, more or less, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto. (A portion of LA Hwy. 538)

ORDINANCE 9 OF 2017

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF
BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A TRACT OF
LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST,
CONTAINING 0.596 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND
OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO. (A PORTION OF LA HWY. 538)**

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 paved portion of the following described portion of LA Hwy. 538, to-wit:

Tract-0.596 Acres - A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commence at the called Center of said Section 26 and measure South 00 degrees 31 minutes 57 seconds West, along the East line of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of said Section 26, for a distance of 584.00 feet to a found 1-1/2 inch iron pipe located on the Northerly right of way line of LA HWY 538 (Old Mooringsport Road); thence leave the said East line and measure North 69 degrees 04 minutes 59 seconds West, along the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 669.48 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod marking the Point of Beginning and the Northeasterly corner of the tract herein described;

From the Point of Beginning leave the said Northerly right of way line and measure South 20 degrees 55 minutes 01 seconds West for a distance of 98.60 feet to a found 1 inch iron pipe located on the Southerly right of way line of LA HWY 538 (Old Mooringsport Road) marking the Southeasterly corner of this tract; thence measure North 69 degrees 17 minutes 25 seconds West, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 261.92 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod marking the Southwesterly corner of this tract; thence leave the said Southerly right of way line and measure North 20 degrees 55 minutes 01 seconds East for a distance of 99.55 feet to a found 60d nail, in the root of a tree, located on the Northerly right of way line of said LA HWY 538 (Old Mooringsport Road) marking the Northwesterly corner of this tract; thence measure South 69 degrees 04 minutes 59 seconds East, along said right of way line, for a distance of 261.92 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract contains 0.596 acres and is all in accordance with a Map of Survey dated August 29, 2017, prepared by Don R. Wood, II and Polaris Services, L.L.C. for the Town of Blanchard. Bearings are record based on the Southerly right of way line of LA HWY 538 (Old Mooringsport Road) per Map of Survey dated August 03, 2010, prepared by John R. Bowman, Jr. for James C. Egan, Jr.

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 30th day of November, 2017, 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 Whittington, seconded by J.Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Lee, J. Fuller, Whittington, Umling

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Guin

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 9 of 2017 was adopted this 13th day of February, 2018.

Public Hearing Ordinance 1 of 2018 – 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 (Clerk’s salary)

Public Hearing was opened at 7:09. There being no comments, hearing was closed at 7:10.

Vote on Ordinance 1 of 2018

Motion made by J .Fuller, second by Whittington 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 (Clerk’s salary)

ORDINANCE 1 OF 2018 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 salaries of the elected and appointed officials are as follows:

Town Clerk	\$42,500.00 Annually
Effective May 16, 2017	

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 9th day of January, 2018, 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 J. Fuller, seconded by Whittington, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Lee, J. Fuller, Whittington, Umling

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Guin

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 1 of 2018 was adopted this 13th day of February, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance 2 of 2018-To amend and reenact Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Blanchard regulating “Junk” and to repeal in their entirety Chapters 23 “Litter” and Chapter 24 “Weeds” of the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Blanchard and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Whittington introduced Ordinance 2 of 2018 by title to be voted on at the next council meeting.

ORDINANCE 2 OF 2018

TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD REGULATING “JUNK” AND TO REPEAL IN THEIR ENTIRETY CHAPTERS 23 “LITTER” AND CHAPTER 24 “WEEDS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Umling requested this matter be put on the agenda for the next workshop.

Resolution 1 of 2018 – 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 1 OF 2018

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 2017, 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 1 of 2018 made by J. Fuller, second by Lee. All voted yea.
And Resolution 1 of 2018 was adopted on this 13th day of February, 2018.

Review of financials for December, 2017 and January, 2018.

The mayor and council reviewed the financials for December, 2017 and January, 2018 and all is looking good.

Robert Matheny – donation of water lines Hollow Oak No. 3 subdivision on Bostwick Road.

Utility Manager Perry Fuller stated that the water line has been laid to the specifications of Blanchard Utilities and recommended the acceptance of the line. Motion by Umling to accept the donation of the water line, second by Lee. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and grounds – Nothing to report

Streets and Rights of Way – The repairs to the bridge on Blanchard Furrh Road are on-going for the next couple of months.

Water Department – J. Fuller stated the sludge water project is close to completion.

Sewer Department – No report.

Police Department – Chief Presswood said everything is running smooth at this time.

Treasurer Report – Nothing to report since the financials were reviewed in the meeting.

Whittington made motion to adjourn, second by J. Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk