

**MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, April 10, 2018
7:00 o'clock P.M.**

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

Absent: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Presswood

Invocation given by Attorney Arceneaux

Questions and Statements of Citizens: John Aronstein of 6627 Tammany, asked for help on a drainage issue. Alderman Whittington and Mr. Aronstein discussed this issue outside the council meeting.

Motion by J. Fuller, second by Umling to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of March 13, 2018. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

New Territory Subdivision, Unit No. 6-Approval of street lights –

After discussion, Lee made motion to approve the street light proposal for New Territory Subdivision, Unit No. 6, second by J. Fuller. All voted yea.

Public Hearing - Ordinance 13 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 being a part of Lot 1, All of Lots 2 and 3, and a portion of Lot 4, Fleetline Hills, per plat recorded in Book 650, page 407, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and an adjacent tract all located in Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Northwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian, containing 32.468 acres, more or less, in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereon. (Donnie Bickham Middle School)

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

Vote on Ordinance 13 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 being a part of Lot 1, All of Lots 2 and 3, and a portion of Lot 4, Fleetline Hills, per plat recorded in Book 650, page 407, of the Conveyance Records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana and an adjacent tract all located in Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 15 West, Northwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian, containing 32.468 acres, more or less, in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereon. (Donnie Bickham Middle School)

ORDINANCE 13 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 BEING A PART OF LOT 1, ALL OF LOTS 2 AND 3, AND A PORTION OF LOT 4, FLEETLINE HILLS, PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 650, PAGE 407, OF THE RECORDS OF CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND AN ADJACENT TRACT ALL LOCATED IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 15, WEST, NORTHWESTERN LAND DISTRICT, LOUISIANA MERIDIAN, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONTAINING 32.468, MORE OR LESS LOCATED IN CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Section 172 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for annexation by petition; and,

WHEREAS, a petition signed by more than the required percentage in value of the area described below has been filed with the Town Council to annex and bring within the corporate limits of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana, the following described property, to-wit:

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 Southerly line of said Fleetline Hills and 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 Southerly line of said Fleetline Hills and the said Northerly right of way line, for a distance of 95.47 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe marking the Point of Beginning and the Southeast corner of the tract herein described;

From the Point of Beginning measure North 69 degrees 04 minutes 59 seconds West, along the Southerly line of said Fleetline Hills and the Northerly right of way line of said LA HWY 538 (Old Mooringsport Road), for a distance of 835.94 feet to a found 60d nail, in the root of a tree, marking the Southwest corner of this tract; thence leave the said lines and measure North 01 degrees 41 minutes 16 seconds East for a distance of 457.41 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence measure North 85 degrees 13 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 26.14 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence measure North 01 degrees 18 minutes 09 seconds East for a distance of 1129.77 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe marking the most Westerly Northwest corner of this tract; thence measure South 89 degrees 15 minutes 57 seconds East for a distance of 417.14 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence measure South 60 degrees 29 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 406.22 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence measure North 00 degrees 29 minutes 34 seconds East for a distance of 890.51 feet to found 3/4 inch iron pipe located on the Southerly right of way line of LA HWY 1 marking the most Northerly Northwest corner of this tract; thence measure South 59 degrees 49 minutes 11 seconds East, along the said Southerly right of way line, for a distance of 46.29 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence leave the said Southerly right of way line and measure South 00 degrees 31 minutes 02 seconds West for a distance of 867.67 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence measure South 03 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds West for a distance of 808.99 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence measure South 13 degrees 21 minutes 01 seconds East for a distance of 515.02 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence measure South 16 degrees 54 minutes 05 seconds West for distance of 389.67 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said tract contains 32.468 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 property described above be zoned “Public Use”.

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 Fuller to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Lee, J. Fuller, Guin, Whittington, Umling

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 13 of 2017 was adopted this 10th day of April, 2018.

Proclaiming the month of April, 2018 as “Fair Housing Month” -

Lee made motion to proclaim the month of April as “Fair Housing Month”, second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Complaint regarding the burned house at 355 W. Birch -

After discussion of the complaint, Whittington made motion to proceed with notifying the owners of the property, second by J. Fuller. All voted yea.

Police Department – new hire

On the recommendation of Chief Presswood, Whittington made motion to hire David Kyle Lowery as a police officer with the Blanchard Police Department, second by J. Fuller. All voted yea.

Review of financials for March 2018

Mayor advised that no report for March 2018 was available as all the bank statements were not in by the time of meeting.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and grounds – Nothing to report

Streets and Rights of Way – The rough roadway at intersection of Old Mooringsport Road and Wasson Road has been fixed. The Parish road treatment program will begin soon.

Water Department – The sludge project is 98% finished, and will be 100% finished as soon as some paperwork is completed.

Sewer Department – Nothing to report

Police Department – Need to find funds for new police cars and equipment.

Treasurer Report – Nothing to report

Comments by the Mayor:

On November 14, 2017, a six month period was given by the council to the residents at 265 Garfield living in an rv. An invitation will be sent to them inviting them to the May 8, 2018 council meeting to update the council on their progress.

Sludge project - Atty. Arceneaux prepared an amendment to the right of way agreement with the Village of Mooringsport due to the fact that the contractor bored outside of the original easement. Mayor met with Mayor Dearing and a resolution amending the right of way will be presented to the council of Mooringsport at their meeting on Thursday, April 12. Perry Fuller and his employees were able to building something similar to a “lift station” which will push the sludge through the line to the lake and were able to build same for \$25,000 which was under the cost of \$40,000.00 proposed by an outside contractor. The council thanked P. Fuller and his employees for the job. Any additional fees incurred by the Town regarding the extra legal work will be reimbursed from the contractor’s last draw.

DEQ requested calculation of our debt service ratio. Ours is .85 and should be 1.20. We presented an action plan which was not accepted. Mayor is working with Vickie Case, auditor, to amend the proposed action plan to move expenses from sewer and a plan to increase sewer revenue by increasing sewer rates and/or raising the millage rate in 2019

Whittington made motion to adjourn, second by J. Fuller. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:31.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk