

**MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, TUESDAY, June 19, 2018
6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Umling

Invocation given by Attorney Arceneaux

Questions and Statements of Citizens:

Robert Deyoung addressed the council with his concerns about the proposed funeral home at 356 Warriner, i.e. traffic congestion, lowered property values, rezoning property to "commercial" in a residential neighborhood, and if rezoned to "light commercial" what other businesses could move in if the funeral home decided to vacate in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE 3 OF 2018 – AMENDING 2017-2018 BUDGET

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:35. There being no comments, the hearing was closed at 6:36.

VOTE ON ORDINANCE 3 OF 2018

ORDINANCE 3 OF 2018

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 AND OTHERWISE
PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Town of Blanchard desires to adopt and amend the budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018:

	2016-2017 Estimate	2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 Budget	June 2017-2018 Amended
SECTION ONE, GENERAL FUND				
Total Governmental Revenues	884,423	911,434	905,664	972,220
Total Governmental Expenses	966,229	881,080	881,080	972,960
Total Govt Net INCOME or (LOSS)	-81,806	1,700	24,584	260
Beginning Fund Balance	3,242	11,885	-13,551	1,507
Ending Fund Balance	-78,564	13,585	11,033	1,767
SECTION TWO, UTILITY FUND				
Total Utility Revenue	4,197,793	4,197,793	4,203,364	4,784,604
Total Utility Expenses	4,161,982	4,182,291	3,841,830	3,228,256
Total Utility Dept Net INCOME or (LOSS)	35,811	15,502	361,634	1,556,348
Beginning Fund Balance	1,112,280	1,036,871	1,036,871	122,212
Ending Fund Balance	1,148,091	1,052,373	1,398,505	1,678,560

Said Ordinance having been introduced on May 8, 2018 by J. Fuller, 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 Lee, seconded by J. Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Umling, Whittington, J. Fuller, Lee

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Guin

ABSTAIN: None.

And Ordinance 3 of 2018 was adopted this 19th day of June, 2018.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 4 OF 2018 - NEW BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:37. There being no comments, the hearing was closed at 6:38.

VOTE ON ORDINANCE 4 OF 2018

ORDINANCE 4 OF 2018

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019,
AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO:**

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. The Town of Blanchard ("Town") is authorized to levy an Ad Valorem Tax of Six and 33/100 (6.33) mills for general purposes.
- Section 2. The Town so authorizes to levy an Ad Valorem Tax of Three & 01/100 (3.01) mills for maintenance and operation of the Town sewer system.
- Section 3. The Town is authorized to levy other fees and taxes for general purposes as set forth herein.
- Section 4. Sufficient receipts for general government operations are available for sources authorized by law.
- Section 5. The Town has approved the incurrence of debt and the appropriation of expenditure by specific action.
- Section 6. The Town desires to adopt an annual operating budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 ("FY 2018- 2019) as set forth herein.

	2016- 2017 Actual	2017- 2018 Budget	2017- 2018 Estimate	2018- 2019 Budget
SECTION ONE, GENERAL FUND				
Total Governmental Revenues	911,434	905,664	972,220	949,840
Total Governmental Expenses	909,744	881,080	972,960	946,070
Total Govt Net INCOME or (LOSS)	1,700	24,584	260	3,770
Beginning Fund Balance	11,885	-13,551	1,507	32,591
Ending Fund Balance	13,585	11,033	1,767	36,361
SECTION TWO, UTILITY FUND				
Total Utility Revenue	4,197,793	4,203,364	4,784,604	4,270,774
Total Utility Expenses	4,182,291	3,841,830	3,228,256	3,182,691
Total Utility Dept Net INCOME or (LOSS)	15,502	361,634	1,556,348	1,088,083

Beginning Fund Balance	1,036,871	1,131,025	122,212	375,077
Ending Fund Balance	1,052,373	1,492,659	1,678,560	1,463,160

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YEAS: Umling, Whittington, J. Fuller, Lee

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Guin

ABSTAIN: None.

And Ordinance 4 of 2018 was adopted this 19th day of June, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING BOARD – RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL OF REZONING 356 WARRINER AVENUE

Jim Roberts of the Economic Development and Zoning Board made his report to the Council with reference to rezoning property at 356 Warriner from “public use” to “light commercial”. The unanimous recommendation of the Zoning Board was to leave the property as is, with the present zoning of “public use”. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Roberts and the Board for their due diligence in this matter. The council will take this matter under advisement. Lee made motion to table this matter. Second by J. Fuller. All voted yea.

INTRODUCTION BY TITLE ONLY OF 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.

Whittington introduced by title only Ordinance 5 of 2018 to be voted on at the next council meeting.

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.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Whittington made motion to suspend “Report of Departments” until the next council meeting. Second by J. Fuller. All voted yea.

Comments by the Mayor:

Mayor told the Council we are in the market for a new computer and camera company, if anyone knew of someone, to contact Town Hall . Mayor reported that sales taxes were the highest in four months. The police department purchased a new vehicle. Whittington made motion to adjourn. Second by J. Fuller. Meeting was adjourned at 7:19.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk