

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

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019 - 7:00 O'clock p.m.**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Presswood

Invocation given by Arceneaux

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None

Lee made motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 11, 2018. Seconded by Whittington. All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Audit report of Cook & Morehart, CPA - FY 2017-18**

Travis Morehart of Cook & Morehart presented the audit for FY 2017-2018. Mr. Morehart reported there were no findings and the changes that have been implemented are working very well. Aldermen Whittington commented that he was proud of the mayor and office staff and was very pleased with the audit. Whittington made motion to accept the audit report of Cook & Morehart for FY 2017-18. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

**2. Introduce Ordinance 1 of 2019 - An Ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana of the property described as a portion of the right-of-way dedication for Roy Road from Blanchard town limits South to the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Richies' Hilltop Subdivision as per plat recorded in the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Roy Road Dedication)**

**3. Introduce Ordinance 2 of 2019 – An Ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana of the property described as Lot 3, the North 175 feet of Lot 4, the South 150 feet of Lot 4, Lot 5 and 6, Pine Hill Commercial Subdivision, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Ken Lawler Builders, Inc.)**

**4. Introduce Ordinance 3 of 2019 - An Ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana of the property described as Richie's Hilltop Subdivision, being a subdivision of two parcels of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 18 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, containing 4.693 acres more or less and otherwise providing with respect thereto (R. Sidhu, LLC)**

5. **Introduce Ordinance 4 of 2019 – An Ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana of the property described as Lot 2, Northport Subdivision, Unit No. 5, located in Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, containing 1.857 acres, more or less and otherwise providing with respect thereto (Red River Land & Investment Co., Inc.)**
  
6. **Introduce Ordinance 5 of 2019 - An Ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana of the property described as a tract of land situated Southwest and adjacent to LA. Highway 1 (North Market Street) in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 31, Township 19 North, Range 14 West, Northwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian, Caddo Parish, Louisiana and otherwise providing with respect thereto (SRG LA Property, LLC-Popeye's)**

Whittington made motion to introduce “in globo” by title only Items 2 – 6 on the agenda, consisting of annexation Ordinances 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 all of 2019, seconded by Lee and all voted yea:

**ORDINANCE 1 OF 2019**

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE  
TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA OF THE PROPERTY  
DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY  
DEDICATION FOR ROY ROAD FROM BLANCHARD TOWN LIMITS  
SOUTH TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, RICHIES’ HILLTOP  
SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN THE CONVEYANCE  
RECORDS OF CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE  
PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO  
(ROY ROAD DEDICATION)

**ORDINANCE 2 OF 2019**

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE  
TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 3, THE  
NORTH 175 FEET OF LOT 4, THE SOUTH 150 FEET OF LOT 4, LOT 5 AND 6, PINE HILL  
COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA AND OTHERWISE  
PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO  
(KEN LAWLER BUILDERS, INC.)

**ORDINANCE 3 OF 2019**

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE  
TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS RICHIE’S  
HILLTOP SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF TWO PARCELS OF LAND  
IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF  
SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA,  
CONTAINING 4.693 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH  
RESPECT THERETO  
(R. SIDHU, LLC)

**ORDINANCE 4 OF 2019**

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, NORTHPORT SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 5, LOCATED IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONTAINING 1.857 ACRES, MORE OR LESS AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO  
(RED RIVER LAND & INVESTMENT CO., INC.)

**ORDINANCE 5 OF 2019**

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED SOUTHWEST AND ADJACENT TO LA. HIGHWAY 1 (NORTH MARKET STREET) IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4) OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO  
(SRG LA PROPERTY, LLC-POPEYE'S)

7. **Introduce 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**

Lee made motion to introduce Ordinance 6 of 2019 by title only as follows:

**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

8. **Introduce 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**

Whittington made motion to introduce Ordinance 7 of 2019 by title only.

**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

9. **Resolution 1 of 2019 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Blanchard, Walker, O’Quin & Roberts, (A Professional Law Corporation) and to Appoint M. Thomas Arceneaux as Town Attorney, and Otherwise Providing with Respect Thereto**  
Whittington made motion accept Resolution 1 of 2019. Seconded by Lee. All voted yea.

**RESOLUTION 1 OF 2019**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BLANCHARD, WALKER, O’QUIN & ROBERTS (A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION) AND TO APPOINT M. THOMAS ARCENEAUX AS TOWN ATTORNEY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Blanchard (the “Town”) desires to engage M. Thomas (Tom) Arceneaux (“Attorney”) as its Town Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney has submitted an Engagement Agreement to memorialize the terms of the engagement and payment for services; and

**WHEREAS**, the engagement is on the same terms and conditions as the engagement for the previous four years;

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

Section 1. Jim Galambos, Mayor of the Town, is authorized to execute the Engagement Agreement or letter on behalf of the Town in the form attached to this Resolution and to deliver same to the Attorney.

Section 2. If any provision or item of this Resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared severable.

Section 3. All Resolutions or parts hereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed

Motion to accept Resolution 1 of 2019 made by Whittington. Seconded by Lee. All voted yea.  
Resolution 1 of 2019 was adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

10. **Appoint Candy Foshee as Town Clerk and Property Tax Collector**

Lee made motion to appoint Candy Foshee as Town Clerk and Property Tax Collector. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

**11. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem**

Whittington made motion to appoint Patsy Lee as Mayor Pro Tem. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

**12. Appoint members of the Economic Development & Zoning Board (Jim Roberts, Randall Liles, Gary Norman, Brandy Foshee, Richard Beach)**

Whittington made motion to appoint members of the Economic Development & Zoning Board as follows: Jim Roberts, Randall Liles, Gary Norman, Brandy Foshee, Richard Beach).  
Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

**13. November, 2018 financials**

The November financials were emailed to the council for review.

**REPORTS:**

Perry Fuller, Utility Manager – Nothing to report

Gary Presswood, Chief of Police – Reported on the new Quick PD software upgrades to the police department. Will be a great improvement over the present system.

**COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR:**

New contracts were signed with NewWave for town hall, water plant, maintenance shop and police department. The new contract will save the police department a significant amount of money per month.

A welcome was extended to our new council member Judy Presley, as well as our returning council members. Thanks to Gloria and Robert DeYoung for all their hard work with A Small Town Christmas. Mrs. DeYoung also thanked all the donors for the monetary donations.

The town of Blanchard will be celebrating 125 years in 2021. A committee will be formed soon to head up this project.

Whittington made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lee. All voted yea. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

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Candy Foshee, Town Clerk