

**MINUTES OF THE OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017
7:00 o'clock P.M.**

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

Absent: Umling

Meeting called to order by Mayor at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Presswood

Invocation given by Whittington

Questions and Statements of Citizens:

Gloria and Robert DeYoung gave an update on the "A Small Town Christmas" festivities and Christmas lighting ceremony to be held at Blanchard Town Hall on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. They are still taking donations for lights and decorations.

Tracy Smith addressed the council and requested an update on the situation of the accumulation of junk and scrap metal at 211 Jo Lacy, the "fence" that is falling down and further advised that there is another house across the street that is accumulating boards and junk. After discussion, the mayor advised her that ordinances were being rewritten to address the "junk ordinance".

Chester McDaniel signed in to speak but the Mayor advised him that this matter was on the agenda.

Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting on October 10, 2017 by J. Fuller, second by Lee. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of recent personnel issues

The discussion of recent personnel issues was moved to the end of the agenda to follow Item 5 under "New Business."

New Commercial Water Tier

Motion was made by J. Fuller, second by Whittington, to add a new water tier labeled "Water Commercial-Outside" and included in this category would be large commercial retail establishments over 25,000 square feet, to be labeled "Water Commercial Outside". All voted yea.

Water Commercial-Outside:	
0-5,000	\$ 175.00
5,001-25,000	6.42
25,001-35,000	8.44
OVER 35,001	9.29

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing Ordinance 10 of 2017 – An Ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana of the entirety of Northport Boulevard lying between Roy Road and North Market Street, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Public hearing was opened at 7:13 pm. There being no comments, hearing was closed at 7:14 pm.

November 14, 2017

Vote on Ordinance 10 of 2017

Motion made by Lee, second by J. Fuller to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana of the entirety of Northport Boulevard lying between Roy Road and North Market Street, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

ORDINANCE 10 OF 2017

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS THE ENTIRETY OF NORTHPORT BOULEVARD LOCATED IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the following described public roadway is located within the Parish of Caddo, to-wit:

The entirety of Northport Boulevard lying between Roy Road and North Market Street, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the map attached as Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo received a written request from the Town of Blanchard requesting the consent of the Parish of Caddo to the annexation of the above described public roadway;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Caddo Parish Commission through the Caddo Parish Administrator, in due, regular and legal session convened, authorized the annexation of the dedication of the public roadway as described above, to the Town of Blanchard by Resolution No. 59 of 2017, dated June 27, 2017 and filed and recorded on June 28, 2017 as Instrument No. 2658022, in the records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana;

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 8th day of August, 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 Lee, seconded by J. Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was held:

YEAS: Lee, J. Fuller, Guin, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Umling

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 10 of 2017 was adopted on this 14th day of November, 2017.

November 14, 2017

Public Hearing Ordinance 3 of 2017 – An Ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the Town of Blanchard, Louisiana of property described as Lot 1, NORTHPORT SUBDIVISION, Unit No. 6, being a re-subdivision of Lot 4, Northport Subdivision, Unit No. 5, containing 1.214 acre tract, more or less (Healthcare Express)

Public hearing was opened at 7:15 pm. There being no comments, hearing was closed at 7:16 pm.

Vote on Ordinance 3 of 2017

ORDINANCE 3 OF 2017

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWN OF BLANCHARD, LOUISIANA, OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, NORTHPORT SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 6, BEING A RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOT 4, NORTHPORT SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 5, LOCATED IN CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONTAINING 1.214 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, 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:

Lot 1, NORTHPORT SUBDIVISION, Unit No. 6, being a re-subdivision of Lot 4, Northport Subdivision, Unit No. 5, as recorded in book 8000, page 18 of the Conveyance records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, containing 1.214 acres, more or less. (Municipal Address: 4526 Northport Boulevard, Shreveport, LA 71107 – Geo#: 191431-031-0001-00)

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 “Light Commercial”.

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.

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Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 12th day of September, 2017, 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 Lee, second by Fuller, to adopt the ordinance, a roll call vote was taken and the following was had:

YEAS: Lee, J. Fuller, Guin, Whittington

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Umling

ABSTAIN: None

And Ordinance 3 of 2017 was adopted this 14th day of November, 2017.

Chester and Rhonda McDaniel – Update on RV at 265 Garfield

After much discussion, J. Fuller made a motion to afford the McDaniels a three month period from November 14, 2017, to update the council on their situation. There was no second to the motion and the motion was withdrawn. After additional discussion, J. Fuller made a motion to afford the McDaniels a six month period from November 14, 2017 to update and to re-address the council on their situation. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

Discussion of recent personnel issues

At 7:25 pm, Whittington moved for an executive session, with the following persons requested to be in attendance: Mayor Galambos, Alderpersons Lee, J. Fuller, Guin and Whittington, Atty. Arceneaux, Chief Presswood and Candy Foshee, Clerk. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

All parties named retired to the Mayor's office.

Executive session ended at 7:46 pm by motion of Lee. Second by Whittington. All voted yea.

Regular council meeting resumed.

Chief Presswood requested the council to uphold the following two recommendations: 1) that Jammie Phill's Leave Without Pay be upheld effective November 2, 2017, and 2) that Jammie Phill be terminated from employment with the Town of Blanchard effective immediately.

Motion made by Whittington to uphold the two recommendations as set forth by Chief Presswood. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

Whittington made motion to dispense with report of departments. Second by Lee. All voted yea.

Whittington advised that the bridge between the two sets of railroad tracks on Daugherty/Blanchard Furrh Road will be shut down for repairs in January, 2018 for a few months.

Chief Presswood advised that there will be a Blanchard Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9, 2017 beginning at 1:00 pm. The route will be as follows: Lineup is on Birch Street to Main, then right on Main Street, then right on Warriner, then right on Jodie to Birch. If you are interested in participating in the parade, contact Sissy Grubbs.

Whittington made motion to adjourn, second by Lee. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk

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