

**MINUTES OF THE  
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018  
7:00 o'clock P.M.**

Present: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, J. Fuller, Guin, Whittington and Umling, Atty. Tom Arceneaux, Perry Fuller, Utility Manager, Candy Foshee, Town Clerk, Deputy Brian Godfrey and guests.  
Absent: Chief Presswood

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 7:00 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Guin  
Invocation given by Arceneaux

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None

Motion by Whittington, second by Lee to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of December 12, 2017.  
All voted yea.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Audit report of Cook & Morehart FY2016-2017**

Travis Morehart of Cook & Morehart presented the audit for FY 2016-2017. Mr. Morehart reported that this was a very good audit and there were no findings. He further said that even though the town had some changeups in administration, we have implemented recommended changes, the town is on the right track and headed in the right direction.

Aldermen Whittington and Guin commented that they were proud of the office staff and utility department for taking on additional duties and were very pleased with the audit.

**Introduction by Title Only 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**

Lee introduced Ordinance 1 of 2018 by title only as follows:

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

**Proclamation from the Town of Blanchard for Gloria and Robert DeYoung of A Better Blanchard**

The mayor called Gloria and Robert DeYoung to the podium, had the council members and guests stand and read the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION  
"GLORIA and ROBERT DEYOUNG DAY"  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**

January 9, 2018

**WHEREAS,** “A Better Blanchard” was organized a couple of years ago by a group of Blanchard volunteer citizens that want to make fast-growing Blanchard “a vibrant and interesting place” to live, work and raise children;

**WHEREAS,** Gloria and Robert DeYoung are longtime residents of Blanchard and became involved with the first Small Town Christmas in 2016;

**WHEREAS,** Gloria and Robert DeYoung took the word “volunteer” to the next level and were asked by A Better Blanchard to chair “A Small Town Christmas-2017”;

**WHEREAS,** “A Small Town Christmas-2017” event was a huge success and was a coordinated effort between ALL volunteers, but it would not have been the success it was without the dedication, skill and hard work of Gloria and Robert DeYoung and thanks are not enough to express our gratitude;

and **WHEREAS,** the Town of Blanchard wishes to honor Gloria and Robert DeYoung by proclaiming Wednesday, January 10, 2018 as “Gloria and Robert DeYoung Day”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GALAMBOS,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Blanchard, State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim **WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2018,** as “**GLORIA and ROBERT DEYOUNG DAY**”.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the Town of Blanchard to be affixed on this 9th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.

**Review of financials for October and November, 2017**

The mayor and council reviewed the financials for October and November, 2017 and everything is looking good.

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS**

Buildings and grounds – Nothing to report

Streets and Rights of Way – The repairs to the bridge on Blanchard Furrh Road have been pushed to sometime in February, 2018, and will last two months.

Water Department – J. Fuller advised that work on the discharge pipe has been started, and the work at East Cove is almost finished. He also wanted to commend the office staff for a smooth transition and for the good audit report.

Sewer Department – Nothing to report.

Police Department – The mayor reported that 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 Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:27.

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Jim Galambos, Mayor

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Candy Foshee, Town Clerk

January 9, 2018