

**MINUTES OF THE
BLANCHARD MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, May 8, 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 guests.

Absent: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Whittington

Invocation given by Attorney Arceneaux

Questions and Statements of Citizens: None

Motion by Whittington, second by Lee to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of April 10, 2018. All voted yea.

OLD BUSINESS

Rhonda and Chester McDaniel – Update on RV at 265 Garfield (from November 14, 2017)

Mr. McDaniel advised that they are waiting on their court date in federal court, set in June, 2019. He advised that he hoped the lawsuit could be settled prior to the court date but he did not know if that would be so. Alderman Whittington asked for a suit number, and Mr. McDaniel presented a copy of the lawsuit. Alderman Guin then asked the mayor that the copy presented be given to Town Attorney Tom Arceneaux for review.

March 2018 financials

Presented to board for review.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote on Resolution 3 of 2018 – Tax Millage for 2018

Lee made motion to adopt Resolution 3 of 2018, second by Fuller. All voted yea.

RESOLUTION 3 of 2018

BE IT RESOLVED that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2018 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Blanchard:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
<i>General Alimony</i>	<i>6.33 mills</i>
<i>Sewer System</i>	<i>3.01 mills</i>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said taxes as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said parish for the year 2018, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Lee, Fuller, Guin, Whittington, Umling

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And Resolution 3 of 2018 was adopted on this 8th day of May, 2018.

Introduce by title only – Ordinance 3 of 2018 – Amending 2017-2018 Budget

Fuller introduced by title only Ordinance 3 of 2018 to be voted on at the next council meeting.

ORDINANCE 3 OF 2018

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

Introduce by title only – Ordinance 4 of 2018 – New Budget for 2018-2019

Fuller introduced by title only Ordinance 4 of 2018 to be voted on at the next council meeting.

ORDINANCE 4 OF 2018

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

Correct the debt service ratio to insure repayment of sewer bond

After much discussion, it was decided there was no need for a workshop until a response is received from DEQ re: the debt service coverage ratio matter. When the response is received the mayor will call a special workshop or council meeting to discuss further.

Discussion on distribution pump at water plant

J. Fuller reported that bearings went out on a pump motor, it is not repairable and a replacement will cost \$30,000.00 plus.

Approval of Poke Salad parade route

Whittington made motion to accept the Poke Salad Parade route as in past years. Second by Fuller. All voted yea.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Buildings and grounds – Nothing to report. Chief Presswood advised he was calling someone to come out and service the a/c at the police station.

Streets and Rights of Way – The Blanchard Furrh Road bridge should be opening soon, waiting on some final inspections. The Parish road treatment program will begin soon and a complete relay of Wasson Road is on the agenda.

Water Department – The sludge project is finished.

Sewer Department – Nothing to report

Police Department – Nothing to report

Treasurer Report – Nothing to report

Comments by the Mayor:

April Baker turned in her resignation as a member of the Economic Development and Zoning Board.

At this time there are no plans for a car show this year due to lack of volunteers.

A rezoning petition was turned in for the property at 356 Warriner, the old Methodist Church, to be rezoned to light commercial.

Whittington made motion to adjourn, second by Umling. All voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 7:48.

Jim Galambos, Mayor

Candy Foshee, Town Clerk